



**CHAPTER 533**  
ELMIRA/CORNING NY

## **EAA 533 Board of Directors Meeting**

December 4, 2024

**Attending:** David Baker, Andy Diffenderfer, John Flanagan, Sharon Flanagan, Brian Jones, Stephen Thomas, Dick Welles

**Excused:** Kevin Hooey, David Javarey

**Members/Guests:** Todd Knapp, Charles Wolfe, Eric Shelhamer

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by President Brian Jones. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Stephen Thomas. Upon motion of Dick Welles, second by Andy Diffenderfer, and vote, the minutes were approved as read.

### **The Treasurer's Report was presented by John Flanagan:**

Checking Account \$16,752.13

CD \$17,255.88

Total \$34,008.01

John bought warehoused aviation oil from Coldiron Fuel, out of pocket, and will sell it to members at \$5/quart until he recovers his cost, with the remainder donated to the chapter. Upon motion of Stephen Thomas, second by Dick Welles, and vote, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Membership applications/Badge renewals:** Guest Eric Shelhamer was introduced. Jacob Barnes, Sr has requested a badge renewal.

**140 Status:** Brian Jones said that the engine was run. The oil pressure gauge was not coming up, but Mike Frost said that can be rectified with a priming procedure. Work session at Costa's on Sunday, December 8.

**J-3 Cub Status:** Brian Jones talked to Joe Costa about an as-is appraisal on the Cub.

Charles Wolfe commented that VREF, a "blue book" for aircraft, does appraisals for a fee.

Hovercraft: no change in status.

### **Events:**

2025 events will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Other Business:

Sharon Flanagan reported that she received a quote for hangar insurance from Mark Margeson, Margeson Insurance Agency, Inc. Our current carrier, Allegany Co-Op Insurance Company, will renew the policy on January 3, 2025. The renewal premium with Allegany is \$2,930, with a \$281 renewal credit making a net premium due of \$2,684.05. Mark Margeson sent a quote with The Travelers Indemnity Company, offered through National Hangar Insurance Program. Coverage is the same as we currently have, \$750,000, Deductible of \$1,000, annual premium \$1,875.00. After discussion, David Baker made a motion to accept the quote with Travelers Indemnity, policy effective January 3, 2025. Dick Welles seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried.

Brian Jones said Ed Kornfield, the Tri-Motor pilot, is looking for photos taken when the Tri-Motor was here last. Richard Bauman was the photographer, but he died in January 2024. Photos may still be available through Richard's brothers. Brian handed out Chapter Award Certificates and pins.

January program?? We will look into showing a movie. Andy Diffenderfer would like to present a program, tentatively in February. It would be a machining demo at CCC Airport Corporate Park on reverse engineering a

B-25 part, a component on Kevin Hooley's project. The February board meeting could be held at the facility, prior to the program. Brian Jones suggested holding another meeting at the Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, with a tour following, for the program. EAA 533 has done this in the past. Guest Eric Shelhamer submitted a completed membership application and dues to the board. After review, Stephen Thomas made a motion to accept Eric's application, Dick Welles seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried. Sharon Flanagan asked about getting a new refrigerator for the clubroom kitchen. Dick Welles said Restore in Corning might have used refrigerators, and that he would check with them. Stephen Thomas noted that HEP, on Miracle Mile in the Heights, has scratch & dents, but they come with a shortened warranty. John Flanagan said the chapter has eggs left over from the fly-ins, at \$5/flat. There being no further business, upon motion of David Baker, second by Andy Diffenderfer, and vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM. A webinar will follow at 7:00 PM, "Ending the War on Jugs."

NOTE: The board meeting was re-opened at 7:02PM. Dick Welles made a motion to approve Eric Shelhamer for a hangar badge, Brian Jones seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried. Upon assent, the re-opened meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Flanagan, Secretary