

Chief Joseph Flyers Meeting November 10, 2020 – Minutes

Meeting Held at Mike Fleming's Hangar. Yummy pizza had by all. Thank you Doug !!

Present - Phil Sheahan, Caleb Sheahan, Mike Fleming, Brett Hayes, Stratton Sinclair, Ken Good, Doug Hellinger and Teresa Smergut

Discussion on Winter Flying

Local weather conditions in Wallowa County can differ significantly from official forecast, especially in winter. Discussed some local weather indicators for winds aloft, gusty surface winds, wind shear, fast moving snow showers affecting visibility, crosswinds with slick runway surface, etc. Stay proficient at go-arounds and make a conservative go-no go decision before you ever take-off.

Two Alaska bush pilot, one paragliding, one maintainer, and one fighter pilot stories were shared and enjoyed by all!!

Cold weather tips from Ken Good

Cycling the engine heater on and off can be hard on the cylinders as condensation forms, especially if the plane isn't flying often. For now, best option is to keep plane plugged in. Would be good to use a remote internet switch, but the club would have to pay extra for internet in the hangar as we already have it for the trailer. An internet switch would allow pilot to remotely turn on heater from home before heading to airport to fly. Doug will have further discussion with state airport manager as to their ability to foot internet bill for trailer while we equip the hangar. Should the club put a restriction on cold temperature limitation when flying in winter? Make sure you have survival gear when flying in winter, including extra clothing, food, water, headlamp, fire source etc.

Report from Michael Fleming Treasurer - We have decided to pay Cami for transferring, setting up, and organizing finances in QuickBooks. Will provide modest compensation for her work as club bookkeeper. There are discrepancies between the quick book records and the roster that they are working through. Will be contacting each member to straighten out membership details, addresses, emails etc., and determining any outstanding/overdue payments.

Report from Ken Good Maintenance Manager - the plane is 25 hours away from the next 100 hour scheduled maintenance. The secondary seat stops for the plane are here and will be installed during the next 100 hr.

New Business

Fuel Card. Andy will be removing his credit card soon, so there are new procedures for fueling the airplane. Emulating the Ponderosa Flying Club policy, Mike has purchased a coded lock box for keeping a Community Bank issued Chief Joseph Flyers debit card, which will no longer be kept in the airplane. The code is the full N number for the airplane. Lock box will likely be placed immediately adjacent to the fuel pump, and the debit card stays in the lockbox at all times. When traveling out of area pilots will use their own credit card. If a member buys fuel at an airport other than Joseph State, the member uses their own credit card and submits the receipt for reimbursement. In the near future, the BoD will set an upper limit for how much a gallon the club will reimburse. Example: The club sets an upper limit of \$5.50/gallon. Michael buys fuel for \$6.00/gallon in Boise. Michael gets reimbursed for the \$5.50 and the difference is on him.

Board Members. The club is in need of 2 new board members. If interested, contact one of the current club officers. Will try to fill vacancies at January club meeting.

IRS standing. As of now, the club has no standing with the IRS. We are going to apply for a non-profit 501c7 social club status. It is possible that we may have to pay some back fees, however attorney Paige Sully and CPA Susan Gilstrap feel this may not be a significant amount. We will have to amend our bylaws in order to do this. Mike has acquired bylaws from Ponderosa Aero Club in Boise for us to use as an example. A committee of Phil, Brett, Doug and Teresa will review both sets of bylaws and provide a draft of new bylaws. We will meet November 17th at the trailer at 1700.

Club Hangar. The asphalt surrounding the club hangar needs extensive repair. Longer term action item, but looking to get some estimates for options / costs to repair.

The procedure for who rents the bays in our hangar needs to be revised to reflect a prioritized waiting list—first to ask, first on the list, etc. Any new interested parties will be added to a waiting list in order of their request. Further discussion required as to waiting list rules / etiquette...for example, some waiting lists have a fee attached to show intent.

Meeting adjourned 1930. No December meeting. Stay healthy everyone!!!