

Kentucky Pilots Association

Meeting Minutes – Jan. 13, 2022

Randy White opened the regularly scheduled Kentucky Pilots Association meeting at 7:09 PM.

Randy open the meeting with an expressed concern that some minor issue in the Minutes from the past December meeting was not correct, but he could not recall the item in question at this time.

Randy announced that Curtis Hall was under the weather and that Curtis was unable to proceed with plans to prepare several new and different items for the Spring fly-ins that will resume in April.

Randy noted the grill covers were not remaining clean, and would need some attention before the first breakfast of the season. He plans to order new covers for the equipment right away.

Randy announced Jere Roche's nephew has received his Private Pilot's License. Rob Dicus announced he had received his physical exam for his 3rd class medical, but due to some minor issues the results would require further examination by the FAA. Several members offered advice on ways to be assured the data was properly sent and tracked.

Terry Welshans continued with the organization's treasurer's report. Total funds in the bank are \$3815.65, with \$249.28 added from Pay Pal, and \$50.00 recently received in dues. A total of \$527.22 was spent on the December Christmas Party. Dusty has spent a lot of money in an effort to restore our organization to full compliance with the state's guide lines. Due to past management oversights, the organization is in very poor standing. The education foundation was also delinquent due to the timely filing of required documents. Randy is now taking over much of the responsibilities that were previously over looked. At present we are waiting on the state to return us to a good standing status, and then we can proceed. Randy's goal is to help Dusty and get more members involved in the process.

Randy moved the meeting's attention to the development occurring in the big hanger. The new ceiling fan has been hung and the new LED lighting is being installed, which all agreed is a much improvement over the previous lighting system.

Randy continued by informing the group that Jeff Smith a Co Representative of RAF (Recreational Aircraft Foundation) which has close ties to Red Bird (an aircraft simulator company) was still in talks to arrange a flight simulator be make available to the education foundation here in Bardstown. Full motion simulators would enhance flight training greatly. Randy recommended funds from KPA be used to install windows in the new training facility to enhance the usefulness of the space.

Discussion turned to the new terminal building. The upstairs space is wide open which will allow space for multi-uses. Many members of the KPA have volunteered their time and energy to help pull cables to speed the construction efforts along. Randy figured the airport saved a couple thousand dollars with the volunteer effort put forth by the KPA members.

Terry Welshans informed the club that current airport data showed an extreme low number of aircraft are housed at BRY and utilizing the facility daily. The record showed us having only nine (9) planes based here. Terry informed the group this has been corrected to reflect 35 aircraft. By making this change, this will bump our airport ability to access state and federal money for improvements from \$150,000 and year up to more than \$175,000 or more a year. This will go a long way toward increasing our airport's ability to draw money and resources from state and federal holdings. This realignment will place us in a much better spot to bid and receive larger funding for projects. Terry Welshans informed the organization that with more accurate reporting to BRY's activity, the airport would be in line for more funding from both the State of Kentucky and the Federal Aviation Admin. Randy, Terry and the entire organization acknowledged and appreciated the great effort the Airport Board was doing to improve the Bardstown Airport facility. Job well done! Terry announced due to Dean Watts' retiring from the County Judge Executive position, new County interest will be involved in the future of the facility.

Randy continued with a discussion regarding a recent Airworthiness Bulletin regarding failed flap extend cables. The issue effects mostly larger Cessna aircraft, but small size planes are not excluded. Special attention to the pulley is the main issue to be examined. Randy suggested removing inspection ports with the use of a flashlight and mirror to perform a quick exam of your cables and pulleys. In addition Tom Carter recommended the use of a nylon stocking to test cables for fraying or breakage.

Randy recalled a work related story where he relieved another controller one evening and with careful guidance, the distressed aircraft was diverted from a very difficult IFR approach into Bardstown, to a safe landing at SDF. The plane was experiencing engine trouble as well as very low fuel levels. The flight landed safely after Randy was able to reconfigure his approach to accommodate his high altitude issue. Randy's point for the story was, use all the help available to you at the time such as the ATC or ground support from local FBOs.

Randy adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM

Randy continued the session with a Safety Video regarding "Inadvertent IMC Flight."

Meeting Minutes submitted by: David Sutherland, Secretary