



EAA Chapter 609  
Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 4, 2024

**Location:** Club House

**Start:** 6:07PM

**Present:** Jeri Mainero (President), John Cordell (Vice President), Samantha Andrea (Treasurer), and Jen Wirt (Secretary), Susie Wissler (Board), and David Vandewater (Board).

**Guest:** Judy, Scooter Mainero, Christopher Wirt

**Agenda:** Calendar 2025, budget, leadership recap, and reviewing essential job duties.

\*Minutes read by *Jen Wirt*. Motioned to approve *Susie Wissler*. 2nd by *Samantha Andree*. *All in favor*.

**New Business**

**Calendar 2025: Tabled for next session.** Flight Plan (5-year plan): *Jeri Mainero* discussed how the flight plan looks such as activities, fundraising, etc. and who would be in charge of each aspect.

Jan- Field trip to AZ.

**Budget 2025:** \$7,000 in chapter funds.

Hangar rent is increasing beginning January 2025. Inform those sponsoring hangars. Going up to potentially \$140 per month. Still need to pay for November and December. *Susie Wissler* makes motion for chapter to pay November and December. *John Cordell* 2nd. *All in favor*.

*Jeri Mainero* discussed making a plaque for everyone sponsoring hangar rent.

Shirts and jackets for *Tony Korn* and *Katrina Lewis* completed. Thank you notes will need to be put together for YE pilots. Discuss plaques for unique accomplishments. Discussed a single plaque with yearly winner's name being displayed.

There will be some extra money after the Christmas party. Will need to continue discussion. Final head count of people will be the first of the December. RSVP to *Jeri* or *Samantha*.

Charter **\$650** (about).

*Jeri* renewed with state **\$20**.

*Jeri* would like to budget out plaques

*Jeri* would like to purchase a hand held radio for Chapter 609 personal use. *David Vandewater* motioned to get radio. *Jen* 2nd. Need to find a place that it can be stored and accessible for EAA Members. Chapter needs to utilize the last of the YE credits.

**Leadership Recap:** Discussed networking with other chapter leaders; including Ray Scholarship recipients. Another primary takeaway for regarding Public affairs and creating an action item of establishing a public affairs a point person.

*Jeri* shared speaking about *Katrina Lewis's (YE coordinator)* husband being a public affairs point person. Establish an emergency protocol. Establish emergency card to hand out YE families. Each YE pilot has an emergency card.

*Jeri* shared that there are 252 EAA members in a 20 mile radius and send out a post card to invite them to our chapter.

Goal of finding a place for Gatherings. *John* shared that it may be possible to utilize a conference room at the Veteran's Museum. *Susie* made a motion for *John* to follow up with Veteran's Museum.

*David 2nd. All in favor.*

**Reviewing Essential Job Duties:** *Jeri* handed out a copy of Officer duties. Red marked are timelines/deadlines. No questions at the time. If there are questions, please reach out to *Jeri*.

### **Old business**

**Update Ray Aviation (Solomon Sailing) provided by Scooter Mainero:** Has until March 2025 to complete pilot's license. Family will support financially. 61J will be down for maintenance and *Solomon* will need to complete check ride before airplane will be down for maintenance. *Solomon*, as of now, is not ready to pass his check ride. *Scooter* will be doing a mock check ride this Friday. *Susie* asked about extending for *Solomon Sailing* due to airplane being down. More information about progress to come. Questions around eligibility for **Ray Scholarship** if *Solomon* does not complete is PPL. Due to Chapter 609 choosing to do a matching scholarship, 609 may still be eligible for **Ray Scholarship** in the future.

Movie night: Rescue of light 771 (December) Spirit of St. Luis (January)

**MISC.** *Scooter* asked about coming up with a plan and/or e-mail if a flood or other emergency were to occur. Form and file with the EAA members protocol. *David* recommended EAA member fill out form and place in their hangar.

***Scooter (speaking for Tony Korn):*** Asked about forming a scholarship committee and a process for vetting potential scholarship recipients (i.e. **Ray Scholarship**). Per *Scooter*, *Tony* suggested doing an "intro" flight with potential applicants and explore "natural skill." *Christopher Wirt* suggested possibly Sporty's ground school to be a part of vetting potential scholars. Potential scholarship recipient next year: *Sofia Lewis*. *Tony* would like to head committee. *Scooter* and *Samantha* volunteering.

**Adjourned 8:19PM**

**Next Board of Director's Meeting: March 17, 2025 6:00PM. Location: TBD.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jennifer (Jen) Wirt

EAA 609 Chapter Secretary

