

MSPA 2005 Annual Meeting
March 12, 2005
South Saint Paul, MN – Fleming Field

Called to order by president Dave Langer – 9:06am

15 people in attendance.

Motion made (Mike Aune) and seconded (Dirk Schmitz) to accept minutes from last year's meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- \$17,336.69 in checking and \$7,765.87 in savings as of 12/31/2004. This is an increase of \$3,359.06 from the previous year end.
- Income for the year was \$5,252.89, expenses \$3,359.06, for a net gain of \$3,359.06.
- A summary of income and expenses was provided at the meeting.
- 14 tables were purchased at \$15 each for the pig roast, and are stored at Surfside.
- Motion made (Brian Addis) and seconded (Wayne Peterson) to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership report.

- Current members at 305 as of March 7, compared to 312 a year ago. There are 383 members in the database. Members are deleted from the database if their dues are expired for more than one year.
- Bruce Hanson offered to call members whose dues have expired. A list will be provided.
- Newsletters are sent to current members, and those who dues have expired since the last newsletter. They get a reminder that this is their last newsletter unless dues are renewed.
- 100 members are receiving the newsletter via email.

Merchandise

- Supplier had a clearance so ordered some stuff cheap.
- What are people interested in? Buttons, shirts, hats, teddy bears?

2004 Activities Recap

- Last year had informal fly-ins Pokegama on Saturdays (breakfast) and Meisters (dinner) on Wednesdays during the summer. Will still do that in 2005.
- Pig roast well attended in 2004.

Cragun's Fly-in Planning

Insurance

- Previously had insurance to cover board members but was dropped. Should we renew that? Bruce Hanson pointed out that this started when we had a board member in the insurance business years ago.
- Will require more investigation, but probably won't reinstate.

Flight training

- When doing flight training, try not to use the same lake over and over again for practice. Also try not to do training early in the morning. This will help keep neighbors and the non-flying public a little happier.

New Business

- Annual meeting has been at other places for people to fly to (St.Cloud & Buffalo) and had a lunch buffet and spouses were welcome. Usually had around 50 people. If weather

was bad, probably wouldn't get many people, and majority of MSPA membership is in the Twin Cities area, which is why it has been at Fleming the last few years.

- Suggestion to have a calling committee for annual meeting to improve attendance. Volunteers?
- Cragun's Fly-in update
 - o Reviewed proposed agenda and speakers.
 - o Need two tower controllers to provide continuous coverage starting by noon on Friday, and all day Saturday. Need to set up a NOTAM for tower coverage. Need to make sure fly-bys are at 500'AGL.
 - o Plan is to have flight training available Friday and Saturday afternoons. Need to determine how many instructors would be available, set up time slots, etc. Volunteers please contact Dave Langer.
 - o Suggestion made to provide CAP kids who help at the event a ride in a seaplane.
 - o Regarding drawings and prizes we spent over \$1200 last year. A consensus decision was reached - the outboard motor will be raffled off at the fly-in. \$5 or \$10 per ticket. That way only those who are really interested in the boat motor can participate. If there is a short fall in raffle ticket sales, MSPA will cover the short fall. A form will be sent out so members with the fly-in registration packet, so those who aren't attending can participate. It will also be on the web site. Two Cragun's weekend stays will be drawn for – all current members will be in the drawing, and need not be present to win. A \$500 gift certificate will be drawn for as well – must be present at the dinner banquet to win. You must be a MSPA member to be eligible for all prizes.
 - o Will require everyone to register if they want to attend the seminars. Some didn't last year.
 - o Decided to raise the rate from \$35 to \$50 for day-only attendees, since they were not paying their share of the facilities charges, compared to people who were staying overnight at Craguns. Some people think \$50 is too much, others think it is a good deal considering the nice facilities and all the seminar information available.

Pig roast

- Discussion concerning catering some of the work. Consensus was that it works pretty well the way we've been doing it.
- We started knocking down last year before people were done eating. Let them stay and enjoy it, clean up later.
- A picnic committee would be helpful to get more people involved. Dave will follow up. Volunteers?

Request for fuel listing

- The annual roster used to have a listing of which members had fuel available.
- The primary concern is keeping the information current, and having people rely on out of date and/or incorrect information.
- Consensus was not to publish our own list, but to rely on the Minnesota Seaplane directory and the SPA web site. Members who want to make fuel available, can contact SPA and have it listed on their site.

Suggestions for using funds

- Put some of funds in an AOPA CD.
- Put some funds in an "Open Water" fund to help support lakes where access by seaplanes is being challenged.
- Motion made and seconded to take existing savings account and whatever additional funds are needed to invest in an AOPA CD for \$10,000 to be used for this fund. If the organization requires these funds for unanticipated needs, they could be withdrawn for those needs if authorized by the board. Motion carried.

New Activity Possibilities

- Possibility of other fly-ins at some resorts in northern Minnesota.
- Father's day fly-in at Maddens last year was well attended.
- A fly-in to Tower, MN is being planned to Tower, MN to tour the Soudan mine, and optionally the Fortune Bay casino. May include a group lunch also. They have both a paved runway and enough beach at the airport for about 25 seaplanes.

Election of Officers

- The Vice President position has been redefined as "President Elect". This person will serve one year as Vice President, then one year as president. This provides an opportunity for next year's president to learn the ropes by assisting the president
- Treasurer/Membership director is a two year term. Current position was filled last year and has one year remaining.
- Brian Addis nominated by Mike Aune for President Elect. Motion seconded, and carried. Thanks Brian!! We look forward to your leadership.

Motion to adjourn at 12:06pm. Motion carried.