

EAA CHAPTER 75 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - Rily Grunwald called the meeting to order at 5:35pm at the Revv conference room.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President - Vacant Position | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Brown |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rily Grunwald - Vice-President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer Kuehl |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travis Baldwin - Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Olson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Richards - Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Santic |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Welvaert |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Smith, Bob Thomas, and Dan Murphy

APPROVAL OF CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve the May minutes as published 05/09/2024 made by Summer Kuehl, seconded by Rily Grunwald. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The April and May 2024 Monthly Financial Reports were sent via email on 06/12/2024. Motion to accept both by Carl Brown, seconded by Craig Olson. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Craig Olson, Carl Brown, and Jim Smith - Special Election for Vacant Presidential Position. Dan Murphy has agreed to fill the vacancy through the end of the term (Expires January 1, 2026). Any other candidates to present at this time? Should we make an announcement now for any other candidates to step forward and host the election at the July potluck?

An official announcement will be sent to the membership allowing for a 2 week public discussion period for any other candidate to step forward to be considered as a presidential candidate. To date, only Dan Murphy has entered as a candidate. An official vote will take place at 11:30 on July 13, 2024 at Jim Smith's Hangar (I-3) prior to the potluck.

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PAST ACTION ITEMS:

1. Rily Grunwald - 2023 Chapter Annual Financial Audit. *Need a motion to Accept Annual Financial Audit (internal member review) if complete.* This is an Annual Bylaw Requirement either by a non-board chapter member or external CPA. Previous board determined that a CPA should only be used when we have a new treasurer. Using a non-board chapter member will satisfy the annual bylaw requirement. [March projected completion](#). Ron Ehrecke completed our financial audit on 05/08/2024 with satisfactory results.

Motion to accept by Carl Brown, seconded by Craig Olson. The motion passed.

2. Greg Stopyra - PA system proposals. Greg Stopyra provided a chapter member interested in donating the PA system with the final cost of the full system of \$1296.63. Purchase is pending confirmation from Treasurer and Debit Card information. Check from the donor has been received and deposited in the amount of \$1,500 on 05/04/2024. *The PA system was used at the June potluck with favorable results.*

3. Jenny Wilson - 2024 Ray Scholarship Awardee.

Next Steps:

1. Student Bennett Teitle applies online with EAA (formal application to EAA) - [Target July completion](#)
2. EAA approves by 10th of following month - [Target August](#)
3. Training must begin within 30 days of that EAA approval
 - i. Solo in 3 months
 - ii. Written complete in 6 months
 - iii. Checkride in 12 months

How do we announce the winner? Immediately or after they apply on the EAA website? Press release / TV news? Big Check Photo? Student has selected Summer Kuehl and Quad Cities Aero for flight training. *Student will be officially starting in August due to having a summer internship.*

4. 2024 Air Academy Scholarships. EAA Accepted all three of our Air Academy Scholarship applicants. From previous chapter motions, our chapter must pay the remaining balance of \$3,075 to EAA for the youth to attend. Action to Treasurer to submit that payment (cc'd on emails from EAA Air Academy POC).

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Motion to accept by Carl Brown, seconded by Rily Grunwald. The motion passes.

5. Adam Santic - 2024 Summer Potluck Series. We are currently in our Summer potluck season (June, July, August). We allocated \$180 of our 2024 budget (\$60 each) to support these events.

1. July 13th - Jim Smith & Ed Leahy will host the potluck at Jim's hangar (I-3) that is located at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN).
 1. **Main Menu:** Bratwurst, Hotdogs and Sauerkraut.
 2. **Notes:** Date confirmed with Jim Smith on April 10, 2024. In addition to not taking any money for the funds we set aside for the Summer Potluck, he will fund the event entirely on his own behalf. If you want to help them setup, they usually start at 8:30 AM

2. August 10 - EAA Chapter 75 & EAA Chapter 410 will host the August potluck at the Geneseo Airport Pilot Lounge & Educational Facility that is located on the Geneseo Airpark-Airport (3G8)
 1. **Main Menu:** Hotdogs and brats
 2. **NOTES:** Travis Baldwin contacted Kent Johnson, and Kent Johnson will once again host the potluck at 3G8. Kent & EAA Chapter 410 will provide the hotdogs and brats. It will be the responsibility of EAA Chapter 75 to provide the drinks. In the past, if there are any leftovers, we have brought drinks from Jim Smith's cookout and the Emergency Aircraft Repair.

