

## **Minutes from EA Chapter 850 Membership Meeting July 17, 2021**

*Pending Approval*

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by president Ted Kirkpatrick.

Members present: R. Bentlage, F. Benzie, D. Crowe, J. Drobney, G. Durand, A. Joyal, F. Joyal, L. Johnson, T. Kirkpatrick, L. Putman

Guests attending: Frank Lampi, Noah Denslow

Both guests were introduced and provided information on their interest and background in aviation.

Ted provided some background on the EAA Introduction to Flying program and asked Frank Lampi if he would be interested in participating as a CFI. No date has been set for the chapter to host an event.

Ted went over the preparations for Oshkosh and indicated that F. Benzie would be hosting a chapter get together at his campsite on Thursday, July 29 beginning at 6 p.m.. Those attending are asked to bring their own beverages and if possible, a dish to pass and their own chair. The chapter approved a motion to reimburse Fred up to \$200 for expenses. Directions to Fred's campsite at Oshkosh were provided along with his cell number.

R. Bentlage reviewed discussions he has had with Duane and Megan regarding the future of Building 600. The engineers being used by the county estimated that it would cost an extra \$50,000 to save the flat portion of 600 (the portion used by our chapter). Roger reported that Duane suggested it might be better to raze the entire building and then build a general-purpose building in its place. At this point in time it is not certain what will happen. No commitment has been made to retain a portion of 600 or build a new building. Greg suggested that chapter members attend the upcoming County Board meeting July 20 in Commission Chambers to lobby for a positive resolution. Discussion followed.

After discussion a motion was made and passed to hold a Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, August 21 instead of our August meeting with a rain date of Sunday, August 22. Details to follow. Expect the flying sign-up times to be divided into 2 time slots as used at our previous rally.

Other events and dates of interest are;

Ford Airport Days: September 18, 2021 (they are looking for volunteer YE pilots and planes)

The IAC contest: September 3-5, 2021 (Roger reports much interest from both contestants and volunteers)

While there is interest, no date has been set for our annual T. Williams Memorial Beaver Island Fly Out

The chapter meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.. The IAC meeting followed.

Respectfully submitted – Ann Joyal, Secretary