

IDAHO AVIATION ASSOCIATION
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
McCall, Idaho
October 3, 2015

The meeting was launched by President Kerry Requa at 10:08 a.m. MST. Attendees were Bill Ables, Andrew George, Mike Weiss, Don Lojek, Don McIntosh and Nadine Burak. Kerry was in possession of Jim Davies' proxy.

MEETING MINUTES were approved previously via email.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Income and expenses for the year were discussed. It was suggested that no more newsletters be sent to save costs and all newsletter access be online, but older members still appreciate the paper form and it was decided to continue with the paper version for now.

Nadine will check with other merchant service companies to get better rates: Idaho Central Credit Union, Gravity, etc.

EMAIL VOTE COMPLETED. It was decided to donate \$250 to the Idaho Aeronautics Department to support the Aviation Safety Stand-down on September 11, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Creek Four. Mike Pape has assembled a collaborative group to explore the possibility of changing the status of the airstrips. He's invited the Forest Service (FS), environmental groups, IAA, recreation groups, and possibly others. Meeting attendance is by invitation only. The first meeting is scheduled for October 19th in McCall. Kerry does not think that we should compromise by shutting down two airstrips and keeping two open and has yet to find anyone willing to that. Nothing will happen until they go through the process of re-writing the FS plan. These meetings may go six months or more.

Don Lojek believes that going to litigation would be a mistake. A compromise could be that the IAA agrees not to advertise the airstrips online or in print.

Kerry believes that the FS is concerned about who will be responsible for and how the airstrips will be maintained.

Vale BLM airstrip closures and wilderness study. Don Lojek and Bill Miller flew to Oregon and met with Don Gonzales and his staff who are essentially too busy to address the issue. We intend to force the issue. The Malheur County Board of Commissioners, sheriff, and EMT's in Vale and Ontario are all for keeping the airstrips open. Environmentalists want the airstrips and the whole river corridor closed. Other motorized vehicles are currently allowed into the area, but no airplanes. It will be 18 months before their studies are completed and anything will be decided.

Big Springs Airstrip. Nothing new.

IAA Promotional Video. Andrew recently talked to Mike Hart who has no script yet. Andrew will talk to Mike about withdrawing from the script writing process as Kerry offered to work on it with Andrew.

Vice President position. This would be an acting Vice President who would be in charge when the president is not available and is a procedural position only. The By-laws state:

Section 5.06 Vice President. *In the absence of the president or in the event of the president's inability or refusal to act, the vice president (or in the event there shall be more than one vice president, the vice presidents in order of their election) shall perform the duties of the president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. Any vice president shall perform other duties assigned by the chairman of the Board of Directors. Vice President is appointed by the board of directors.*

Andrew volunteered to be the Vice President in addition to his directorship. A motion was made for Andrew George to be vice president and was passed unanimously.

The McCall Airport Appreciation Day/Open House went well with good attendance considering the many other events going on that weekend. They hope to continue it and bring back the annual Aviation Safety Weekends to McCall. The new temporary McCall City Manager is Nate Coyle who is also the Airport Manager.

The Aviation Stand-down was hosted by the Idaho Department of Aeronautics on September 11, 2015. The IAA contributed \$250. It was not well attended, although a worthwhile event.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Creek Lodge is looking for additional donations to complete the lodge next year. Kerry believes the IAA should support the IAF as a return favor for the support and grants given in the past. One way to help is that the IAA could buy raffle tickets as door prizes for aviation trade shows and for chapter giveaways. After much discussion a motion was made to buy \$5000 of raffle tickets (100 tickets) with distribution to be utilized by the board for member recruitment.

The motion was amended to state that 100 raffle tickets will be bought with 25 to be set aside for use at the general meeting in Idaho Falls next May and the remaining 75 to be given to chapters on a pro-ration based on chapter membership numbers, with instructions to chapter presidents to report the results of ticket distribution to Kerry. The motion passed.

Nadine will see what element(s) of construction or housing and their corresponding amounts of the Big Creek Lodge may be available for the IAA to donate and have the IAA name on it (such as a bedroom) so the board can discuss this at the January meeting.

Mike Weiss suggested an overnight rooming list on our website. This would be for pilots who may get stuck somewhere without prior hotel arrangements. Members would list their information if they have space available for an unexpected overnighter. It was decided to call it the Stuck 'N Stay program. Nadine will post it on the Latest News page and send out an email with details and options to be involved.

2016 AOPA Regional Meeting in ID Falls; dates and places have already been set so we missed out. We'll hope for 2017 but in the meantime may have a booth at the Bremerton, Washington event in 2016.

2016 Oshkosh Booth. This doesn't fit the mission statement of the IAA. It would be more of a membership/exposure event. It would require \$2500-\$3000 and at least three committed people and is probably not worth it. The decision was made to not attend, but instead to look at having a booth at the AOPA regional on August 20th, 2016 in Bremerton, OR.

Inventory & merchandise ordering update. Korey Chapman advertises in our newsletter and would like to get a proposal to us on our merchandise costs. Nadine will send Kerry a list of our current inventory items in

order to get a quote from Cory. Don McIntosh will send a list of merchandise sold in North Idaho to go with the check he delivered to Nadine.

Proposal to repair Soldier Bar outhouse. Tucker Vaterlaus' proposal to the Forest Service (FS) to repair the Soldier Bar outhouse was shared. Kerry will respond to him with our support.

Idaho Division of Aeronautics fuel tax increase has been and will continue to be beneficial to Idaho aviation. The division plans to do more upgrades and maintenance at the state airstrips using funds from the additional fuel tax that was passed a few years ago.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

District One – Don McIntosh. All airstrips are in good shape, although smoke is an issue again, especially in the east. Don, Mike Pape, Todd Glass, and Mark Lessor (of the Idaho Department of Aeronautics) had a meeting at McGee airstrip (which is on FS property). Don then had a phone conversation with Joe Holzinger of the FS, who is in charge of special use agreements in the Coeur d'Alene district. They agreed on a couple of repairs to be completed and are waiting to get approval from the FS and hope to get repairs done this year before the weather turns or, if necessary, next spring.

District Two – Bill Ables. They had a very successful breakfast at the Joseph Airport on July 8th; 1000 people attended, 105 airplanes arrived, and over 500 breakfasts were sold. They had planned for 400 breakfasts, so will probably plan for more next year. They netted about \$2000 for the chapter, and will use it for a chapter aviation scholarship and infrastructure costs of future breakfasts. The breakfast is held in conjunction with the Joseph Bronze and Blues Festival.

Red's Horse Ranch and Minam Lodge. Minam Lodge improvements continue and it's looking good, although it's now closed for the season. Red's Horse Ranch has volunteers there through November and is in good shape.

The Pittsburg Landing windsock will be up within a month.

Big Bar work party will be October 17th to put up outhouse. They'll have soup, rolls, drinks, etc. available.

Sluice Creek is becoming controversial. We put up a windsock stand last year. There's poor communication within the FS. Recently the arrow at Sluice Cr. airstrip was changed to an "X". Bill called them at their Clarkston, WA office about this. They said that they had made the change, but after explaining the safety factors of the arrow indicating a "one way airstrip" the USFS LEO gave Bill permission to change it back to an arrow.

Temperance Creek may be open to the public without users having to transact business with the outfitter. The USFS is in the process of writing a new Hell's Canyon NRA "Order" and the Temperance Creek permit is included in this "Order". In the meantime, there are no changes at Temperance Creek or any other airstrips in Hell's Canyon. The IAA sent the USFS a letter in support of this change.

Blue Mountain Forest Revision Plan for Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur and Umatilla Nation Forests is still in the works. Bill, in conjunction with the RAF and OPA, is putting together a list of airstrips in the area in order to discuss them in reference to this plan.

Wapshilla Airstrip is owned by Idaho Fish and Game (IDF&G). Bill is working with Mike Pape and IDF&G to maintain it.

Fish Lake airstrip condition is deteriorating. FS was going to clean it up, but environmentalists slowed them down. They still plan to get it done this year.

The donated picnic table that was placed at Lord Flat this spring will be moved away from trees per a USFS Recreation request.

A table donated by the Treasure Valley chapter will be delivered to Dug Bar soon as approved by the USFS Recreation.

There is a man who works to maintain the airstrip at Red's Horse Ranch each year without motorized equipment or compensation. Bill will write a proposal to pay for his fuel expenses to be presented at the next IAA meeting.

District Three – Andrew George. Most airstrips are in good shape, Wetherby could use a little work from a work party next year.

Treasure Valley (TV) Chapter Christmas Party is open to all. It will be at the Warhawk Museum again and they have seating for 225 people. The speaker will be a very entertaining aeronautical engineer. Date is December 8th, same prices as last year.