Additional Notes: Each potluck will start at NOON and end at approximately 2:00 PM.

REQUIRED MOTIONS. *Name is the point of contact responsible for action / leading discussion.*

Craig Olson - Any required motion in preparation for EAR?

OTHER BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS -

1. Young Eagles Program - 2024 Schedule and Pilot Shortage

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YOUNG EAGLES 2024 SCHEDULE				
Date	AP	Group	Status	Contact
June 16th	3G8	Airport	Public	Bob Thomas
July 13th	DVN	Airport	Public	Bob Thomas
				John Stephens CAP

Greg Stopyra:

As you look towards our 2024 Young Eagle campaign, could you please provide feedback as to how you see things shaping up in terms of schedule, resources, and volunteer support?

We have a Chapter Business Meeting on 8 May and I'd like to address a couple of my significant concerns that impact our chapter. One concern I have is based on participating and observing our Young Eagles program over the past 3 years. My observation is that our biggest challenge for YE Rallies is getting consistent support from our volunteer pilots...with a small core of regulars and then occasional pilots (and ground volunteers) that seem to support for only a year or two.

There can be a number of factors causing that...and I'm not sure if there is a single root cause. I'm just concerned that our collective desire to fly young eagles is ultimately limited by our ability to recruit YE Pilots. If true, I would like to share this concern with the board to see if there is an ability for us to better support your efforts.

Bob Thomas:

Yes you are right, pilots is an issue. Not sure how to fix that. We used to get more like 7-9 planes per event and now it is more like 3-5 with Bob and I being 2 of those. Part of it is demographics. Some of our more reliable pilots have gotten too old to fly Young Eagles and some have retired permanently to the south. Every time we have a rally there is a story to tell, I need to be supplying Adam with more of those stories for the newsletter as that might encourage more folks to attend and Bob and I could be more into the recruiting idea during Saturday morning coffee time.

Adam was able to get the Young Eagles Coordinators to create a write up in our June newsletter asking for volunteer pilots. The website calendar also includes Young Eagles rallies for pilots to plan in advance for. There will be an additional rally on July 13th at DVN at the CAP hangar.

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2. Chapter Focus Areas (Programs & Events) - Chapter Strategy Discussion

Less of the general public is getting involved in aviation. Even less of that population is focused on aircraft building. Much of EAA Chapter 75's 64 year history was built upon a solid foundation of pilot / builders to support our various programs. Our current chapter spans 4 generations of memberships. The distribution of members within those generations is not equal...we are very top heavy. As such, we must be more actively aware of how this affects our programs to ensure we can continue to succeed in areas most important to the chapter.

Current Programs

Emergency Aircraft Repair
Tool Crib
IMC club
RV-12iS Build
Tech Counselors
Flight Advisors
Young Eagles Rallies
Ray Scholarships (Matching?)
Air Academy Scholarship

- YE - 12-13yo
- Basic - 14-15yo
- Advance - 16-18yo

Available EAA Programs

VMC Club
Flying Start Day (Learn to Fly Week)
Eagle Flights
Young Eagles Build & Fly (RC Aircraft)
Young Eagles Workshop
AeroEducate

Events

Monthly Coffee & Donuts Social
Summer Potlucks
Holiday Party
Weekly 1500 Club
Monthly Gatherings (w/ program)
Girls in Aviation Day
EAA Chapter Leadership Training

Other Events

Pancake Breakfast
PNB Student YE Flights
Airport Aviation Day
Community Outreach

Which Chapter Programs / Events are most important?

