

EAA CHAPTER 72 BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May 4, 2023

Location: MLAA Hangar

Board Members Present: Jim Steward – President, Esther Smith - Secretary, Greg Wolff – Director, Mark Gabriel – Treasurer, Randy Loyd – Newsletter Editor, George Sciss – Director, Richard Martin – IMC/VMC, Patty Martin - WebMaster

Via Phone: Bill Epperson – Vice President

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Jim Steward

1. Minutes were read and approved. Motioned by George and seconded by Mark. Unanimous approval.
2. Treasurers Report was presented. Chapter 72 Approved – Motioned by Jim, Seconded by George.
Raffle Report Approved – Motioned by Bill, seconded by George
3. RV14 – There are no plans for the airplane at this time. It was suggested that once the airplane is completed that the chapter sell it and use the proceeds to fund scholarships.
4. RedBird Simulator – next payment due is in August. Richard is working on the building for the simulator. A committee needs to be formed for the building – will request volunteers at Coffee and Donuts.
5. District 11 Career and Technical Education Department has agreed to pay for breakfast for any D11 families that come out for our Learn to Fly Day. Esther will make a sign-up sheet and John Lewis will arrange for the flyer to go out to all D11 families and staff.
6. Bill asked to have a Study Group started to meet monthly. Bill will be glad to start this group but leave it open for further discussion in the future.
7. Randy is asking for pilot volunteers for our Learn to Fly Day.
8. RedBird Grant Request – we have to provide proof that we have enough funds to cover the cost of the simulator. It was suggested that a committee be formed to discuss the plans on use of the simulator as well as costs and logistics. This will need to be started sooner rather than later. We will table this until Robert returns from England.

9. Scholarship Updates:

Would like to award 2 for \$5,000 each

Have awarded 1 for \$11,000 to Trevor from Chapter 72

Have awarded 1 for \$11,000 to Amelia from the Ray Foundation.

It was suggested that Sarah Hurley be invited to the next board meeting to explain the “how to’s” on the management of these scholarships. It was also suggested that the funds from the Raffle account be moved into the Scholarship account to cover the funding. It was motioned by George and seconded by Mark to move \$16,005.00 into the Scholarship account. Esther provided a check for this amount to Mark for deposit.

10. EAA 72.5 – This is youth run part of Chapter 72 to be managed and organized by the Scholarship winners. The oversight would be by one of our Chapter members but the youth would run the chapter events. They would need to participate in Young Eagles and volunteer at various Chapter events.

11. Chapter Meeting Topics

June – Project Tour

July – Chapter 72.5/Management of RedBird Simulator

August – Big Band Night

September – Heddy Carlson

October – Dr. Limoge

November – Annual General Membership Meeting – Voting of new board members for the next 2 years.

December – Annual Christmas Dinner

12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49.