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**MPA Board Meeting
(Following the Retreat)
April 24, 2004
Helena, MT
Jorgenson's**

Call meeting to order: 3:15 p.m.

Present at the seminar and board meeting were: Chuck Manning, President; Geanette Cebulski, Sec./Treas.; Bailey Egan, AOM; Byron Bayers, Dillon Pres.; Mike Ferguson, AOPA; Joe Roberts, Vigilante Secretary and W. Vice-Pres; Gloria Hermanson, Vigilante Pres.; Yoshie Simmons, Webmaster; Lonnie Leslie, Past-Pres.; Art Lindstrom, Heading Bug Editor; Chuck Jarecki, Western Director; Jim Lewis, Eastern Director; John McKenna, RAC Chairman; Dan Prill, Great Falls Pres.

Minutes: March 6, 2004 - Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Reports (YTD April 22, 2004) were passed around earlier for review and approved as presented and discussed.

General Fund	\$ 5,290.43
Junior Pilot Fund	6,222.83
Rec. Airstrip Fund	18,571.91
War Chest	10,029.48
Cash	110.00

Informational Reports:

- **AOPA – Mike Ferguson** – Mike reported from Lanny Hanson, proposed changes in Ft Peck restrictions, east end, Bear Cr. and Duck Cr., for float planes.; April 26 Glasgow, 27 Malta, 29th Glendive. C.D. Markle's property on the lake has an airstrip possibly available for lease or sale. Tribe voted against the proposed Bombing Range, within the Restricted Airspace, within the Hays MOA.

Committee & Appointment Reports:

- **AOM** – Bailey Egan reported income of \$9000. from conference to be divided up. The conference will be in Butte in 2005, Dillon Hangar will help. Conference 2006 in Helena, Colonial Inn. *Written report attached.*

Hall of Fame of older pilots in MT – initiate in 2006.

Sidney air show Sept 11, asking MPA to help with a static display

- **Membership** – We have 577 members to date. Hangars are asked to participate in a membership project to contact pilots from the FAA list to whom we have been mailing out complimentary newsletters for the last two issues. Geanette will sort FAA list by zip code in a radius around the Hangar

- or per their request, mail a list to each Hangar, also address labels if requested. The Hangars could make contact with these pilots and invite them to some Hangar activity. Chuck will call Hangar presidents to inform them of the project.
- **News Letter** – Art Lindstrom - Contacting pilots for stories. Discussed corporate membership for ads, not feasible at this time.
- **Recreational Airstrip** – Dan Prill – Forest Service Travel Planning committee Wilderness, Hikers, Mountain Bikes, Horsemen, Motorized (4-wheelers etc.)
- **State Conference 2004** – Dan Prill - State Conference – It was successful and Great Falls will probably go after it again.

Old business:

- Fort Peck Reservoir – Ice landing incident – Covered above
- Policy & Procedures Manual Proposal – Covered in Planning session (*See attached Planning session notes*)
- Fall Fly-in location – booth – Lewistown or Dillon - Board meeting W/ AOM meeting October 1.
- National Business Aviation Association, Inc. proposal - www.nbaa.org - if no negative aspects - go ahead
- Communication vehicles – Web site & Newsletter (One Editor for both) 1 editor covered above - Board Bailey Egan, Mike Ferguson, Chuck Manning
- State Conference Report – next year concurrent sessions – officer orientation

New business:

- Action on Retreat – A draft of the MPA Policy and Procedure Manual will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting for review.
- Roundup Safety Fly-in – July 24th
- Membership Directory deferred until Oct. 1 meeting


Hangar Reports:

- Great Falls – Wings sessions being held – March 16, and another planned for May 18 and July 20. Poker Run and BBQ June 19th in conjunction with Choteau program. Airstrip Search committee formed to find good airstrips in the Little Belt Mountains. *Written report attached.*
- Colstrip – finishing up projects at Colstrip and Forsythe, dealing w/ a noise complaint

Next MPA Board meeting – October 1 in Helena

Adjourn: 5:00 p.m.


 _____ Date 10/2/04
 Chuck Manning, President


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 Geanette Cebulski, Sec./Treas.



