

CWB Member Meeting Minutes, 10 Jan 2026

Meeting was called to order by CO Dave Desmon at 1015, 1/10/26 in Annex A classroom, Museum of Flight, Seattle.

Twenty-nine members and one guest attended.

CO welcomed membership and guests; reviewed agenda subject heads. Solicited member input for new Board of Directors to consider.

CO requested review of Christmas party, membership unanimously agreed it had been a success, didn't want changes to venue or caterer. Everyone present agreed the price for drinks was a bit high, question raised whether we could legally and/or politically provide our own drinks. Issue tabled pending further research.

Ops O called for table volunteers for Puyallup Aviation Exposition, (2/21-22). At time of meeting only one volunteer had signed up.

The new video showcasing the Youth Flight Scholarship was shown to the membership. It was well received and webmaster posted to website. Some discussion about what individual members could do to further disseminate it. Trent Hendricks and Kerry Edwards agreed to research sending video to local schools. Scholarship applications are available through the website; print outs will be taken to the Puyallup Expo. Scholarship POC Peter Jackson stated 3 applications have been received so far. The new Mentorship component of the Scholarship program was introduced and volunteers solicited.

CO introduced slate of nominees for new Board elections as determined by nominating committee (Dave Desmon, Pete Jackson, Kerry Edwards, Robin Hill, Rich Cook):

CO Bob Stoney
XO Dan Shoemaker
Ops O Jay Borella
Finance O John Haug
Adj Brian Ruby

General board additions:

Justin Drafts
Trent Hendricks

Membership unanimously approved the nominees. CO called on membership to support the newly elected board, and to assist in finding presentation speakers for future member meetings.

Bob Hill introduced Aviation photographer and author, Chris Banyai-Riepl. Banyai-Riepl spoke about recording aviation history through photographs, emphasized the importance to history of contextualizing photos; presented a selection of roughly a dozen examples from his father's collection of 30,000 aviation photos, and answered questions from the membership.

Fmr CO Desmon reminded membership that one of two CWB spectator boxes for Roswell Air Races was full, still accepting reservations for second. Inquiries to be directed to new FO Haug. There is a possibility of CWB pilots being asked to fly formation flights between races.

Miscellaneous announcements: Formation clinic at Bremerton discontinued; Richland might pick up (5/28-31st); there will be an April member meeting this year, possibly one in May; Next meeting on 14 Feb in North Lounge, Museum of Flight. Arlington Skyfest has been discontinued, but Arlington Airport is planning a fly-in on 3rd week in June.

Paine Field Community Day (formerly General Aviation Day) will be held on 6 June. CWB will provide marshallers for Young Eagle flights, a table, and static display aircraft. Planning meetings will be held monthly until June. Chief Marshaller Heijo Kuil will attend, as well as a TBD rep from Ops.

CO again solicited member input for changes to, or additions to CWB activities. Several suggestions were offered by various members including:

- Add a second CWB Fly Day, perhaps in August?
- Focus on smaller fly-ins or airshows?
- One or multiple movie nights, perhaps with a potluck or barbecue?
- Hamburger chase?
- Pancake breakfast instead of movie night?
- Sponsoring GA events (assuming liability isn't an issue)?

Brief discussion of how to attract new members, including making a photo calendar, advertising in the media, approaching people in adjacent industries/areas of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 1215