



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 637 - The Blue Hills Flyers
Rice Lake, WI



Minutes of the Meeting of October 3, 2023 (at Carl's Field, Rice Lake Regional Airport):

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jeff Potocnik at 6:00 PM in the airport conference room – Jeff led a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Headcount at meeting = 23. Thanks to the Highway 8 cleanup crew that just did the annual cleanup this afternoon – 14 members participated! Thank you very much to several folks that brought food and beverages for this evening – potluck.

Welcome to some new (or renew) face(s):

- Gale Geisler of Spooner. Good to see Gale who is unable to make many meetings. Gale helped with highway cleanup also. Bob G. noted that Gale helped build the Lakewood Lodge hangar back in the day.

Meeting Minutes of 8/8/23 (at Toftness/Erickson Field, Cumberland Airport, Gary Gannon's Hangar):

One correction noted by Jack Langland – 6, rather than 4, spots have been reserved for 2024 Air Academy Camp. Kirby Crawford moved to approve, as corrected. Gerry Winch 2nd. Approved, as corrected.

No formal Treasurer's report but a few notes:

- \$5,240 in sales on the 50/50 raffle. Winner was Gary Crisler (What?!?!). After Expenses, a net of \$2,231 went to the scholarship fund. Big thanks to all that sold tickets! Really big thanks to Bonnie Carlson that arranged the tickets and did most of the organizing. Big thanks to those that pushed tickets at events including the picnic up to the drawing.
- Picnic non-50/50 proceeds - \$2,206. Wow!!! Big big thanks to Bob and Judy and Jan and others who put so much effort into the campout/picnic. Big thanks to Bob and Judy for hosting and covering the main meal!

Future Picnic Discussion:

- Judy G asked how many really want to do 4 days worth of stuff. Those that camp that were in attendance raised their hands.
- Just do a one day picnic instead???

- Bob G noted he is dismayed with all the one-time use garbage that gets generated. At least for the main meal Jan and Judy use real china/silverware to minimize such. Need to do a better job of names on solo cups. Starting next year there will be a \$10 fine for losing your cup and needing it replaced! :)
- Big thanks to Harold and Bonnie for the fish fry for many years! Anyone want to spearhead that in future? Dave Nielsen offered to make the fish fry happen if others could catch the fish.
- “Shell Lake Airport could do the picnic,” noted Gerry Winch, “but Gillette’s/RAF have the coolest airport and that helps draw people in and helps raise \$ for the scholarship fund.”

Young Eagles Discussion, YE Coordinator Jack Langland:

- 414 flown in 2023!
- 19 different pilots; 30 different ground crew – “What a chapter!” noted Jack L.
- Total flown to date = 10,728. Let’s top 11,000 in 2024.
- Other Q YE – 72 flown!
- Cable YE – 19 flown

Scholarship Committee Notes:

- Sari Mavis – passed written recently!
- Hunter Johnson (Schoonover) – Checkride on Saturday at UBE weather permitting!
- John Ostrem noted that Island City Aero Club recently approved the joint 631/ICAC scholarship criteria as 631 had recently.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Chapter Survey will be coming up soon. Look for email from HQ. Please do fill out the survey. It provides feedback on what the chapter should strive to do better. And just having participation in the survey gives the chapter a point in HQ’s assessment of our chapter.
- Chapter member roster – Gerry and Bonnie (mostly Bonnie) have put a lot of effort into getting this tool from HQ up and running. This will be used to manage dues for 2024 and Christmas party invite soon. Dues will be mailed to Gerry/Bonnie this year and they will organize/summarize for Treasurer Crisler.
- **Officer Elections at our November 7th meeting in Shell Lake!!!**

Final Note (Safety):

- Bob G. noted that you can always go around. Please practice go-arounds regularly and be ready to do them on every landing. And, of course, the internet video on go-arounds is fun to watch :)

Adjournment:

Several simultaneously moved; several 2nd. Passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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