



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



Minutes of a very breif meeting of December 8th, 2021
(Lehman's Supper Club, Rice Lake, at start of the Chapter's
annual Christmas Party):

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at 6:10 pm, at Lehman's Supper Club, Rice Lake. Bob handed the floor to incoming Chapter President Jeff Potocnik for:

New Business

It has come to the attention of the chapter officers and scholarship committee that EAA HQ will again be offering Ray Foundation flight training scholarships in 2022. Chapters can submit applications to HQ in an attempt to become eligible to receive scholarship "slots". If successful at being selected for a slot, then the chapter can put forward to HQ an actual scholarship nominee/applicant. There are two types of slots possibly available for 2022:

1. "50/50" Ray Foundation Scholarship slot – this type of slot can be applied for by chapters who have had previous Ray scholars complete to private pilot (or have a current Ray scholar who is tracking well towards private). Chapters that apply for this type of slot are very likely to obtain a slot. This type requires that the Chapter match Ray \$ 50/50 (the Ray Foundation will spend up to \$5k, and the chapter needs to spend up to \$5k). Applications for this type of slot are due by December 31, 2021.
2. 100% Ray Foundation Scholarship slot – this type of slot can be applied for by any chapter; applications are due January 31st, 2022. Successful chapters will obtain a slot to be able to put forward to HQ an actual scholarship nominee/applicant that, if successful in his/her application, would land a Ray Foundation scholarship for up to \$10k via EAA HQ (no chapter funds needed as a match).

Some on the scholarship committee have taken a recent EAA webinar on this subject and understand that it is extremely unlikely that a chapter would be able to latch onto both types of slots for 2022 as there are more chapters desiring slots than there are slots. With 631 being super blessed by HQ and the Ray Foundation already (have received 4 Ray scholarships already; 3 of the 4 were 100%) Potocnik/Volker recommend that 631 apply for a 50/50 Ray slot (assuming we solicit interest and find a good candidate to recommend). This, of course, would assume that our Chapter is willing to spend up to \$5k to match the Ray Foundation funds.

Gerry Winch motioned that Chapter 631 apply for a 2022 50/50 Ray Foundation scholarship slot via EAA HQ by December 31st and authorize expenditure of up to \$5,000 of 631's scholarship fund towards a flight training scholar should 631 get a slot and find/nominate a quality eligible candidate that is approved by HQ. Ed Knutson 2nd.

Discussion – Ric Brekke suggested that 631, in addition to applying for the 50/50 slot, apply also for a 2022 100% slot. All agreed, motion revised accordingly. Brad Volker, Chapter Scholarship Coordinator, will make the applications to HQ.

Unanimous approval.

Adjournment (back to party):

Ed Knutson moved to adjourn. Kirby Crawford 2nd. Approved unanimous.

Note:

At the time of publishing of these minutes (early January, 2022) – Volker has submitted a 631 chapter application to HQ to hopefully obtain a 50/50 Ray Scholarship slot. That application process is online and was found to be automated to not allow additional application for a 100% scholarship (chapters had to choose one type or the other to apply for). So, technically, 631 has not applied for a 2022 100% Ray Scholarship slot. Volker, has, however communicated by email to EAA HQ that if any avenue becomes available for 631 to apply for a 100% slot that 631 would very much like to do so.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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