



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



Minutes of the Meeting of November 7, 2023 (at the Chuck Lewis Terminal Building, Shell Lake Airport):

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jeff Potocnik at 6:00 PM – Jeff led a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Headcount at meeting = 37. Thank you very much to several folks (Lake Point Aero folks, maybe others?) that brought food and beverages for this evening!

Meeting Minutes Notes of 10/3/23 (at Carl's Field, Rice Lake Airport):

No action taken to approve the “notes” as the October gathering was not a business meeting :)

Treasurer's report – Gary Crisler:

- CD will mature this month. Roll into another CD? May need some more cash for 2024 scholarships; so maybe don't roll the whole \$20,353 into new CD? Gary will research options; pretty sure will be able to invest similarly going forward at 4.5+%.
- Final deposit from EAA HQ for Sari Mavis Ray Scholarship came in/deposited.
- Gary doing some self-education on QuickBooks for non-profits, and moving all our stuff into a non-profit version of QuickBooks. Long road but getting there. Need much more thorough books now that have non-profit status – in case of audit. Will greatly assist if ever audited.
- Kirby Crawford moved to approve report; Bob Gillette 2nd. Approved.

Young Eagles Discussion, YE Coordinator Jack Langland:

- EAA Academy/Camp – if you are a youth and interested (or if you know a youth interested) let Jack Langland know.
- YE Trailer is in storage for the winter (in someone's hangar at Shell Lake). Sorry, Volker did not catch name, but THANKS to whoever is storing!

Scholarship Committee Notes:

- The 2023 Ray Scholarship (Sari Mavis) was a 100% scholarship from Ray via EAA HQ.

- For 2024 – 631 could apply for one 100% Ray (may or may not get); or could apply for one or two Rays that are funded 75% by Ray (via EAA)/25% by local chapter. Pretty much a guarantee to get at least one of these; maybe two.
- Motion by Dave Nielsen to have 631 apply for two 75/25s. 2nd by Gerry Winch. Approved. Hunter Johnson will make application.

Old 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.
- 50/50 Raffle for 2024 – discussion. All agreed for 2024 that we should set the date to be done selling slightly before the picnic; but advertise the date of drawing as the Saturday of picnic. Big thanks to Bonnie Carlson for arranging tickets. Big thanks to Rose Johnson for renewing our raffle license(s).

New Business:

- Chapter Christmas Party – December 6th at Lehman's in Rice Lake. Social at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00. Chicken and Ribs buffet. There will be 4-piece instrumental (we'll take donations).
- Please get 2024 dues and Christmas Party fees to Gerry/Bonnie if not already.
- AirVenture Blue Barn – Bob G. noted that HQ desiring signs for each chapter (chapter name and distance to chapter). Bob proposes we have one shaped like a fish. Nominal dimension of 24 inches made out of a 1x6. "Fish?" noted someone :)

Election of Chapter Officers:

- John Ostrem moved to re-elect the current slate of officers (Jeff Potocnik – President; Gerry Winch – Vice President; Garret Crisler – Treasurer; Brad Volker – Secretary). Motion to include Volker's upcoming secretary term will be for two year's time (this will get him on the same schedule as the rest of the officers' terms).
- 2nd by Dave Nielsen
- Approved unanimous.

Final Note (Safety):

- Thanks to Matt Rybarcik who has recently helped both Gerry Winch and Don White w prepping for FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) inspections.

Adjournment:

Moved by Jeff Potocnik; 2nd Hunter Johnson. Unanimous!

Minutes respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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