PRESENT: Tom Wrobel, EAA Tina Pomeroy, CAP
Linda Marshall, MT 99s Bailey Egan, MPA
Marilyn Lewis, MFF Jack Gillespie, MAAA
Cynthia Schultz, MAMA Wayne Turner, MATA
Larry Ashcraft, MTSPA Debbie Alke, MAD
Chuck Manning, MPA Patty Kautz, MAD

CALL TO ORDER: The March 6, 2004 meeting of the Aviation Organizations of Montana was called to order at 3:00 PM in Great Falls, Montana at the Heritage Inn by President, Tom Wrobel. Wayne Turner moved & Linda Marshall seconded a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion carried. Marilyn Lewis gave the Treasurer's Report, Larry Ashcraft moved & Bailey Egan seconded the motion to accept the report. It carried.

2004 CONFERENCE: There were approximately 580 registered. Wayne Turner noted that there was more room for the mechanics seminars.

2005 CONFERENCE It will be in Butte March 3-5, 2005.

SCHOLARSHIP: Linda Marshall moved that we continue to give a \$500.00 AOM Scholarship. Tina Pomeroy seconded the motion and after some discussion, the motion carried. Linda Marshall was interested in finding a way to get more young people to attend the Conference. Jack Gillespie and Linda will work on this. The 2004 Scholarship was given to Parker Hesper from Wolf Point. He is attending Rocky Mountain College.

2006 CONFERENCE: Bids were read from Helena and Billings to host the 2006 Conference. They will make their presentations at the April meeting.

BILLS: Bills presented were \$15.00 for our corporation fee, \$200.00 for Secretary expenses and \$500.00 for the Scholarship. Wayne Turner moved and Linda Marshall seconded a motion to pay the bills. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: The following two year appointments to the board were made as follows: CAP-Tina Pomeroy; MATA-John Maxness with Wayne Turner as alternate; MTSPA-Larry Ashcraft (unless someone else is elected at their June meeting); MAAA-Jack Gillespie and MT99s-Linda Marshall.

ELECTIONS: Tom Wrobel nominated Linda Marshall for President, Jack Gillespie moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Linda and it carried. Tina Pomeroy nominated Larry Ashcraft for vice-president. Wayne Turner moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Larry and it carried. Marilyn Lewis was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was announced that there is a proposal to prevent seaplanes from landing on the Missouri River from 3 miles below Fort Benton to the Fred Robinson bridge. This will be followed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be in Helena, Montana at the Aeronautics Division at 11 AM on April 24, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Lewis, Secretary

All--

Getting a Butte Hanger cranked up is proving difficult. Tom Earhart is our best bet. Tom, Lisle Wood, Dave Fine, and myself, among others will do our best to assist and make the conference a success. In fact Debbie and I talked about Lisle's daughter, who is a very fine musician, and an ex/sometimes member of the Dublin Gulch Irish band as one of the acts. I mentioned to Lisle the other day that he was elected Chairman of the Conference committee by unanimous proclamation, and he suggested summers in southern CA/AZ weren't going to be that bad..... What about expanding the geographic scope of the Dillon hanger to encompass Twin Bridges, Anaconda and Butte so those of us without critical mass can be more active? Just a thought.

The previous paragraph is communication from Dave Gates in Butte concerning the failed attempt at getting a hangar in Butte going again. The latest is the combining the area into the Dillon hangar and changing the name to cover a bigger geographic area. I think it is a great idea and might be a good recommendation to other hangars so they have a big enough member base to support a few different interests.

The following communication is from Byron Bayers, the new hangar president at Dillon, Byron is from Twin Bridges and speaks of making the Dillon Hangar the area hangar with a new name.

