

# EAA Chapter 878 Monthly Meeting Minutes

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- **MINUTES OF CHAPTER 878 MEETING – September 11, 2018**  
by Barb Zabel, acting Chapter Secretary, and Greg Thomes

September meeting of EAA Chapter 878 held in the Thomes / Zabel hangar at the Maple Lake Airport. Greg brought pop, water and ice cream for a treat.

Meeting called to order by President Greg Thomes at 7:00 p.m. with 17 members and guests present.

## CHAPTER REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: by Dick Burns – general fund report through August presented verbally by Dick. No formal written report provided. No checks written for month of August. Current balance is \$7,307. This does not include deposits or checks written for the fly-in. Per the last meeting, Dick paid the Rockford Fire Department \$100 for use of their grills for our Pancake Breakfast. Asked if Fred has bought material for hangar.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Young Eagles:

Co-Coordinator Kyle Weatherly noted that the Young Eagles final event for 2018 was Saturday. Will start again in April. Had 23 kids and 6 pilots. Everyone was very happy and really enjoyed themselves. There is a request from a girl that could not make it on Saturday so Kyle will take her up separately. Kyle will do a survey of the YE group to see how we rate. He had a couple guys from Air National Guard that are going to donate headsets. They get new ones each year. Kyle sent a David Clark headset to be repaired. They repaired it at no charge and sent it back to him also at no charge because it was to be used for Young Eagles. Kudos to David Clark.

Co-Coordinator Kurt Pennuto noted they will plan the monthly YE days and will also take individual requests if a pilot is available. It was estimated that we had about 44-50 kids this year.

### Chapter Webmaster:

Elaine Morrow says she needs pictures. No one is sending her pictures for the website. She asked Greg again for his Christmas presentation. (Note by Barb: I have it so I sent it to her this morning). Our event this past weekend was pictured in the Drummer and we made the cover of the Maple Lake Messenger.

### RV-4 Project:

Coordinator Tom Rammel advised nothing new.

### I.M.C. Club:

Laura Herrmann advised that the next IMC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 at Flying Cloud.

**STEM Programs:** Kurt has a meeting scheduled next week with science teachers for the STEM program. Their sessions were cut short to 1hr 10min. He is going to ask for 1 session per quarter for 2 hours each session. He will have 1 group each quarter and thinks he may take them to his hangar and show them a real airplane. First session is October 1.

**Eagle Flights Program:** Coordinator Kyle Weatherly advised he is managing the Eagle Flights program.

**Fly-Outs:** Coordinator Dick Borrell not present.

**Facilities Committee (Chapter Hangar):** Committee Coordinator Fred Jude not present, no update.

**501(c)(3) Program Manager:** See "Donations" under Old Business.

**Scholarship Committee:** Scholarship Committee Leader Kyle Weatherly said it was going well. He will set up meeting with teachers and others. The kids will have to meet our criteria: aviation profession, commit to be a pilot, ATC etc. Kyle has the list. This will be open to a wide area of kids (Cokato, Rockford, Monticello, Albertville, etc.) Laura suggested adding the word Drones to the list. That should catch the attention of other kids.

**Flight Advisor:** Advisor Chris Glaeser talked about being on the EAA's flight safety committee. In this committee he will work with testing and helping pilots learn about plane maneuvers. He said the NTSB says there are more accidents from pilots not being up to date with engine problems than the planes not being built properly. The engine acts up and distracts the pilot. There is a 36% loss of control on takeoff.

He says in 1934 the first flight event was to fly to 1000 feet, cut the engine and make it back to the airport. You must know your pitch. Every pilot should fly to 3000 feet and do a 180 degree turn to learn how much altitude you lose.

The committee is looking at a suggestion to allow pilots to reserve campsites for Oshkosh rather than rushing in on Sunday to get a spot. The EAA Flight Test Manual is almost done. It consists of 18 cards.

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He also discussed the Perlan glider in So. America.

(Added by Wayne: <http://www.perlanproject.org/>. From their website, the mission for Perlan 2 is to fly to 90,000 feet at the edge of space to explore the science of giant mountain waves that help create the ozone hole and change global climate models. This will require the engineering of a spacecraft with glider wings that can fly in less than 3% of normal air density and at temperatures of minus 70 degrees C, conditions approximating the surface of Mars).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Donations:** Program Manager Barb Zabel offered thanks to Wayne Flury and Dave Wendt for 4 new tables.

**Maple Lake Fly-In, 2018:** Preliminary financial report shows we made about \$800 on the pork chop event. We sold about 400 pork chops and had about 31 planes fly in.

Dick said more hot dogs were sold than past years. Had a lot of compliments. We had about 275 people and it should be 350 to make a profit. Nothing was said about the price increase. Dick also suggested we have a car show next time to draw people.

The bouncy house and face painting were a hit.

**MN Department of Health Food License:** We applied to have a license to sell food for 10 events a year.

**Garage Sale:** No update.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chapter Christmas Party:** A chapter Christmas party will be at Huikko's in Buffalo on December 8, from 6:00 social and 7:00 food.

**Tree of Hope:** Elaine Morrow said the Tree of Hope donates to every hospital in Minnesota and now have a request from a hospital in WI. The guys that handle the Duluth area will now also handle the new one from WI. They have also added 5 more Ronald McDonald houses. Elaine's church has now designated the Tree of Hope as one of their monthly charities. They had about 150 volunteers last year. Seven families are now bringing their kids to give them the experience of giving at Christmas rather than receiving. Some families from hospitals that we donated to have decided to help donate to pay it forward. This will be the Tree of Hope's 29th year of donating to hospitals.

## **Other:**

**Chapter 878 Membership Application Form:** Greg Thomes made copies of the EAA application and is having Elaine scan and update them. They still have Tim's name for Young Eagles.

**2019 Meeting Schedule:** January meeting will be strategic planning session with no speakers. Starts our Saturday meetings.

**Potential New Members:** Two potential new members attended the meeting: brothers Kevin and Keith Dawson. Keith works for Aabra Auto Body and always wanted to learn to fly. Kevin has been at Oshkosh for 15 years and knows it inside and out. He likes to sky dive and has done it 15 times. Kevin and Keith were both at the Maple Lake fly-in and filled out a chapter Membership Application Form.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Kyle Weatherly, seconded by Henry Williams, and approved at 7:49 pm.

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