



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



## **Minutes of the Meeting of August 6th, 2024:**

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Vice President Gerry Winch (President Jeff Potocnik away) at 6:01 PM, in the maintenance shop building at Cumberland Municipal Airport, including a Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 23 members present.

Welcome Gavin Stenseth, age 18, of Rice Lake. Gavin looking to become a pilot. Gavin joined as a student member after the meeting.

### **Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2024 (CAP Hangar at Sawyer County Airport):**

Jack Langland moved to approve; Tracey Schoonover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer Crisler's Report for End of July, 2024:**

Gary Crisler talked through the report.

- \$150 income in member dues
- CD which started at \$20,000 now at \$21,135; recently rolled into a new CD session.
- Young Eagle event donations to date this year = \$603.
- Not processed in July, but Dave Nielsen recently submitted \$3K in expenses for Aidan Olson Ray flight training
- Current overall balance \$36,180.13 - \$8,666 in general operating fund; \$27K in Warren Lewis fund (donations for expenditures on youth programs).

Carl Cooley moved to approve; Ric Brekke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### **Young Eagles Update (Jack Langland):**

- Received a new banner from HQ while at AirVenture – “10,000 Young Eagles Flown”. If weather cooperates our chapter will reach 11,000 this season. Only two other chapters have over 10,000. Wow!
- 631 received good comments from Dave Leiting at the AirVenture Young Eagle banquet
- Jack L. recognized at the banquet for flying over 2,000 kids (received a new Lightspeed Zulu headset) – excellent!
- As of today 631 is at 10,945 Young Eagles flown
- HQ now has available an aviation handbook to give families before YE rides

- 6 kids to EAA camps this year. Ralieg Ripplinger went in place of Rosy this year as Rosy became too busy with Spooner Rodeo Queen duties.
- HQ is rolling out a new computer program for YE registration for 2025
- Big thanks to the folks that worked 631 booths at the Barron and Washburn County Fairs!
- Big thanks to Jack L., Sally L., Bonnie Carlson, and Gerry Winch for much time volunteered at the Blue Barn (Chapter stuff) at AirVenture!
- Ryan Gadtke (Winston and Donna Rock's grandson) gave a quick talk on his EAA Camp experience. Had fun! Did a 6:15 a.m. flight in a Cessna that was great. Got a new hat. Received a nice warbirds sign. Received a Bell 47 helicopter ride w no doors! Made a composite airfoil. Made a wooden rib. Helped sand down a propeller. Was a great experience overall; thank you very much for the opportunity!
- Upcoming YE events are Rice Lake (33 kids signed up so far); and Cumberland on August 24th(25 kids signed up so far).
- The chapter needs some computer upgrades to handle the new program. If we acted soon we could take advantage of back-to-school pricing. Bonnie Carlson moved to buy 2 new computers for Young Eagle events, etc.. Dave Nielsen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved – Bruce Dakins will spearhead the shopping/purchase.

### **Scholarship Committee**

- One of our 2024 Ray nominees has not been able to obtain a medical and thus the committee will be meeting soon to select a different candidate for that slot. Nominees need to have applications to HQ by October.

### **Chapter Picnic/Campout:**

- It was noted that not many RSVPs submitted yet. RSVPs will be a big help to Judy in making sure enough food for the main lunch on Saturday. Brad V. will send out a reminder to RSVP.

### **Tech/Safety:**

- Matt R. attended an annual seminar for A&Ps. While there was not much new, the seminar was very good as always and hit on problems being seen by A&Ps.
- Tying Down properly
  - Tailwheel Airplanes – secure the stick or yoke forward
  - Nosewheel Airplanes – secure the yoke/elevator neutral

### **Old Business:**

- What about possibly ordering traffic vest yellow 631 screen printed t-shirts for the YE ground crew??? In Process. Brad V. took some risk and made a list of sizes to order. Costs will end up at approximately \$14/shirt. John Ostrem moved to proceed; Dave Nielsen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chapter will accept \$14 donations for those that desire a shirt.
- 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales – Sales to date are \$1,830. Last year we sold \$5,200. Need to get in gear! Big thanks to folks that sold tickets at County Fairs and at Shell Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities!

### **New Business:**

- AirVenture offers a drawing to select a handful of chapters to put on pancake breakfasts during AirVenture as a chapter fundraiser. Historically, the Chapter cut of income is around \$5K! Should 631 put its name in the hat to see if we could be selected to do a morning during 2025 AirVenture? Each chapter selected needs to have at least 16 volunteers able to help. If selected, we will not know which day of AirVenture for a while. Bonnie Carlson moved to pursue a slot (may or may not get drawn). Hunter Ripplinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. Get AirVenture on your calendars : )
- Island City Aero Club will gladly accept volunteer help at their pancake breakfast on August 25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday).
- Lake Point Aero Club will gladly accept volunteer help at their pancake breakfast on August 31<sup>st</sup> (Saturday).
- AirVenture Chapter Camping: 631 members interested? If so, talk to Gerry Winch. If enough interest Gerry will make it happen. The one downside to chapter camping reservations is that there are no refunds for unused sites/days. \$300 per site (for up to 16 days of camping).

***Next Gathering:***

- Chapter picnic/camping – Thursday September 19 thru Sunday September 22. Main day is Saturday with a big lunch. Huge thanks to Judy and Bob Gillette, and Jan and Russ Kittenger who do a ton of prep. Brad is sure he is missing other folks to thank here; apologies. Big thanks to Harold and Bonnie Burton and Dave and Sharon Nielsen for doing the Friday night fish fry (and catching fish for it)!

***Adjournment:***

Jack Perry moved to adjourn; Hunter Ripplinger second. Adjourned!

*Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker, Chapter Secretary*  
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