

Event: Board Meeting

Date: January 12, 2023, 1500

Attendees: Dough Haughton
George Steed
John Veatch
Andy Graham
Rebecca Graham
Joel Mapes
Kevin Hurley
Jim Burchett

1. Port of Bremerton presentation of Food Drive Champion trophy to BPA board.
 - a. Discussed strategies for collecting food for future drives. George Steed presented on Trader Joe's providing the bulk of the food for the drive that won BPA the trophy. Discussed plans for expanding requests to other merchants for the 2023 food drive.
 - b. Bremerton (KPWT) took the trophy from last year's winner, Auburn Muni (\$50).
 2. Treasurer's Report – John Veatch
 3. Report on the success of the Christmas Party
 - a. Excellent reviews on the food and entertainment.
 - b. The entry fee covers the cost of the event. The majority of the profit (\$5005) was received from cake auction.
 4. Air Show & Car Show August 19th & 20th.
 - a. The Tacoma Events Commission (TEC) www.tacomaevents.com secured a 3-year contract with the Port of Bremerton (POB) to host an airshow and car show. This conflicts with BPA's ability to continuing hosting a fly-in and car show the following weekend
 - b. TEC Offered BPA a reduced footprint for 100 cars (in comparison to 200 cars last year). The board decided to accept the reduced footprint. Car show vehicle entries will be selected based on the first 100 cars who pre-register for each day.
 - c. Doug Haughton presented on his conversation with TEC. BPA will receive the entry fees from the 100 classic car owners who enter their cars in the show and are also able to watch the air show. The POB and TEC receives the proceeds from the entry fees charged to the general public.
 - d. The board discussed negotiating with TEC to provide hanger owners two free tickets to get into the air show (or access their hangars).
 - e. KPWT airspace will be shut down by TFR during the air show.
 5. Election of officers, General Membership Meeting - February 11th
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- a. The Board formed the Nominating Committee required by Article V, Section 2 of the BPA by-laws. Nominated candidates are as follows:
 - i. Doug Haughton – President
 - ii. George Steed – Vice President
 - iii. Jim Burchett– Secretary
 - b. Andy will lead nominating process at the general membership meeting in Jim Burchett's absence.
6. BPA's relationship with Washington Pilot's Association relationship
- a. Doug Haughton discussed presenting the BPA general membership with a proposal to withdraw from the Washington Pilot's Association (WPA). The WPA receives \$28 out of BPA's \$40 annual membership dues, leaving only \$12 for the BPA. Doug felt the split should be at least equal as the value of WPA membership is not there. He noted that only have 6 to 7% of available pilots in Washington are WPA members.
 - b. George Steed noted that the overwhelming feeling at a previous BPA general membership meeting was not to leave WPA. He felt any inequity in the dues split was irrelevant. One case of oil with the WPA discount pays for the dues. BPA could also raise dues. He also felt it was important to belong to a bigger group.
 - c. John Veatch calculated that keeping the entire \$40 membership fee gains BPA an approximate \$2000 extra dollars per year. A downside to leaving the WPA is losing access to WPA's membership roster on its website and the cabin on Stewart Island.
 - d. Andy Graham asked about WPA's roll in advocacy for aviation issues in the legislature. George Steed noted that WPA itself is not heavily involved with advocacy but is part of the Aviation Alliance, which is. Andy noted that new WPA leadership will be in place in the future and may bring positive changes.
 - e. Joel Mapes voiced concerns that the WPA spends a significant portion of their budget on the printed newsletter and the WPA board member's retreat. He has had challenges in getting the product discounts some vendors offer WPA members.
 - f. The board decided to table the issue, monitor WPA's performance and revisit it next year.
7. Scholarships. Presented by Kevin Hurley
- a. Kevin will adopt checklist to track applicant progress.
 - b. There are six new applicants to be interviewed.
 - c. 10 students are currently in program, earmarking \$35000 of the scholarship fund.
 - d. Flight training costs approximately \$15-20,000 to obtain license @ 60 flight hours.
 - e. John Veatch opposed BPA's age limit for scholarship applicants.
 - f. Joel Mapes and George Steed requested long term feedback on what the candidates who completed their training were doing.
8. Name badges

- a. Doug Haughton discussed making BPA name badges for new members when they join. This would erode profits from membership dues but assist in recalling member's names.
- b. The Board decided to present the proposal to all members at the general Membership meeting in February.

9. Website

- a. Doug Haughton noted the BPA has not done a good job keeping the website current. Doug asked Rebecca Graham what BPA should do to stay relevant. Rebecca pointed out that today's organizations point consumers to social media for fresh content. The website is generally a brochure.
- b. Rebecca Graham recommended designating a person or team to feed social media.
- c. No decision was made.

10. Taxiway light restoration & presentation

- a. Ken Kellogg donated five taxi lights. Doug Haughton has refurnished them. BPA is putting them up for auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. Bids can be sent into Doug via email.

11. BPA business cards

- a. Doug Haughton initiated discussion on whether BPA should print generic BPA business cards members can hand out. QR codes on the business cards allow people to scan the code and link directly to BPA social media.

12. 2023 Christmas Party

- a. The next Christmas party is planned for Saturday, December 2nd, in the Old Tyme aviation hangar. It will be catered by Amelia's.
- b. Discussed musical entertainment options.

13. Reviewed the February 11th, 2023 General Membership Meeting agenda

14. Andy Graham requested BPA and EAA join in purchasing an Owl Technology 360-degree camera and microphone system for use in meeting. The camera and microphone automatically points to whoever is talking in a room. This provides a better experience for those attending the meeting remotely via video conferencing (e.g. Zoom). BPA's share will cost \$500. EAA will store the unit when it is not being used. Andy will get confirmation that EAA will join BPA in the purchase. George Steed made a motion authorizing \$600 be spent on the system. Doug Haughton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned ~ 1740 PM.