

SEATTLE GLIDER COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2010

Place: Bellevue Library, room 4

Attendees: Mike Newgard, Stephen Northcraft, Mark Nyberg, Heinz Gelhaar, Bruce Bulloch, Chris Gunther, Jim McNeil, Fred Hermanspann

Meeting called to order: 6:45 pm

- February 9, 2010 meeting minutes – approved as corrected (to be posted on the website).
- Financials
 - There are some minor outstanding balance and gas billing issues.
 - The audited 2009 finance statement will be posted on the website.
- Membership fees and tow rates
 - No changes for now, last year's expenses for Ephrata operations and towplanes came out close to be even.
- Ephrata
 - No news on the port fuel pump installation.
 - Clubhouse scheduled to open on 4/3, bathhouse on 4/24.
 - Landscaping –
 - Steve and Mike are working on the shading for the clubhouse deck (canvas cover).
- Towplanes
 - Pawnee 78 P has been annualized, Super Cub 75B to be done in March.
- Towline status
 - Heinz is almost done with the February/ March issue.
- Website
 - Calendar of events is up-to-date.
- SGCSF report
 - Instructor revalidation clinic – Feb 13/14 at Alaska Airlines Training Center, 18 participants so far.
- Soaring EXPO – March 20-21
 - Heinz Gehlhaar and John Gilbert (Doug Service had to bow out for health reasons) are the organizers, Frauke Elber to speak about “Women in Flying”. Other speakers are Danny Howell and Alan Silver.
 - Heinz is organizing a get-together with Frauke Elber on Saturday Mar. 20 at Angelo's in Burien (\$5 reservation fee).
- Contest Plans for next year
 - Dust-Up – 5/29-31 – Bruce Bulloch manager, Ron Bellamy sports director
 - Contest fees (\$250?), tow rates and refunds still to be discussed, paper work has been submitted, planning for Sports class and 15m/ Standard class.
- SGC banquet - November 6, as usual at Ivar's Salmon House (Mike booked the room already).
- General membership meeting
 - April 6 – Trailer lottery and a suitable DVD (Sunship Game?) by Heinz.
- Assignments – additional SGC assignments to previous list:
 - Towplane scheduler Steve Northcraft
 - Towplane managers Steve Northcraft/ Bill Birney
 - Ephrata manager Jim Simmons
 - Dust-up and Region 8 sports director Ron Bellamy
- Arlington Status

The FAA has indicated a willingness to accept the current glider runway with a number of stipulations, still to be discussed.

- Additional item
Steve Northcraft discussed the difficulty of getting taildragger rated towpilots and also the climb performance of the Cub with heavy weight gliders. He suggested acquiring a suitable C182 and eventually disposing of the Cub. The board is generally in favor of this proposal and Steve will do some further research.
- Next board meeting: April 13, 6:30 pm, at the Bellevue Library, Room #4.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm