

MONTANA PILOTS' ASSOCIATION



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Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 11, 2014
Helena, MT – Vetter Aviation Conference Room

Opening: President, Scott Newpower, brought the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Present:

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| 1. Scott Newpower, President | 7. Chuck Jarecki, Western Director |
| 2. Geanette Cebulski, Secretary | 8. Ron Normandeau, Rec Airstrip Chairman |
| 3. Jon Hudson, Immediate Past-Pres. | 9. Chuck Flynn, Nominations Chairman |
| 4. Jim Younkin, Treasurer | 10. Willie Stene, Webmaster |
| 5. Jeanne MacPherson, W. Vice Pres. | 11. Kevin Danz, Vigilante Hangar President |
| 6. Robert Shropshire, E. Director | |

Minutes: Chuck Jarecki moved to approve MPA Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2013 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jarecki moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was presented and discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Fund balances as of December 30, 2013:

General Fund Accounts	\$15,444.20
Junior Pilot Scholarship	5,398.68
Recreational Airstrip Fund	5,983.11
War Chest	10,211.42
Cash	1.49

Standing Committees & Appointments:

AOPA – Chuck Flynn announced that the AOPA Regional Conference will be held August 16, 2014 at Felts Field in Spokane, WA.

MT Aeronautics Board – Loans and Grants allocation meeting January 22, 2014

Membership and Website– Geanette reported 696 members as of December 30. 627 with email, but only 328 have logged into the website Members Only section. Mailed renewals to past 2009 – 2012 members and have received 55 renewals so far (\$1375.00). Geanette mailed the renewals out herself this year instead of sending directly from the printer. Packet contained brochure, Scott's business card, self-addressed return envelope, letter and form. They were in the mail by the end of November and have had good returns showing an increase of \$3100 over last year at the end of December. Discovered that email acknowledgements for contributions can be sent directly from the website now that we have the Reconciliation Report upgrade on the website. We still mail a Donor Receipt for any contribution of \$100 or more per IRS requirements. The Reconciliation Report is useful for reconciling dues, contributions and GA News subscriptions with the QuickBooks financial data.

Website – Willie Stene reported that he has posted historical data for Kalispell City airport on the website. Willie is in the process of creating a new site on the website for individual MPA Hangar information. There is a map of Montana showing the Hangar location, meeting dates and will have the capability for Hangar officers to upload information to the site.

Legislative – Chuck Flynn brought us up to date regarding drones. Montana was not selected as one of the military training sites but there may be plenty of private use going on. By the year 2020, aircraft will be required to have a dash mounted GPS with ADSB which indicates the aircraft position to the drone handler on the ground. For the pilots it is a See and Avoid situation.

Recreational Airstrips - Ron Normandeau announced the next meeting date for the Proposed 2012 Planning Rule Directives to be January 22, 2014 from 4:30 to 9:00 at the Red Lion/Cavanaugh's in Kalispell. Ron suggested more attendance from MPA members and he will continue to post the dates on the MPA website. The meetings are part of the decision making process, not a vote. MPA and RAF are there to discuss/support the need for consideration for more access/airstrips in the Flathead National Forest. Ron presented the Board with a printed hand-out which is on file. Ron stated that an Environmental Assessment was done on Sonderson and Wurtz in the North Fork of the Flathead and the neither the MPA nor the RAF were informed about this process. Current USFS maps show Wurtz and Sonderson as River Access points.

2014 Conference Committee – Scott Newpower announced that during the Friday afternoon Static Display and MPA Hospitality Hour, there will also be buses running to take attendees on a tour of the Billings Control Tower.

Nominations – Chuck Flynn announced that all officer positions, except Eastern Director are again up for election at the upcoming Annual General Membership meeting at the conference. He reminded us that per our Bylaws, members need to vote for only the Vice-Presidents and Directors on their side of the East/West demarcation line. We will also use paper ballots as we have in the past. Chuck will email the members asking for nominations. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

Old Business:

- **Kalispell City Airport** – Will Stene reported that the Kalispell voters voted down the proposal to accept funds from the FAA to make airport improvements. Now the city is obligated for 20 to 25 years to provide the funding for necessary maintenance. The city has replaced Fred Leistko with Jim Pierce, at Red Eagle Aviation as the airport manager.
- **Chuck Jarecki moved to approve payment from the MPA Recreational Airstrip Account for the grant to the Ryan Field Water System of \$5000 that was originally awarded from the MPA ASEF account at the 9-28-13 meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.** Grant guidelines were discussed and attention brought to factors including previously adopted guidelines of named airstrips; previous practices of timeframe to research the applications; previous practices of payments made directly to contractor or merchant providing material or performing the work and/or reimbursement of previously paid invoices; conflicts involved in grants awarded to privately owned airstrips with a restricted designation on charts and no FAA identifier or listing in directories; and privately owned airstrips designated on charts as public use, with an FAA identifier and a listing in the directories. The Board decision at this time is to consider each request on a case-by-case basis. No motion was made.
- **Meadow Creek Airstrip grazing** – Letters have been sent to Deb Mucklow at Spotter Bear Ranger district from the MPA and also from Jim Pierce at Red Eagle Aviation in Kalispell. The grazing was on an experimental basis and we will follow up on this in a private meeting with Deb in the future if necessary. It was felt that it would be best to have the meeting in Deb's office. Point was raised that MPA spends a lot of time and money to maintain the airstrip and should be consulted on management changes. MPA could mow the strip.
- **MDT Aeronautical Chart** – Chuck Jarecki and Scott Newpower attended a meeting with Aeronautics regarding the letter MPA sent to MDT expressing concerns for closed Bob Marshall strips which were removed from the latest chart. Another chart will not be printed for 4 years.
- **Commercial Website Policy** – The board again discussed the policy in regards to an ad placed on our website Calendar of Events from a private enterprise that we noticed today. *Jim Younkin moved to include the wording "Non-Commercial Use Only" at the top of the page on the website Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

- **HR3708 (Pilot Medicals)** – Pilots may wish to write to Senator Jon Tester requesting that he approve the bill to do away with pilot medical requirements for aircraft with 6 or less seats, under 6000 lbs., and operated VFR under 14,000 ft.
- **Idaho Aviation Trade Show** – MPA will participate again this year. Jon Hudson in charge.
- **Gun Raffle** – Jon Hudson has suggested holding a gun raffle at the MT Aviation Conference. ***Chuck Jarecki moved to have Jon Hudson purchase a Mossberg 500JIC Tactical, Pump Action Shotgun at approximately \$400. 200 tickets will be printed and sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25 with the winner to be drawn at the Saturday luncheon. Proceeds will be split between the MPA and MPA ASEF scholarships. Motion Carried Unanimously.***
- **Missouri Breaks Litigation** – Chuck Jarecki reported that the 9th Circuit Court has approved the request from the Plaintiffs for a Class III archeological assessment of areas within the footprint of the Missouri Breaks Airstrips. The Plaintiffs have also applied for reimbursement of their costs of litigation which is around \$185,000 which would be paid by the taxpayers if awarded. ***Chuck Jarecki moved to draft a letter to the BLM manager offering assistance from the MPA in performing the required assessment of the surrounding areas of the Missouri Breaks Strips. Motion passed unanimously***

Hangar Reports:

Central MT Hangar – Pete Smith sent a report which will be in the Heading Bug.

Adjourn: Jon Hudson moved to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 1, 2014 in Billings at the MT Aviation Conference



Scott Newpower, President



Geanette Cebulski, Secretary

