

## Meeting Minutes

6 Jul 2013

The meeting was called to order at 0930 by Frank Paynter, President. In attendance were John Dudley, Maintenance; Jim Dudley, Social; Mark Miller, Operations; Tim Christman, Towplane Maintenance; and Rolf Hegele, Treasurer. Frank Paynter participated via telephone.

The first topic of discussion was the repairs to the damaged 2-33, -135. John Lubon, President of SSD participated via telephone for this topic. The right wing was taken to Cubby's on the previous Wed. The initial discussion revolved around the immediate need for a third 2-33 since it would miss the Youth Camp. The consensus was that -135 was the most popular 2-33 and was needed back on the line sooner rather than later. The next discussion involved a dollar threshold for repair versus finding a newer wing. Paul McClaskey joined the meeting at this time and provided his rough estimate of about \$2500 in parts and \$3500 in labor. Frank then moved to allow Cubby to tear into the wing to get a better estimate of the damages and provide a firmer quote. He also moved to ask SSD with assistance in getting it repaired. This passed unanimously and the plan for the BOD is to meet again via telecom to discuss the firm estimate and divide up the repair costs with SSD in some TBD ratio.

The next item for discussion was the Youth Camp that was scheduled to begin the next afternoon. Tom McDonald, who is heading up the Youth Camp this year briefed the BOD that he had 11 campers signed up for the week and requested a third training glider at the 2-33 rate. Frank made a motion to offer the Blanik at the 2-33 rate for all Club members for the rest of the season and the G-103 at the Blanik rate for just the campers. Rolf seconded it and it passed.

The minutes from the previous month had been distributed to the BOD and were approved as published; however, the UOP change in those minutes was not distributed to the membership. Rolf will put that out on the website for the membership to comment before making it official.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. We are currently about \$15k behind our budget primarily due to lack of flying this spring and greater maintenance costs on the towplanes. The damage to -135 will not help the situation along with the current weather pattern.

Several new youth members and two new full members were approved.

Fuel costs are averaging \$5.72/gal due to the av gas used to break in the new towplane engines. Now that they are broken in the fuel costs will start to go back down; however, tow fees will increase in Jul by ten cents to \$.56/100'.

The Blanik needs an annual by the end of this month. Plan to use it for the Youth Camp and then send to Cubby's. All the towplanes are cleared for towing.

The only new facilities issues were the Kubota is being repaired and we need some new picnic tables for the west end.

Rolf brought up the issue of whether to include Clinton County in the facilities insurance for next year. Apparently we have to decide now to be able to consider operations there next winter. Although there was some negative opinions about the hazards at Clinton Frank moved to pay the additional \$400 to include Clinton on the policy for next year. Motion passed.

Mark Schababerle then addressed the BOD about the potential sale of the Blanik. He said that he has had to argue with some of the crew chiefs in order to allow him to take the Blanik out in order to fly it. It is always parked in the back of the hangar and can be difficult to get out, but Mark is tasked with informing the crew chiefs to allow the members to fly the Blanik as much as they wish.

John Lubon presented an update on the status of the Blanik as several Clubs have expressed interest in a possible purchase. John is currently working a deal with the Pittsburgh club to sell it for \$29K. The Blanik will be used for the Youth Camp and available to fly until such time that John receives a cash offer. That may or may not happen very soon.

Tim Christman, Chief Tow Pilot said that Morraine is having a fly in on 17 Aug. He asked that we discuss having a glider at the fly in during the BOD meeting in Aug.

Frank moved to adjourn at 1130 and it passed.