

Minutes
WNC Pilots Association Board Meeting
5 February 2019
Lacy Griffin Building – KAVL

I. Call to order: 7:02 p.m.

Board members present:

President:	Dave Bolser
Immediate Past President:	Tim Anderson
Vice President:	Skip Capone
Secretary:	Tim Fox
Treasurer:	Michael Wheeler
Programs:	Mike Doornbos
Web Site Administrator	Bill Whitehead
Directors:	Gil Carlson, Fred Cassel, Elizabeth Henry, Malena Modirzadeh

II. Reports

A. Secretary's Report: (Tim Fox) The minutes of the January Board meeting were approved as submitted.

B. Treasurer's Report: (Mike Wheeler) The Association has a bank balance of \$9,854.95. Included in that amount is the \$100 check to the Air Museum for the yearly ad in their newsletter which the Air Museum hasn't cashed at this time, \$2,158.46 in membership dues, \$160.52 income from food at the general meeting, and \$143.58 spent for food for the general meeting and \$385.75 spent for shirts, hats and jackets. The fee that PayPal charges is 4.12% of each transaction. Dave stated that he had received a check from Jim Tyson for \$600.00. He had mailed it on 18 November and Dave just received it today (5 Feb 2019). Jim asked that the donation go into the Association's general fund for the Association to use to the benefit of the members. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. It was discussed that the Association's Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance policy will be due for renewal in early March. Because the D&O Insurance policy renewal will be due before the next scheduled Board meeting (5 March) and to avoid any late fee penalty a motion was proposed that the Board approve up to \$750 for the Treasurer to pay the D&O policy renewal fee when it becomes due. The motion was seconded, and the vote of the Board members present was unanimous. Tim wanted to ensure that the Association submits the IRS Form 990 to the IRS for our 501.C4 status which allows for donors to the education fund to receive the charitable donation tax deduction.

B. Committee Reports:

a) Membership: (Jeff Moore) Jeff has received 75 membership renewals to date.

b) Programs: (Michael Doornbos) Mike has four programs in the works for our general meetings. For February Mike plans on giving a presentation on the Red Bird TD2 Flight Simulator and Logging Instrument Approaches. Mike has a commitment from the local National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). They would like to present a program on NOAA and what services they offer aviation. April will be a presentation on Powered Parachutes. Fred Cassel offered to make a presentation on Transporting Pre-mature Infants Internationally. Albert Navarro, of the AVL TRACON, offered to give a presentation on what it takes to become an Air Traffic Controller.

c) Fly-Outs: (Tim Fox) The fly-out destination for February (23 Feb) will be KHKY with lunch at the Crosswind Café.

d) Educational Foundation Report: No Report

C. New Business:

a) Tim stated that the Association's Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance policy will be due for renewal by the current policy expiration date of 2 March 2019. Because the D&O Insurance policy renewal will be due before the next scheduled Board meeting (5 March) and to avoid any late fee penalty. A motion was proposed

that the Board approve up to \$750 for the Treasurer to pay the D&O policy renewal fee when it becomes due. The motion was seconded, and the vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

b) Tim wanted to ensure that the Association submits the IRS Form 990 to the IRS for our 501.C4 Non-Profit status so that the Association does not have to pay taxes. It is an electronic submission, Tim Anderson will submit the form to the IRS.

c) Tim offered that Tom Freeman of the NCDOT Division of Aviation will sponsor an AOPA Air Safety Institute seminar titled “Peaks to Pavement – Applying lesson from the backcountry”. Tom has asked to use the AB Tech Asheville Campus Magnolia Hospitality Education Center. The event is Tuesday 12 March from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Tim asked if the Board would like to sponsor the event with snacks and promotional items to be used as door prizes. The Board agreed to support, as a co-sponsor, the NC-DOT sponsored AOPA-ASI seminar on 12 March.

d) Tim stated that we need to get Bill Whitehead listed as the web site administrator or “gate keeper” of the Yahoo Group. It may mean setting up a new Yahoo Group with Bill as the administrator. Mike Doornbos suggested switching to “Groups.IO” for group emails. He has experience with groups.io with the local EAA chapter. Groups.io is user friendly and has more capability than yahoo groups. It’s a free service. Bill will get with Mike for more information.

e) Dave discussed the Association’s contribution to the Education Fund. Last year we donated \$5,000 dollars to the fund. This past year we were not able to accomplish our one main fund-raising effort, our Scenic/Leaf flights, primarily due to the airport runway project, pilot and aircraft availability. This year our only source of operational funds are membership dues and the Jim Tyson donation. Our July picnic and the Christmas Party (including the guest speaker) are our recurring major expenses. This is also our 50th year celebration a non-recurring expense. Our historical donation to the Education Fund has been 10%. A motion was proposed that the Association donate \$2,000 to the Education Fund. After some additional discussion the motion was seconded, and the vote of the Board members present was unanimous.

f) The subject of raising the members dues was proposed to increase the Association’s operational budget. Tim suggested that we research other similar organizations (EAA, Spartanburg Pilots Association etc.) and continue the discussion at the next (March) Board meeting. He cautioned about not proposing too large an increase and perhaps increase it incrementally over a couple of years. We need to look at our expenses to find areas where we can save money.

g) Bill Whitehead will call Albert Navarro, the ATC Chief to set up orientation flights for the Air Traffic Controllers.

h) The meal for the February general membership meeting will be the annual Chili Cookoff.

III. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Submitted by Tim Fox, Secretary