Bailey: Sure I remember you and I spoke to you in the hall at the convention but so many people were moving you didnt notice me. The Dillon Hangar is planning on being the host hangar at the Butte conference and we will do what we have to to get it done. We are in the process of trying to include the Butte area pilots in our group and possibly renaming the hangar. But at any rate a lot of the Butte guys will help us with the conference so just yell to us when we need to work on things. We have a good group in the Dillon Hangar, as you know a lot of them. Good to hear from you. Byron

----- Original Message -----

MPA Strategy Planning Retreat

8:00 a.m. April 24, 2004 – Helena, MT

Big Sky Room – Jorgenson's

Present at the seminar were: Chuck Manning, President; Geanette Cebulski, Secretary/Treasurer; Bailey Egan, AOM; Byron Bayers, Dillon Pres.; Mike Ferguson, AOPA; Joe Roberts, Vigilante Secretary and W. Vice-Pres; Gloria Hermanson, Vigilante Pres.; Yoshie Simmons, Webmaster; Lonnie Leslie, Past-Pres.; Art Lindstrom, Heading Bug Editor; Chuck Jarecki, Western Director; Jim Lewis, Eastern Director; John McKenna, RAC Chairman; Dan Prill, Great Falls Pres.

Chuck Manning – opened the meeting with a list of topics to be discussed:

Review 2003 Retreat – agenda, process, out comes, - key points
Pilot/Aircraft Image – “The High Road” – responding to public comment
Membership – tools to increase & retain
Policy & Procedures Manual – develop
Education – develop agenda

Guest Speakers:

Steve Jones – FAA Safety Program Manager spoke to the members regarding the FAA's programs and seminars that we may want to utilize in our safety and education programs. In order to be notified of the dates of safety programs scheduled in Montana, go to www.faa.gov/fsdo/hln and register your email address. There will be a one-day Wings seminar in Red Lodge on June 26. The FAA Safety and Wings Programs are a good resource for MPA seminars.

After lunch, **Dave Galt**, Dept of Transportation stopped in and spoke to the members.

Gloria Hermanson and Chuck Manning facilitated the meeting.

Committees were discussed and formulated:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership (Publications/Honors & Awards)

Legislative – local/state/fed

Education (Safety)/Coordination/Events

(Coordinating education events w/
other organizations and annual conf.)

Airstrips/Airports

Communications

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Nominating

Policy & Procedures

❖ Membership

Chairman – To Be Announced

- Honors & Awards
- Recruitment
- Retention (Renewals)

❖ **Position Statements**

- Board of Director Prior Approval
- Communications/ Education Board

After lunch discussion was held regarding the following:

Website

Agreement to have one editor – Art Lindstrom

Link website news to Art

Send all news to Art

MPA Booth at major aviation events in MT – merchandise

Yoshie spoke about website upgrades – members only section – members are in favor of finding out the costs

Art asked about Hangar Reports in the newsletter, Pilots at Work section.

“Our Town” section on website or Links to Chambers of Commerce in Montana communities.

At 3:15, the Board Meeting was opened.

Great Falls Hangar Report
April 24, 2004

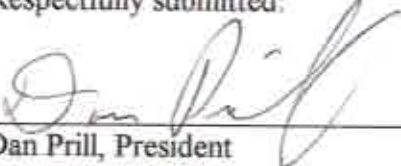
The Great Falls Hangar sponsored a Wings session on March 16th 2004 and has plans to sponsor wings sessions on May 18th and July 20. This will allow pilots lots of opportunity to use the seminars for their biannual flight review. Marv Hessler has coordinated the efforts to sponsor the Wings Sessions. Steve Jones, the Safety Program Manager for the FAA in Helena is the speaker at all the sessions.

Marv Hessler has attended all the SMGCS Committee meetings at the Great Falls International Airport. SMGCS is the Surface Movement and Ground Control System for the new Category III approach to ~~be~~ added to the approaches already available for KGTF.

During the April 20, 2004 meeting ^{be} of the Great Falls Hangar an Airstrip Search Committee was formed. J. C. Kantorowicz will chair the committee. The committee's charge is to find good recreational quality airstrips in the Little Belt Mountains. The committee was formed to help identify airstrips, which may (or maybe not) go into the USFS Travel Plan for the Little Belts.

The Great Falls Hangar is tentatively planning its Annual Poker Run for June 19th. The poker run is planned to coincide with the Choteau Airport fly-in and breakfast. Gary Crowder has donated the use of his new hangar at the airport for a barbeque afterwards. All are invited.

Respectfully submitted:



Dan Prill, President