



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



Minutes of the Meeting of October 4th, 2021 (brief meeting, Rice Lake Airport, prior to presentation by Kirby Crawford):

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at 6:04 pm, at the Rice Lake Airport terminal building conference room. Thanks to ICAC for loaning us folding chairs to use at this meeting. Kirby counted 19 in attendance.

Welcome guests!

- John and Nancy Ostrem introduced the Rodriguez Family – Mom Christa with Simon, Shalom, and Alex. John noted that an older sister in the family was awarded an Island City Aero Club scholarship in the past.

Young Eagles/Air Academy - YE Coordinator Jack Languard:

- Jack is now accepting names of youth interested in attending Air Academy. Some discussion on youth who had been signed up for 2019 and/or 2020 which were both canceled. Ed K. asked if J.C. still on list; Jack will check.
- Jeff Potocnik noted that Simon Rodriguez would be a good candidate.
- Jack noted Byron Ripplinger may be a candidate for advanced camp
- Jack will send information to Secretary Volker to forward to chapter
- Need to formalize one or two campers by end of year to not forfeit some \$.

Scholarship Items:

- The scholarship committee will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:15/7:00 for a couple interviews for the Ray Scholarship that 631 has been awarded a nomination slot for. If any interest in this any 631 members are welcome to sit in on such.

Chapter 631 Non-profit status – Jeff Potocnik:

- A 2nd draft of new bylaws has been provided for review.
- Jeff Potocnik has discussed the bylaws in detail with EAA tax consultant Patty Aurthur
- Used template from EAA HQ for the new bylaws
- John Ostrem moved to approve the new bylaws. Ed Knutson 2nd. Motion approved.
- Secretary Volker will sign with notary after Jeff resends to Volker w/o watermark.

Old Business:

- Jeff Potocnik asked – does the chapter feel a need at all to have a nominating committee for officer positions? Some discussion; not much interest or need in a committee for that most felt, in part because:
 - Jeff P. interested in nomination for President
 - Ray P. has offered to be a 2nd Tech Advisor with Doug K.
 - Gerry Winch interested in nomination for VP
 - Gary Crisler interested in nomination for Treasurer
 - Brad Volker willing to stay on as Secretary if folks will have him; if others interested that would be great :)
- Donations summary from Picnic – roughly \$3,300!!! Thanks to all that donated!!!

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 2nd at the Shell Lake Terminal Building – remember, officer nominations/election.

Adjournment:

Ed Knutson moved to adjourn. Jeff Potocnik 2nd. Approved.

Presentation by 631's very own Kirby Crawford of Rice Lake:

Kirby gave a very interesting slide show about his career with the Air Force, and then for 25+ years after that with the Department of Defense performing high-accuracy land/survey monument surveys all around the world. Following the projects that Kirby and his colleagues worked on it was possible to accurately measure the distance from a precise point in one part of the world to a precise point on the other side of the world (this could be useful for the military in accurately aiming a “shot” to hit within a few meters of its target rather than within 20 miles of its target). Kirby’s travels took him all over Europe, to the Norwegian arctic, to Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, etc. Sometimes with very nice accommodations, but quite a lot of very primitive camping in the middle of nowhere to make precise observations of the sun and other stars to precisely set control points that became very valuable in establishing the GPS that many of us use today. Kirby made lifelong friends from around the world in the process and even got to bottle feed beer to a polar bear! (hopefully Brad got most of this somewhat right). Very fun to listen to, Kirby; thanks!

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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