

Freeport Pilot's Association/EAA475
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2021
Albertus Airport, Freeport, IL

15 Members present:

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

October Meeting Minutes

The Chapter president asked if any members had comments regarding the October minutes; none were forthcoming. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made and seconded, all other members present approved. It was reported that October's newsletter to the website had an error as a member name was not sanitized.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report summary and account balance was reported. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded, all other members present approved.

Airport Manager's Report

The Chapter vice president reported that there is no change in the airport projects status, and advised the current status of snow removal equipment. The airport end loader is in need of repair.

A planned schedule of activities for the Chapter was presented as follows:

2021 Activities

JANUARY

Annual calendar of events
EAA Academy nominations
What would you do video & discussion

FEBRUARY

Confirm EAA Academy scholar(s)
Trivia Competition
Training Corner

MARCH

Sun N Fun NOTAM Briefing
Aircraft Recognition Competition
Training Corner

APRIL

Spring refresher training
Young Eagles planning

MAY

Sun N Fun debriefing
Young Eagles briefing
Training Corner

JUNE

Young Eagles debriefing
AirVenture NOTAM Briefing
Training Corner

JULY

AIRVENTURE MEETING

AUGUST

AirVenture debriefing
American Champion Fly-Out briefing
Dead Reckoning training

SEPTEMBER

Mail Run Briefing
American Champion debriefing
Sept 18th MAIL RUN
Training Corner

OCTOBER

Mail Run debriefing
Winter Flying
2022 Officer nominations
Training Corner

NOVEMBER

Rockford Tower
2022 Officer Elections

DECEMBER

Ho Ho Ho!!

A member added that the German Valley parade flight date would not conflict with Young Eagles (assuming that both proceed as scheduled)

Also mentioned as a possible Chapter activity is a trip to the WACO museum/factory in Michigan. Date and logistics to be decided in the future.

EAA Academy

It was suggested and a motion made that last year's candidate for the EAA Academy be submitted again for this year as an early submittal might improve chances of selection. Motion was seconded and all present approved the motion. The Chapter has money with EAA in credits, which can be used as a down payment, if our candidate is selected the total price will be an additional amount. Also, there are other youth-oriented programs through EAA that the Chapter could host in addition to Young Eagles.

Fundraising

The vice president stated that the planned Brat food stand through a local grocery chain is still a possibility. The President added that the pancake breakfast at 2021 EAA AirVenture is also still a possibility, although we were not selected in last year's lottery.

Legacy membership

A senior member spoke of the need to encourage and attract young people to aviation (and EAA) and reminded us all that at one point a pilot mentored us and we should return the favor by "paying it forward". With that philosophy as a guideline, that member presented a new young member with a one-year Legacy EAA membership, supplemented by the chapter president paying for one year of local chapter dues.

Welcome aboard!

Safety Corner

A video from Pilot Workshops called "What Would You Do" was viewed- an engine failure scenario that required in depth aeronautical decision making. The video presented four possible decision options to deal with the emergency, at which point the video was paused and we discussed the merits of each option. After a robust discussion the video was continued with the selection that the "experts" at Pilot Workshops chose. In addition, a local A&P gave an in-depth recounting of possible magneto failure indications that were part of the safety video scenario.

There being no other business a motion to adjourn at 2000 hrs. was made and seconded, and approved by all.