



Illinois Pilots Association
Minutes of Monthly State Board of Directors Meeting
Coles County Airport, Mattoon, IL (MTO)
Sept. 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 13:18 in the Central Illinois Air FOB's training room by President Claxon after everyone attending enjoyed lunch at the Airport Steakhouse. Present were Dave Claxon, John Salz, Brian Borecky, John McConnochie, Rufus A. Hunt Jr., Robert Frantz and Paul Zerkel.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Aug. 2009 BOD Meeting at Lansing approved after 2 corrections. Rufus stated that the Aviation's Pioneer Colorful Women was actually founded in 1932 by Cornelius Robinson Coffey and Johnny Robinson as a Chicago organization. It was later recognized (not created) as such by an act of Congress. The SPI meeting was a regular meeting, not a hanger party as stated. Bob F. move, John S. 2nd. Motion passed.

Presidents Report: Dave said postcards had been mailed out to John Salz for members to send him their email address corrections. Several have been received, but we are still analyzing the feedback.

Treasurer Report: Bob found a discrepancy between his figures and the last bank statement. The statement was \$48 short of his balance. He thinks he knows what happened but will need to confirm his theory with the bank. No final report was distributed but a draft was. Brian B., moved to accept the draft report, Rufus 2nd. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Secretary Ken Hermach not present, no report given.

Committee Reports

Airports: Rufus discussed the Gary IN airport FBO giving the pilots and EAA members flying Young Eagles a very hard time during their last Young Eagles flights. May 1, 2010 is the date for America's Colorful Women meeting.

Springfield's Chad Jennings (who is not officially an IPA member, but his parents are and he grew up an IPA family member) is currently in ATC training with the FAA in Oklahoma City. He is scheduled to start work in the SPI tower about Oct 1st. SPI was granted TARP funds for major taxiway improvements.

The Champaign EAA Chapter hosted the Ford Tri-Motor at Frasca Field. The weather was perfect and the plane flew a lot!

Annual Meeting: It has been confirmed with Tom Cleveland for May 15, 2010 at DeKalb, IL again. We had such great support from Tom, his entire staff and DeKalb community.

Archivist Report: Not present – no report.

Membership: John S. is collecting and updating the data base. More applications and renewals were received this month.

Political Tracking: No report.

Scholarship: Bob reported for Ruth who was unable to attend. He reported that we would like to increase the scholarship to \$1,000. We felt that only \$500 was not enough to really help a young person due to the high costs of anything related to an aviation career. Paul moved that we increase the scholarship to \$750 this year because we should be able to afford that much right now with the decrease costs of not having to pay for America's Flyways. We could re-evaluate the amount again for 2011 after we can ensure we could support the \$1,000 amount for 2011 and beyond. Motion passed.

USPA: Bob said the next USPA meeting will be in Lawton, OK. There will be a tour of the Air Force Base and museum. A firm date was not yet set, but it should be sometime in Oct. or Nov.

The USPA annual meeting will be in May in Branson. No firm date for that either, but not May 15th. Bob felt that the USPA, which is currently going through some rough times, will survive after most of the State organizations "fall out" is completed.

It was also voted on by the board to replace Brian Borecky with John McConnochie as one of our Directors at the USPA meetings. The 5 USPA directors from IPA are now Bob, Ruth, Ken, Rufus and John.

Webmaster: Paul reported that he has a new calendar in place and we saw it demonstrated on-line. Each Chapter president can now update the state web-site calendar as needed. For the password, email Paul. He will update the Scholarship link and change the amount from \$500 to \$750 for 2010 award.

Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame: Brian Borecky said the IPA nominated Tom Cleveland for induction into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. As a group, we need to send letters to Joan Kerwin supporting his nomination. Bob Franz said he will accept letters from the members and pass them on to Joan. Bob will ask Ruth to email the information to Dave.

Old Business: Brian Borecky suggested we check the by-laws regarding the postage for mailing the state newsletter to make sure we can "pass" the cost of doing so to the chapters. After reviewing the by-laws, it was found that the by-laws do not specifically require US Mail of the newsletter to each IPA member, so we can effectively (and still abide by the by-laws) e-mail the state newsletter and post it on the web site. The by-laws only stay that we "communicate" with the members.

Bob Reynolds said that he recalled that Wayne had offered to write the newsletter. Discussion around this issue resulted in the idea of passing the responsibility around to each chapter (not necessarily any one particular person within the chapter, but let the chapter delegate who) to write and contribute to the state newsletter. Dave will ask each Chapter President to find someone from their chapter to do so. This way, it will only be a once or twice a year job for any one person. Paul said he would be willing to "assemble" any articles submitted by the chapters.

Next Meetings: Oct. 17, 2009 at Byerly Aviation, Peoria, IL. (PIA)
Nov. 21, 2009 at Decatur Airport, Decatur, IL. (DEC)
Dec. 19, 2009 at Prairie Air Musuem, Bloomington, IL. (BMI)

Adjournment: Motion by John S., seconded by Bob R. at 14:54. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by John Salz