



Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2006

ExecAir, Syracuse, New York

In attendance – 10 members, and 1 guest

Don Hazelmyer opened the meeting at 19:15 hours, introductions were made.

The Minutes of the March, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report

Elections for open positions on the Board – the result of the elections were as follows:

Eric Austin received the most votes, followed by Kevin Walsh, and then followed by Dick Griffith. Eric and Kevin will be full Board members, and Dick will occupy the Alternate position. The balance of the Board is made up of Don Hazelmyer, Jim Mignogna and Jim Mostrom.

The Board then selected the following officers:

President	Eric Austin
Vice-President	Kevin Walsh
Treasurer	Jim Mignogna
Secretary	Jim Mostrom
Chairman	Don Hazelmyer

Jim Ambrose suggested that the minutes record the consensus of those present that Don Hazelmyer should be complimented for his six years service in leadership roles for the Syracuse Flying Club, and his resolution to keep it flying through some recent tough times. Thanks Don.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mignogna was not present, but Don presented the following:

Current Bank Balance:	\$ 13,938.71
Accounts Receivable:	\$ 6,796.04

Recent expenses include \$8,700 deposit for the engine for 98V.

Membership Report

Current Membership – 34 Active members, 1 Family. There are 8 Associate members, and 3 potential new members, one in attendance tonight.

Plane Captain Reports

N6320C – Eric Austin Recent failure of the alternator came only a week after Landmark found a bad starter and electric fuel pump. All three were replaced. In addition, there was a recent problem with the

control cable for the prop governor control. This was repaired along with some of the baffling around the engine and the oil was changed. The Arrow is in good flying shape.

Eric also obtained three estimates for painting the repaired exterior panels from The Flight School, Exec Air, and Jeff Dufflo. It was recommended that the work be done by Exec Air after the Warrior is back on the ramp.

Finally, Ed Eagen has looked into getting the planes back in a hangar. It looks like we should be able to get them inside one of the Exec Air hangars, possibly by May 1st. More to follow.

N8198V – Jim Mostrom Don Hazelmyer reported for Jim Mostrom that we are waiting for the factory rebuilt engine. It is expected during the week of April 17th. Landmark is ready for it and should turn it around fairly quickly. In addition, they found some problems with the oil cooler and they will be rectified in conjunction with the engine replacement. There was also a discussion about upgrading the #1 radio. It was decided that we would look into that and Kevin Walsh agreed to talk to two radio shops about obtaining a used radio. More to follow.

Old Business

Eric Austin reported on his research into new insurance coverage. The best deal was from Avemco with a quote of \$8,363.00 (\$3,006 for 98V and \$5,357 for 20C). These quotes represent the same coverage as with the current carrier. It was approved to change to the new carrier effective May 1, 2006. It was also approved to move to quarterly payments which carry a one-time surcharge of \$25 . This represents a savings of about \$6,400 per year.

New Business

Eric Austin offered the following proposal:

Sell 20C and purchase an airplane that meets the member requirements as determined in the Member Survey completed in January. Specifically, Eric suggested that a Piper Dakota would meet this need. There was a lot of discussion on this topic, primarily on whether a Dakota was the right airplane, and what the financial impacts would be.

The discussion of the costs led to the formation of a Finance Committee to work up a financial model for the club. Kevin Walsh, Eric Austin, Mark Runnels, Ken Craig, and Ed Rodriguez all agreed to participate in this committee. The basic goals for the committee would be:

- Review the rates for the airplanes, including a projection for what a new airplane would cost
- Create a long-term projection of operational costs for the club

The committee would report back to the board before the May meeting.

Eric also offered a resolution to formally approve the sale of 20C and move to purchase a replacement airplane, cost not to exceed \$150,000. There was unanimous approval.

Eric Austin also nominated Jim Ambrose for the position of Chief Instructor. There was unanimous approval. The duties of this position will include the following:

- Review and recommend changes to the current Standard Operating Procedures for the club aircraft
- Review and endorse other CFI's
- Create Safety Programs and offer them at monthly meetings

Motion to adjourn at 21:20, passed unanimously.