What factors will increase risk of failure for those programs in the next 5 years?

How are we ensuring they are resourced for continued success over the next 5 years? 10 years?

What is the extended benefit of those programs to the chapter at large?

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What NEW Programs / Events do we want to challenge ourselves to undertake?

It was suggested at the May meeting to list these additional programs and events in our next newsletter for members to comment on regarding what they'd like to see our chapter also do.

OTHER CHAPTER UPDATES. Providing updates to other board members for information and comment.

1. 2024 Education Fundraising. Our chapter is currently operating with a +\$2089.49 balance against our 2024 Education Budget. This accounts for INCOME from 2023 Board Motion allocating \$1200 to Air Academy, \$1525 of Young Eagle Credits, \$3000 for Sonex kit sale, and \$1163.50 from Chuck-a-Puck. Expenses are \$199.01 for Ray Scholarship Computer Sim equipment and a projected \$4,600 Air Academy Expense. *If we continue to fundraise this year, we could meet our goal of \$5,500 by November 1, 2024 to allow our chapter to receive TWO (2) Matching Ray Scholarships for 2025.*

2024 Budget Summary	
	Year to Date
Chapter Operating Budget	\$ 9.06
Education Budget	\$ 2,089.49
2024 Ray Scholarship (Bennett Teitle)	\$ -
EAR / Tool Room	\$ 663.93
OSH Party	\$ 245.72
Sunshine Fund	\$ 383.93
<i>Budget summary accounts for current income & expenses as well as projected 2024 budget expenditures</i>	

Jim Smith has suggested we work to advertise our programs to the community more in an effort to fundraise for the chapter. Dan Murphy has stepped up to help lead this PR initiative.

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2. Bob Thomas - Chapter FCC Share Policy. We need a member to develop a chapter policy for use of Flying Country Club shares for flight training use. The chapter has 14 shares for flight training use. Bob Thomas has agreed to be the chapter POC with the Flying Country Club. Shares are transferred to the student's name for training, then transferred back to the chapter upon completion for the next student.

Bob Thomas is going to talk to the FCC board about any adult member of Chapter 75 using the shares for training.

3. Liz Richards - Established PayPal Charity Account. Proposed PayPal dues renewal of \$11 to account for PayPal fees. PayPal fee is 1.99% + \$0.49 per transaction. Minus fees, online renewal would net the chapter \$10.29.

Rily suggested that we make business cards for Oshkosh with our chapter contact information and a QR code on the back with a link to our PayPal for donations.

4. Need POC - Upcoming Chapter Programs. 4th Saturday Monthly, Revv Aviation at Davenport.

- ?? June -
 - 4th Saturday is Airshow, do we move to last Saturday (29 Jun?)
 - Oshkosh 2024 (member led tips; MLI ATC Fly-In primer)
- ?? July -
 - 4th Saturday is during Oshkosh, do we also adjust this date?
- 24 Aug -

Other ideas: Quad Cities historic airports / airfields, Dion Carr - hand propping training, Jim Ries - Preparing for and Conducting Biennial Flight Reviews, Hangar Walks / open house, Ron Plante - QCA historic airports / airfields.

The board decided that no chapter gatherings will occur during June, July, or August. These will be replaced by our monthly potlucks. Coffee and Donuts will still happen on the first Saturday of each month as usual.

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4. Craig Olson - Chapter Bylaw Revision. Discussed during the February meeting was the need to revise or amend the current chapter bylaws, last updated in 2012. How would the board like to proceed with this action? Bylaws were sent to board via email from Greg. Craig Olson has volunteered to lead the bylaws revision and Carl Brown volunteered to assist.

Craig Olson indicated that he and Carl Brown will pick up on this after Oshkosh.

CLOSING

Next chapter business meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on September 11th, 2024 at Revv Aviation Davenport. We will not have a business meeting in July or August.

Motion to adjourn made by Rily Grunwald and seconded by Summer Keuhl. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Minutes Submitted by Travis Baldwin, Secretary.