

Cascade Warbirds – Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Membership

13 January 2018 – Museum of Flight, Seattle

CO Ron called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM; 61 members and guests were present.

Ron welcomed all. New members and guests were introduced; veterans were recognized.

Ron mentioned the recent passing of Honorary member USAF (Ret) LTC Elmer Richardson.

Ron mentioned the dates for NWOC in Houston, Aviation Expo in Puyallup, and NWCAS in Seattle.

FO Fred reminded members that it was time to pay 2018 dues and he mentioned there were still seats available in our reserved box at the Reno Air Races.

Fred, as Nom. Comm. Chair, presented the slate of officers and directors for the 2018/2019 term, to wit: CO Morrell, XO Desmon, Ops O J. Johnson, FO/Adj Smyth, At-Large Clark, Directors Edwards, Jackson, Mehrer, Osgood, Shoemaker, and Youman. Upon motion and second, the slate was elected.

B-17 Chair Dan reported that the B-17 will not visit in 2018; it is too early to know about 2019.

AWO Chair Pete reminded us of this year's fly-in and pushed for a full turnout.

Our first guest speaker was WWII B-17 gunner Art Unruh. He took us through his Silver Star (50th) mission and then his return to Foggia in 2012. He stayed after the meeting to sell and autograph his book *The Shadow Casters*.

Next was Allan Snowie. He first told us of his recent engine failure and ditching in Bellingham Bay. He left us with a couple "lessons learned" thoughts. Following that, Allan told us about the replica Nieuport project and the return to Vimy Ridge for the 100th anniversary celebration.

Our KYWB segment was presented by Brad Engbrecht describing his CJ-6A.

XO Dave put out a pitch for future guest speakers and KYWB presenters.

Ron mentioned the Annual Board meeting would start at 2 PM and invited all to join us for luncheon downstairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM

For the Squadron

Fred C Smyth, Adjutant