

Freeport Pilot's Association/EAA475  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2021  
Albertus Airport, Freeport, IL

Members present: 14 A quorum was established.

Absent: 9

The meeting was called to order by the chapter president at 1900 hrs.

October Meeting Minutes

The chapter president asked if any members had comments/changes regarding the January minutes, a motion to accept the meeting minutes was made and seconded, all other members present approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the treasurer's report summary and provided the account balances.

Airport Manager's Report

The airport manager reported that there is no change in the airport projects status, and advised the current status of snow removal equipment. The 6 ft fence project is delayed, and \$30K is still in the city budget for terminal improvements (firewall). The manager thought the proposed airshow in September might be gaining traction with the city.

City Manager meeting

The chapter president reported that he and another member met with the city manager, hanger rents will be increasing approximately 10% across the board, with some modifications. The airport manager added that this will bring approximately \$10K to the airport in additional revenue.

EAA Academy

A motion was made to accept the January meeting nominee for the EAA Academy slot, seconded and approved by all.

Chapter Project

The vice president presented a project for discussion- an aircraft themed playground for families to use and watch airport operations. Power Point slides were used to show other similarly themed playgrounds. Discussion- a member spoke of a similar project at the Dubuque airport, to give an idea of the possible time involved for a project to wind its way through city approval (years). Everyone added opinions on whether to build from scratch, buy a pre-made kit, or other. Also discussed were potential local donors for materials and expenses. Another member talked about Servant Leadership programs at Highland College that might be a source for additional labor. A motion was made and seconded that the chapter form an exploratory committee that would research and report how to best accomplish the project. Approved by all. Volunteers were solicited and a committee of 4 members was formed.

Training Corner

The secretary presented the concept of Training Corner, which will be a short training segment at all future meetings. Duration and the picked topic expected to be influenced by the number of other items on the monthly agenda. A CFI member presented for February- Uncontrolled Field Traffic Pattern Rules and Etiquette. Highlights: FAA legally (FAR's) mandates the pattern, but only suggests entries, which leaves room for conflict and the need for pilot judgement. Latest guidance can be found in FAA Advisory Circular 90-66B, dated Dec 2018. Healthy discussion ensued on changes to pattern entry guidance over the years, specific exceptions to standard patterns (including Freeport), and many examples of techniques from members present. The airport manager reminded everyone of the requirement for left hand turns in the pattern (FAR) and specific examples of conflicts he had experienced when aircraft did NOT follow this regulation. A member CFI volunteered to host the March training- Aircraft Weight and Balance.

Trivia Contest

The chapter vice president hosted a fun 15 question trivia contest, with prizes. Expect a similar fun event at future meetings.

Any Other Business

With no other business, at 2015 a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all.

For EAA submission

EAA Chapter 475 Secretary/Treasurer