

Minutes, Board of Directors, January 10, 2026, Annex A, Museum of Flight

Meeting was called to order at 1335.

Former and current Board present: Dave Desmon, Dan Shoemaker, Jay Borella, John Haug, Brian Ruby, Peter Jackson, Kerry Edwards, Paul Youman, Bob Hill, Justin Drafts, Trent Hendricks

Absent: Bob Stoney, Fred Smyth, Gary Shipler

Attending: Vic Norris, Heijo Kuil

1. Former CO Dave Desmon welcomed new members to the board (Jay Borella, Justin Drafts, Trent Hendricks) and gave overview of duties and responsibilities.
2. New FO John Haug shared brief update on turnover progress with former FO/Adj Fred Smyth, very much still a work in progress.
3. Dan and Borella discussed Ops O turnover: re-affirmed Heijo and Jay will attend PAE Community Day planning meetings; Bob Hill will again provide logistics support for CWB table; brief discussion about recruiting more pilots for Young Eagle flights. Request to John H for Ops O access to squadron events calendar; idea floated to set up listserv/email group for intraCWB comms. Victor N requested increased lead time in announcing airshow events to pilots, to allow more time for FAA paperwork/personal planning. Puyallup Aviation Expo's value as a recruiting and exposure event re-affirmed, possibility of CWB hosting a seminar, "How to Buy a Warbird" floated. Gary Shipler has offered to help with Ops O transition.
4. Peter Jackson gave scholarship update: Regal flight school has offered 2 seats for in-person ground school; Candace Harvey at Harvey Field offers Cessna pilot syllabus online (but monitored), [recommends we purchase a \$400 instructor key (online access)], 10 hours ground school and one flight for 2 students. Peter J will clarify whether this means recipients choosing Harvey field will receive 2 or 3 flights in toto. Rainier is still an option but general dissatisfaction with their "Gold Seal" online only ground school. Trent Hendricks mentioned the idea if online ground school seems to be the only option in the future then possibly using some of our current young eagle pilots including himself to take the individual on a young eagles flight which would grant free access to student for Sporty Pilot Online Ground School - saving cost if our other option is an online ground school anyway. Mentor component: questions about liability raised, further research required. Background checks for mentors (similar to requirement for Young Eagle pilots) agreed on; chaperones required for in person meetings; monthly contact requirement reiterated.
5. A & P Scholarship proposal: Justin D and Gary S running; preliminary research indicates fewer options for students as only 2 local schools, much more rigidly structured training program will require a different scholarship structure. Further research required for \$ numbers and new structure.

6. [part of 2] PX/Apparel, had been run by Fred S. Merchandise currently possessed by Bob and Robin Hill. Further disposition tabled pending full turnover of FO billet. A suggestion was made to create a CWB club jacket similar to Aluminum Overcast crew jackets; Trent H agreed to research costs.

7. [part of 2] Budget. Need to change account holder name to new CO and FO, otherwise general discussion deferred until turnover complete.

8. New Safety Officer. Drew Blaise suggested as a nominee, XO called for more nominations. Tabled pending further nominations.

9. Trent H briefed status of media: last member meeting was filmed but some files corrupted. Consistent sound quality is ongoing problem. If decided to stream then new equipment will be required. Question about funding for electronic media equipment raised, tabled for further reflection. Dan S requested that Flickr page be put in CWB name, volunteered to continue managing.

10. 2025/26 budget:

Add line item to pay Dan S \$90/yr for the Flickr page; John H proposed, Brian R seconded; approved.

Add \$200 to membership budget for new member name tags: Paul Y proposed, Trent H seconded; board approved.

Increase Scholarship budget to \$5000: ? proposed, Brian R seconded, Paul Y dissented; board approved.

Proposed Marshall budget, keep or reduce? Peter J moved to keep, Paul Y dissented; board agreed to keep.

Increase CWB Fly Day subsidy \$50: John H proposed, Brian R seconded, Trent H dissented; board approved.

Board unanimously approved proposed subsidy for Christmas party and Board of Director's discretionary fund.

Meeting adjourned at 1617