



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 631 - The Blue Hills Flyers
Rice Lake, WI



Minutes of a short Meeting of February 11th, 2023 (at the the Winch/Rounce Hangar, Shell Lake Airport, at the start of our winter potluck):

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jeff Potocnik at 11:45 AM.

A couple introductions/welcomes:

- Sari Mavis, 16, of Hayward in attendance – Sari has started lessons with CFII Dave Neilsen. She has a goal of flying for the airlines eventually. Sari read a nice essay on her interests in flying.
- Lucas Janota, 17, of Chetek – Lucas's grandfather flew out of Chetek. Lucas has had one Young Eagle ride a few years back while visiting the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He is interested in another ride, and interested in learning more about aviation.

A couple Old Business Items (they've had at least some mention at past meetings):

Pursuit of a Chapter Trailer for Young Eagles events:

- Bruce Dakins has researched trailers/pricing some. Chapter would like to get an enclosed 6'x10' or 6'x12' trailer, back and side doors, to store/haul all the items that have typically filled up Bruce/Maxine's vehicle, Jack's plane, and some stuff stored by Volkens. While bigger is sometimes better, we'd like to stay smaller so more vehicles could pull the trailer.
- Bruce has been watching the used market
 - Junkers - \$800
 - So/so - \$1700
 - New \$4500
- Generous donations (\$500 each!) have been made by member Don Fiedler and members Gary/Traci Crisler to put primarily towards the YE trailer (10%, or \$100 of the \$1000 will go to the general fund per member voting action a couple years back). Wow; thank you Fiedlers and Crislers!
- Should Bruce come across a trailer on the used market that looks good it would be nice to approve a budget for Bruce to run with expeditiously.
- Jack Perry Moved to give Bruce Dakins the authority to spend up to \$3000 on a chapter Young Eagles trailer. Kirby Crawford 2nd.

- Discussion – Ryan Kallenbach offered to go through mechanically any used trailer bought and volunteer his time for this (any parts such as bearings to be purchased by chapter). Wow, nice Ryan; thanks!
- Motion approved.

Pursuit of a Chapter Tool Crib:

- The chapter has avoided this until now (where to keep it when there is not a chapter hangar?)
- We have a very generous offer from member Chris Felton to make a \$1,500 donation to the chapter to kick-start a tool crib. Chris would then like the chapter to purchase a blow-up spray-paint booth as both he and Matt Rybarcik have upcoming spray-paint booth needs.
- A blow-up booth would be useable for multiple times (rather than building a plastic covered wooden frame that would basically be scrap when Chris done with it.
- Large enough for wings, fuselages, etc.
- Small enough to be inflated inside most hangars
- Refer to Chris's tool crib/paint booth proposal, 2/11/23, copy attached.
- The spray booth, and other crib tools will just need a space to be stored, and a chapter representative to be in charge of inventory, check-out.
- Gerry Winch offered space in his hangar/shop for storage as one option.
- Matt Rybarcik offered to be the tool crib organizer and person to check items out/in from.
- Brad Volker moved to accept Chris Felton's generous offer to kick-start a chapter tool crib, noting that the chapter does not need to go on any spending spree to fully outfit the tool crib; it can grow over time with it likely many items will be donated.
- Bob Gillette 2nd
- Motion approved. Thanks Chris!

Adjournment of Meeting (so we can eat):

- Moved by several to adjourn
- 2nd by several
- Adjourned

Big Thanks to Gerry, Bonnie and some of the others at Shell Lake Airport for set-up and tear down for the potluck!!! Good job flying in Kirby Crawford and Dave Schmitz!

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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