

Chief Joseph Flyers - Meeting Minutes 23 February 2021

Present: Doug Hellinger, Cynthia Armentrout, Keelan McBurney, Michael Fleming, Dan Niezen, Phil Sheehan and Teresa Smergut.

Aviation Topic - Doug shared the FAA Safety Website, www.faasafety.gov, which offers many courses for the WINGS program, including a good option to prepare for the ground portion of your biennial flight review (course ALC-25).

Officer Reports

President

The Board of Directors has updated the bylaws in order to: **1)** include required language for applying to IRS for nonprofit status; **2)** clarify membership privileges; and **3)** standardize club flight operations.

Vice President

Has had some interest in new memberships. Will follow up on. The updated roster has a yellow square to identify folks interested in selling their membership. VP will maintain a membership waiting list.

Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

1) Books - have been organized through Quickbooks with Kami and now we have a standardized billing.

2) Non-profit/IRS - Working with Susan Gilstrap for next steps. To date, we have never been registered as a non-profit with the IRS. Susan will look over bylaws language to make sure we are in line with the IRS. Researching tax filing for 2020.

3) Insurance - At this point we have no liability insurance on the hangar. Oregon state law requires that we have proof of liability on the hangar when we renew the lease. Michael is looking into the insurance policy. Michael presented the budget spreadsheet on income/profit/expenditures. Still working on balancing these along with assuring we have the savings for expenses such as overhauling engine and other expenditures.

Maintenance Report

Doug. The plane hasn't been flown a lot this winter. There are 13 hours left until the next 50-hour inspection. The engine heater is to be left plugged in.

New Discussion

Cynthia Armentrout has been elected as a board member to fill Toby Koehn's vacancy. (Thank you Cynthia).

The proposed amendments to the bylaws were approved (proposed by Doug, seconded by Mike), including the changes in categories of members and associated fees, approval of applicants, and the Standard Operating Rules.

Hourly flight rate will remain \$80/hr wet for 2021. Dues will be raised from \$117 to \$120 per quarter for the next couple years until mortgages paid off.

The members present discussed ways to participate in the annual Fly In. In the past the club had an

educational exhibit for youth at the hangar where they could participate with a prize of an hour-long flight. If you have ideas for including youth and inspiring interest in flying, please let the board know.

The club is considering holding a ground school for student pilots if there is enough interest, or at least an organized study session for Q&A with an instructor. Please contact Doug if interested.

The SIM at the Joseph Charter School will be available for use by club members again after the school lifts COVID restrictions, hopefully in the near future. More information to come on how to schedule a SIM.

The club owned flight sim in the clubhouse appears to not be functioning. Redbird will charge \$100/hr to remote in and troubleshoot. Plan is to NOT pursue that at this time. If you have any experience with or knowledge of that sim, please contact us.

Action Items from the meeting include:

Reach out to Student Pilots and instructors for interest in holding a private pilot ground school

Involvement in annual Fly-In

Signing/posting new Chief Joseph Flyers By-laws and Addenda.

IRS and Insurance resolution

**** The next club event will be a BBQ/meeting in May at the Joseph airport. Details to follow.**