

Chief Joseph Flyers  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2022

**Attendees:** Cynthia Armentrout, J.D. Clay, Michael Fleming, Ken Good, Ben Haddock, Doug Hellinger, Josh Kissinger, Dan Niezen, Lou Perry, Lexi Rindfleisch, Luke Royes, Evan Sams, Caleb Sheahan, Phil Sheahan, Stratton Sinclair, Teresa Smergut.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Hellinger at 1745. Introductions were made. Lexi Rindfleisch is the new teacher for the Joseph Charter School and in charge of the flight program. She shared updates on the status of the SIM. It had no service plan so they had to have it recertified which was quite costly. The goal is to have it pay for itself through use. At this time, if a member wants to use the SIM please coordinate through Doug.

### **Officer Reports**

**President** Doug Hellinger – Doug shared several handouts including

- Accomplishments by the Board of Directors during the 2020-2022 Term
- A spreadsheet displaying fixed expenses by the club and hourly rate/quarterly dues calculations. He noted that the dues and hourly rate are short of what is needed to cover current costs, however several mortgages that the club is responsible for will be paid off within a couple years. At that time costs will balance out and planning for use of additional income will be initiated.
- Officer Duties Information to help with officer transitions.
- Aviation discussion featuring an article addressing angle of attack.

**Vice President** Dan Neizen – No report

**Secretary** Teresa Smergut – No report

**Treasurer** Michael Fleming – Mike referred to several spreadsheets he prepared including a statement of revenue and expenses for calendar year 2021 and a current balance sheet.

**Ken Good** (aircraft maintenance) – The 172 is running well. The cylinders are good. There are 35 hours left until the next 50 hour check.

### **Old Business**

#### **Member Survey Results**

Fourteen surveys were returned which is approximately 50% of the total club membership. Doug shared the survey results and discussed ways in which the board will look to improve club operation based on the feedback, to include holding club functions on Saturdays. Also, the backcountry committee will reconvene to update club operating rules consistent with member desires.

#### **Update IRS Status**

Action to rectify standing with the IRS was voted on by the board. Upon obtaining legal and financial advice, next steps are to reincorporate as a new Oregon non-profit, transfer current assets, apply for valid taxpayer ID, and file appropriate forms for federal tax-exempt status. Doug and Mike will assist the new officers/board in seeing this process through.

### **New Business**

Joseph Airport Fuel Tank

There have been some reports that there may be water in the Joseph Airport fuel tank. JD Clay suspects the tank is not being properly taken care of. It is unknown what the ODA regulations are for this tank. He says if there is no policy, ODA needs to develop one to ensure that proper inspections of the tank occur. Although the tank was inspected on February 25<sup>th</sup>, JD has a genuine concern for the folks using this fuel, and expresses that until the issue is resolved, folks should check fuel through the sump before any flight.

#### 172 Club Airplane Reserve Fuel Tank

The extra fuel tank on the airplane has not been used for quite some time. Lou Perry states that he doesn't remember the tank ever being used through the years and would be hazardous if someone filled it. A motion was made by Lou Perry to disable this tank. Motion seconded by JD Clay. The motion passed and this will be taken care of by Ken Good.

#### Club Officer Elections for 2022-2024 Term

##### **President**

###### Nominations

Lou Perry nominated Josh Kissinger - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Hellinger  
Doug nominated Stratton Sinclair - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa Smergut

###### Outcome

**Josh Kissinger**

##### **Vice President**

Lou nominated Stratton Sinclair- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Niezen  
Teresa nominated Lou - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug

**Stratton Sinclair**

##### **Treasurer**

Teresa nominated Doug - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia Armentrout  
Lou nominated Caleb Sheahan - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan

**Caleb Sheahan**

##### **Secretary**

Ran unopposed (didn't catch nomination and 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
May have been Lou

**Teresa Smergut**

##### **Board of Directors at Large**

Doug nominated Ben Haddock - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Fleming  
Lou nominated Phil - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael  
Doug nominated Evan Sams - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike  
Teresa nominated Doug - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou  
Dan nominated Ken - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug

**Ken Good, Doug Hellinger, Evan Sams**

The transition of new officers and board of directors will occur on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> wherein all former and new officers and board members will be present. Next club event will be sometime this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 1945.

\*\*If you would like a copy of any of the documents shared at the meeting, please contact Doug.