Board Meeting 9/28/26

Date: September 28, 2026
Meeting Called to Order: 6:12 PM
Meeting Adjourned: 7:08 PM

1. Attendance

Members Present: Rich, Ben, Anna, Astrid, Spencer (via phone), and Jon (arrived late)
Guests: Mike Weeden and Gabe Waller

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Astrid and seconded by Matt to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided the following financial updates:

- The MAAC event generated approximately $16,000 in gross profit, with approximately $9,050 in reported profit.
- The check from the Oshkosh breakfast was deposited earlier in September.
- The check issued to Cottonwood has cleared.

Motion: Anna moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, with Astrid seconding.

4. Announcements, Reminders, and Upcoming Events

The following activities and events were announced:

- **Saturday Workday:** Scheduled for the upcoming Saturday.
- **Cottonwood Fly-In:** Saturday afternoon.
- **Abel Island:** Sunday, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM.
- **Orchard Landing Vintage Wings & Wheels:** Upcoming event.

5. Old Business

MAAC Event Recap

- Overall ordering and event preparations went well.
- For future events, an additional bucket of potato salad should be ordered to ensure sufficient quantities.

Hangar 5 Improvements

- Showers have been installed and are fully functional.
- Drywall installation on the ceiling is planned.
- Plaster work is expected to be completed before spring.

Scholarship Committee

- Katie is no longer participating in the scholarship program.

- Nathaniel has successfully completed his first solo flight and continues working toward additional solo flight requirements and his written examination.
- The committee will begin preparing next year's scholarship application process.
- Plans include applying for two scholarships for the upcoming year.

Young Eagles (YE)

- Additional Young Eagles event dates will be considered for next year.
- Future events should be scheduled independently of pancake breakfast dates to avoid overlapping activities.

VMC Club

- Six individuals attended this month's VMC meeting.
- Attendance was considered a good turnout.

Potential Ground School

- Astrid expressed a preference to postpone the next ground school until summer 2027.
- She is willing to provide the existing course materials if another individual would like to coordinate and instruct the program.
- Gabe indicated he would consider taking on the program.

Refrigeration and Electrical Improvements

- The freezer performed very well during the recent event.
- Purchasing an additional refrigerator may be considered in the future.
- Sale prices for suitable units have been observed as low as approximately $2,200.
- Spencer's father will evaluate the electrical wiring in the clubhouse building.

Pietenpol Club

- No new updates were reported, and the project remains on hold.
- The club requested permission to continue storing the aircraft in the clubhouse hangar through the winter until the engine can be replaced.
- **Decision:** The Board approved continued winter storage.

Summer Aviation Camp Committee

- Members discussed establishing a weeklong aviation summer camp in 2027.
- The proposed camp would introduce children to aviation through educational and hands-on experiences.
- A committee will explore planning and implementation.

Volunteer Appreciation Fund

- Recognition of Mark and Mary J. was noted.
- Both individuals were absent, so no further action was taken.

6. New Business

Annual Budget

- Budget discussions were deferred until the October meeting.

Calendar and Workday Planning

- Members were asked to review the proposed calendar and provide feedback to Rich by the end of the week.
- Rescheduling the winter workday was discussed.

- The November workday may remain on a Saturday.

2027 Membership Renewal Packets

- Membership renewal packets for 2027 will be assembled during the November meeting.

Next Gathering

- The next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday.
- The guest speaker will discuss the invention of the aerotow at Ha-Rail Airport.
- Remaining hot dogs and bratwursts from MAAC will be used for the meal.

Board of Directors Elections

- Four Board positions will be open for election.
- Gabe expressed interest in potentially serving and will consider running.

November Chili Fly-In

- Planning has begun for the November Chili Fly-In.
- Additional volunteers will be needed to support the event.
- Meat will need to be purchased.
- Mike offered to prepare chicken chili.

Club Merchandise

- A significant number of older club shirts were sold.
- Discussion included the availability of new club shirts.

Upcoming Workday Projects

- Jon will provide lumber for repairs to the awning.
- Wood splitting was identified as another workday project.

Shower Recognition Sign

- Rich proposed installing a recognition sign near the new showers to acknowledge Matt DeLong and his family, along with MAAC, for their contributions.
- **Motion:** Rich moved to approve installation of the recognition sign. Jon seconded the motion.

7. Next Meeting

Date: October 26, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

8. Adjournment

Jon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Astrid.
Meeting Adjourned: 7:08 PM