

Kentucky Pilots Association

Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021

President Randy White opened our regularly scheduled meeting in the old terminal building at 7:02 PM. Randy expressed relief that the Virus was beginning to improve so meetings could be held again.

Terry Weshans gave a brief report on the KPA computer site and plans to improve it.

Randy then recognized Chris Carter, our local Certified Flight Instructor to discuss some relevant flight training issues. Chris began with what he called "Close Calls in the Pattern". Altitude and position awareness are essential for safe operation in the pattern. Remain self aware of your position and intentions at all times. Fatigue is always a major factor as well. Examples of poor pattern practices were offered.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of broadcasting KPA regular meetings on Zoom. Interest from all was well received for this possibility.

Randy continued with an update regarding the Carbon Cub Project, and mentioned the First Flight ceremony for the upcoming Saturday. The Cub will require 2 more hours of test flying before the presentation on Saturday. Bill will have this completed in time. A short discussion continued as to the progress of this year's Carbon Cub project.

David Mattingly provided an update on Samuel's Field 2021 ongoing projects. The new T-Hanger construction is presently in the bidding stage and due to a large demand on local construction firms this Spring the process is moving quite slow. Blue prints of the future terminal building were passed out to everyone. This project excited the members. David also mentioned that the airport site for the new A-WOS system is under serious study and a decision is expected in the near future.

Randy briefly addressed past events such as the Pumpkin Drop and Chili Cook Off and spoke to the success of these events with hopes of continuing them in future activities. All agreed they were conducted in a safe and enjoyable manor.

Randy continued the meeting with a discussion focused on planning activities for the upcoming airport fly-ins and breakfasts. It was announced that April 10 would be the first Breakfast of the season, and a large crowd would be expected. The classic car club would be encouraged to attend and bring their vehicles. Rachael suggested that it may be difficult to accommodate breakfast guests during the construction of the new terminal building, and Randy advised this would need to be addressed. Corey added that the two restrooms in the Bluegrass Aviation lobby would remain available.

Randy continued with a discussion about the upcoming trips to the Bahamas and Key West. Several members indicated they were planning to go to Key West, but the Bahamas trip appeared to be scrubbed. Randy also encouraged interest in the Saint Simons Island trip planned for Memorial Day weekend in May.

Randy turned the discussion to the disappearance of the VORs in and around the Central Kentucky area. Livingston and Bowling Green VORs are already down and the only VOR scheduled to remain in service in the area will be Louisville.

Randy also highlighted potential future activities such as a flying poker run to Columbus and to local airports. We also have the U S P A fly-in scheduled for the mid of August. A dinner is planned and a committee is needed to plan and set up for this event. Randy suggested a pilot/controller forum would be an excellent activity to offer during the meeting. Hotels, activities, transportation, and events all need planning and help, as well as the airport Breakfast during the fly-in. Volunteers are needed to start planning very soon.

David Sutherland introduced Tim Tweet to the flying community. Tim is a new flight instructor to the airport, and he will be helping Chris Carter in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Minutes submitted by: David Sutherland, Secretary