Kentucky Pilots Association

Meeting Minutes – Sept. 9, 2021

Randy White opened the regularly scheduled Kentucky Pilots Association meeting at 7:08 PM.

Randy announced our August meeting was the U S P A Fly-In which worked quite well, and the minutes are up on the web site. David Mattingly reported on all the new developments at the airport. David introduced Tom Vernon as the new Airport Interim Manager, with Max Hagerman as the assistant to operations. Tom and Max are in the process of updating and repairing a lot of items that needed attention. A lot of people have jumped in to help in the process. The old terminal building is scheduled for removal on Sept. 20 with construction of the new terminal to begin immediately. Members were encouraged to help, on Saturday, Sept 18, to move materials from the old terminal to the Civil Air Patrol office. Plans are to use the old Patrol Office as a training center for the youth program. All help and assistance would be appreciated.

Randy next raised the question as to how the New T-Hangers construction was progressing. Tim Filiatreau reported the contractor has not been very responsive to his inquires as to where the project stands. David Mattingly said the progress has been very very slow, even though the references for the company were very favorable. A brief discussion continued as to where gates and parking facilities would be located when the new building was completed. All agreed that the planned second floor observation deck will be a popular attraction to the new terminal.

Randy continued with a brief report that the METARS have been repaired and you should be able to see them on Fore Flight, Flight Aware and other flight planning tools. Randy is planning and installing TV monitors with Flight Data and Weather Updates in the lobby of the FBO. Work is progressing on several projects at the same time. Several TV monitors still need installing. David Mattingly recognized Randy's hard work with setting up and troubleshooting the lobby's great display of aviation information.

Terry Welshans continued with the Treasury report, and Terry started by announcing the recent growth in the KPA membership. Several new members have recently joined including a high school teacher. Terry stated we are now up to 38 members total, with 6 new members joining within the last month. Terry then reported on the results of the recent success of the U S P A fly-in that occurred in August. The Bar-B-Q ended up costing \$992.02 out of the \$350 we allowed. The sponsors contributions of \$600 dollars brought the club total amount back down to \$221.12. Corey Johnson was paid \$150 for the breakfast held at the airport. Curtis Hall contributed some personal cash for gifts that were presented during the event. Sponsor contributes included: Sunshine Aviation \$150; Carpenter Aviation \$250; and Aircraft Interiors \$150. With that amount coming in, we spent a total of \$221.12. Terry continued to summarize the success of the Fly-In event. A lot of work, but everybody had a good time. Terry was unable to report the exact amount of money in the treasury account, but we are close to \$2500 in the bank.

Randy alluded to once we could occupy a more permanent space we will be better suited to do more with our meeting presentations.

Chris's safety session pertained to what you perceive in your mind will normally be what you take away from the experience, whether it is real or believed. Student pilots get their greatest perception of pilots while they are approaching or departing the pattern. The way a pilot flies the patterns says a lot about his/her aviation aptitude. Chris encouraged everyone to use standard pattern procedures to avoid serious issues with congested airspace. Students are always watching, listening, and learning.

Randy requested an update on the Carbon Cub Project and the status of the student pilots in training. Tom Vernon reported 6 students are actively flying and 5 students completed their medical exam requirements today. The students are reportedly very sharp and eager, but Wings is struggling to keep instructors at BRY due to instructors' advancement opportunities. There was a brief discussion as to who is the new Bardstown FAA Medical Examiner. No one seemed to know who or where he/she is.

Randy requested any information about the upcoming Saturday breakfast planned for BRY. The discussion continued with different members offering to contact local FBOs to remind them we were still scheduled to host the fly-in spite of our notice being omitted from several aviation publications. Randy volunteered to contact the state aviation newsletter to be sure we would continue to be included in the airport activities section. Other members suggested an ad in the local newspaper and others volunteered to post notices on Facebook and other aviation sites.

Randy announced the upcoming IMC club meeting in two weeks at Bowman Field at 7:00 PM. If anyone is planning on flying in, Randy will arrange to have the gate open.

Tom Vernon thanked everyone who has jumped in and helped with the transition from Bluegrass Aviation over to the new Bardstown/Nelson County Airport FBO. David Mattingly, Tom Vernon, John Hagerman, Max Hagerman and several others were great in making the change happen.

Tom Vernon reviewed several duties members could assist with to make the Saturday morning events safe and successful.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Prepared by David Sutherland, Secretary