TV Chapter spent \$3500 this year for the McCall bicycle shed investment. They have 6 bikes available in a nice shed, and would like to push the program throughout the state, working in conjunction with the local chapters. Their next goal is a bike shed in Salmon. The plan is to dedicate a page on the website to showcase the bike sheds. Users have been good to date. There is a note in the shed stating that they would appreciate \$5 donations for bike use; approximately \$150 was received this year. Andrew will have a proposal for more sheds for the board to consider in January.

TV Chapter meeting is Tuesday, October 13th. Gene Nora Jessen will be the speaker.

TV Chapter plans to put together more trips for family flying fun; Canada trip again next year and a Waltham Air Force Base Tour. They plan to build up the Garden Valley Fly-In with more activities before the Sunday breakfast.

McCall Chapter report was given under Old Business by Mike Weiss.

District Four – Kerry Regua. Buhl Airport is making great improvements at private expense. Jerome made some improvements to their taxiways. Gooding had a lunch fly-in with good attendance. Murphy Hot Springs is getting more use but there is no longer a restaurant open there.

Burley is having controversy over what to do with airport: move it, improve it, etc. They may lose their funding if they don't make a decision.

District Five – Jeanine Lawler was unable to attend. She will be moving out of state and must resign. She has a possible replacement candidate, Greg Cobia, and both plan to be at the January meeting.

District Six – Mike Hart. Unable to Attend.

At Large – Jim Davies. Unable to Attend.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

VP Memberships & Scholarships, Doug Culley. Doug was unable to attend. Nadine reported that we currently have 1032 members. There may be one more Inter-State Aviation scholarship available but 5 others have been awarded this year.

VP Government Affairs, Bill Miller. Unable to attend.

VP of Activities, Jerry Tersliner Unable to attend.

VP of Communications, Joe Corlett. Unable to attend.

VP of Backcountry Operators, Andy Patrick. Unable to attend.

VP of Legal Affairs, Don Lojek. Don closed his office on April 14th but is still practicing aviation law out of his house. He enjoys this kind of work so please contact him if you have questions.

Agency Liason, Larry Taylor. Unable to attend.

Nadine requested help from all board members in updating the members' discount list online. An email will be sent to board members with the current list.

The next meeting will be January 9th, 2015 at 10 a.m. MST in the Shep-Rock building at Nampa, Idaho.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52p.m.

Sincerely Submitted,



Nadine Burak, Secretary

COMMITMENTS

- Doug will write a proposal to Andy who would like to sponsor a scholarship.
- Nadine will send out the membership share checks to chapters.
- Nadine will get comparison quotes from Idaho Central Credit Union and others for online merchant services.
- Andrew will send the 2015 Treasure Valley work party costs to Nadine for reimbursement.
- Nadine will put an article on the Latest News page and send out an email to members about the Stuck 'N Stay website listing.

- Nadine will see what element(s) and corresponding amounts of the Big Creek Lodge may be available for the IAA to donate and have the IAA name on it; such as a bedroom.
- Andrew will talk to Mike Hart about withdrawing from writing the script for the IAA promotional video.
- Nadine will send the by-laws to Don Lojek.
- Mike Weiss will talk to Beverly about the proceeds of the merchandise that was sold at the McCall Fly-In this summer.
- Nadine will send a list of merchandise to Kerry to get a cost comparison.
- Don McIntosh will send an itemized list of merchandise sold to Nadine for inventory purposes.
- Nadine will send the complete membership list (active and inactive) to all directors and chapter presidents for use in recruiting and/or encouraging members.
- Bill will write a proposal for the next board meeting to donate funds to pay for non-motorized maintenance at Red's Horse Ranch.
- Nadine will put Stangel's fuel discount on the website discounts list. 10 cents/gallon.
- Nadine will send the discount list to all board members to ask for help in updating.
- Andrew will write a proposal for the next board meeting for help in expanding the airport bicycle program.
- Kerry will write a letter of support to Tucker Vaterlaus for his Eagle Scout project.
- Jeanine will nominate Greg _____ to complete the term of her directorship.

DECISIONS

- Editing and re-printing the brochures will be discussed at the January meeting, with the North Idaho chapter to be added to it.
- An email will be sent to members about the new Stuck 'N Stay program, and a webpage dedicated to the listing.
- The IAA will NOT be attending OshKosh in 2016.
- Andrew George was voted in as the acting Vice President.
- The IAA will buy \$5000 (100 tickets) of Cessna 172 raffle tickets from the IAF to be used as member recruitment.