EAA Chapter 1311

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Hendricks Co. Airport
April 13, 2004

In attendance:

Tim LeBaron, President
Mike Laurenzano, Vice President
Michael Mossman, Secretary
Vernon Sullenger, Treasurer
Dirk Melchior, Member
Paul Vogel, Member

Board Member Glen Matejcek was unable to attend

With a quorum present, President Tim LeBaron brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. MEMBERSHIP: Mike Laurenzano motioned, Vern Sullenger seconded that Jim Griffin's dues be suspended for 2004 due to his service in the military; motioned passed unanimously.

No motion was made on the subject of deliquent dues payments. Michael Mossman volunteered to write to each member and ask that they get current on dues.

2. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Mike Laurenzano motioned, Michael Mossman seconded to state officially that the dues cover a family for chapter membership, contingent upon each person being current with EAA. Motion was passed unanimously.

3. CHAPTER CHARTER: No action taken.

4. CHAPTER FUNDS: There was much discussion about possible uses for the funds but the current concensus is that there isn't enough money to worry about getting rid of it.

5. CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARY: Some members mentioned that Dunaway's is a very nice place to hold a party and would like to see us go there; others liked the intimacy of hosting a party in a private home. Mike Laurenzano motioned that the chapter spend up to $300 for supplies (not including alcohol) to host a party in a private home. Tim LeBaron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Vern Sullenger will consider hosting the party.

6. NEWSLETTER FORMAT: Vern Sullenger suggested that recipients click "Reply" so that newsletter editor can get a better feel for who is getting the newsletter, and when they are reading it. Michael Mossman will write an article in the newsletter asking readers for input, and will mail copies of the newsletter for the April edition.

7. 501-C6: Michael Mossman reported that the application to the IRS for the conversion from 501-C3 to 501-C6 has been made.

8. SEATTLE TRIP: Tim LeBaron reported that he will be in town for the May meeting but will be in Seattle for internship with the NTSB from June through September, and will return in time for the October meeting. Mike Laurenzano will preside of the meetings from June through September.

9. FLY-INS: No coordinators have stepped forward for a Chapter 1311 fly-in this year so nothing is scheduled. Michael Mossman volunteered to coordinate potential Fly-Outs with the Bloomington Chapter 650.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS: Mike Laurenzano recommended that the chapter form a nomination committee earlier this year so that a slate of candidates is ready to present by the October meeting, as required by the chapter bylaws.

Tim LeBaron mentioned that the chapter currently seems more interested in building aircraft than hosting fly-ins. Attendance seems to be highest when visiting projects, so he recommended more emphasis on visiting projects. Mike Laurenzano also expressed interest in debates and round table discussions of non-aircraft engines (auto engine conversions).

WITH NO MORE BUSINESS the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Mossman,
Chapter Secretary

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AGENDA:

1. MEMBERSHIP: Vern Sullenger has given me the attached list of members who are current on their dues. Our past "unofficial" practice has been to remove from the roster all those who are not current on dues after March 31. Should we have an official policy for the record? Also, I recommend that we make an attempt to contact them to see if they would like to remain as members. I will volunteer to email or write a letter and mail them.

2. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: It has been our practice to include all members of a family as chapter members if they are a member of EAA. This seems like a fair and reasonable practice, since $20 dues is higher than most other chapters that I am in contact with. Currently we have only one family that is affected by this (Matejcek) so this is not a money issue for the chapter. I have been told that the board voted on it but I have been unable to find it in the bylaws or any meeting minutes. I would like to bring this issue up to a vote and record the results.

3. CHAPTER CHARTER: I have been holding the chapter charter for more than a year now, trying to get it signed by all of those who are charter members. The only remaining charter member that I know of is John Beetham. I am happy to hold it as long as necessary, but sometime we should get it framed and keep it somewhere. Any ideas?

4. CHAPTER FUNDS: We continue to collect money for dues and from fly-ins but we have no real on-going expenses. Perhaps we should have a stated goal of what we want to do with our money. Some ideas: sponsor a kid to an EAA camp, sponsor an underpriviledged youth for flying lessons, build an aircraft for the new terminal as suggested by Tim LeBaron, make outdoor improvements to Graham field (picnic furniture or whatever), ...

5. CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY: I don't think that this is a board issue but Jeff Dunaway has a very nice restaurant and has offered to give the chapter a significant discount to hold a Christmas party there.

6. NEWSLETTER FORMAT: I have been conversing with newsletter editors from about five Indiana chapters, and am now of the opinion that an email newsletter, while convenient, fast and no cost, is not being read on a timely basis by many members. One editor said that when they went back to mailing newsletters the attendance went up. Do we want to discuss this, and if so, bear the expenses of going back to printed newsletters?

7. 501-3C

8. SEATTLE TRIP

9. FLY-INS
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