



MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2008

Northern Onondaga Public Library

North Syracuse, NY

ATTENDANCE: 7 Members and 2 Guests - K. Walsh, J. Ambrose, R. Griffith, T. Forleo, M. Banac, H. Higuchi, Lou Reid. Guests – S. Mahamooth, M. Saccone.

SAFETY BRIEF: Jim Ambrose offered a program on runway incursions, and rules of the road at both towered and non-towered airfields. He also discussed the importance of sterile cockpits. There was a lot of discussion on the topic – thanks Jim.

Meeting opened at 1905 by K. Walsh. Introductions were made. Guests were welcomed.

The minutes of the July Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved. Moved to accept by M. Banac, 2nd by J. Ambrose.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Eric Austin is unavailable this evening. Kevin Walsh touched on the following topics:

- 98V Prop Incident – closed as was documented in the report distributed to everyone.
- 5MC open issues – discussed the equipment upgrades, and we will follow up on getting prices. Transponder – we got a quote from Bosharts for a Garmin unit – about \$2400. There have been no recent reports of intermittent operation, we'll watch it and make a decision as necessary. At the FWF, the additional cooling tube was installed, so that may help as well.
- Dick Griffiths resignation from board and officer roles – thank you for all you've done in the past 2 ½ years. You have been a great driver for some of the recent changes and improvements.
 - o Tom Forleo has agreed to take on the Membership Chair – thank you Tom.
 - o Doug Anderson volunteered to be a Plane Captain. He will work with Jim Mostrom to learn the ropes. Thanks Doug.
 - o Jeff Kleinwaks has agreed to fill out Dick's term on the Board – thanks Jeff.
- Chief CFI – Jim Ambrose resigned from this role for several reasons, including a request to reassess how to accomplish the original goals. There was a discussion at the Board meeting and we will look to perhaps migrate to a Training advisor role, or something like that. More to follow.

- There was a request about limitations of where Club aircraft can land - Michaels and Skaneateles. There was also a question about the Skylane landing on turf fields. K. Walsh agreed to go back and look at previous Board meeting minutes – it was unclear whether the Board had already ruled on that topic.
- M. Banac asked about the Board discussion regarding a possible merger or buy-out of another club. The Board was approached by a member of a club, and asked if we might be interested. The Board decided that our Club was not interested in this groups' aircraft, but that we would certainly offer membership to pilots in the other club. The Board responded to the pilot who raised the issue and this is closed unless there is a further inquiry.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See attached report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Current Membership: 31 Active

Recent Activity: 1 new member

Leads: Both guests here this evening are interested, and Tom will follow up.

PLANE CAPTAIN REPORTS:

Jim Mostrom was not available this evening. He reported by phone that the maintenance was current for both aircraft. 98V is flying well, with no problems reported. The torn plastic on the throttle quadrant was replaced, and the landing light was replaced. 5MC is just out of its' FWF with no problems reported. The cylinder compressions were OK – with 3 in the lower 60's. Something to watch as this engine approaches TBO.

Maintenance Contact

Jim Mostrom 441-3264 (pager)

While Doug Anderson is working with Jim to pick up Plane Captain responsibilities, please contact Jim Mostrom as the acting Plane Captain for both aircraft.

OLD BUSINESS:

August Membership Meeting – was a picnic at Onondaga Lake Park, attended by about 24 people. Nice turnout.

Insurance review – Jeff Kleinwaks talked to the insurance company about the item raised by Jim Mignogna, and found that it was only available to individuals, not groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

By-Law changes- Kevin Walsh distributed by e-mail the current revised By-Laws to everyone. The Board had a discussion about a couple of proposed changes – we ran out of time at the meeting, so there will be more next month.

Teri Elia will be getting a brochure out for the 'Fall/Winter Apparel' line. She will have details soon.

Eric is going to set up an airplane cleaning day, probably early in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Walsh
Vice President/Secretary