

MSPA 2007 Annual Meeting
March 12, 2007
South St. Paul, MN Fleming Field

Called to order by President Brian Addis – 12:30 pm.

15 People in attendance

1. Call to order. Introduction of Officers
 - Bruce Wiley – President Elect
 - Jim Baker - Treasurer
 - Kirk Lindberg – is not with us today
 - Eric Hynnek
 - Mary Alverson – taking notes for today's meeting
2. Minutes from 2006
 - Kirk went to Florida, and he took his computer with him. He has all the minutes for the 2006 meeting, so we can't approve those minutes. As such, we will defer the reading and approval of those meeting minutes until our next board meeting in late March or early April in preparation for the Seaplane Convention.
3. Treasures Report
 - Assets increased by \$600.00 from the previous year.
 - Fees we collected at Cragun's in 2006 were significantly less than 2005. It could have been because we waived our fee if they registered by a certain date. Consequently, we lost \$2,300.00 at Cragun's last year. We eliminated the credit for early registration, but lowered the fee.
4. Membership Report
 - We currently have 296 paid members, 30 members more than last year at this time. Currently we have 64 expired memberships that haven't renewed and that is lower than last year.

Merchandise

- We got rid of most of the merchandise. We get 18% from the outside vendor that we use.
5. Recap of 2006 Activities
 - 2006 started with the Seaplane Conference at Cragun's. It was an attendance success, not so much of a financial success. Participation has gone down because of the expense. Possible solutions to that would be to pack more activities into the seminar and look for a cheaper place to have the seminar. The surveys indicate that people are happy with the seminar. The only complaint would be the overall cost.

- The Pig Roast was a success. The weather was bad, but the Pig Roast was good.
6. Old Business
- None
7. New Business
- Outboard Motor:
- An outboard motor will be given away again this year. Suggestions were made to give an inflatable boat or Bose headset instead of the motor. The motor is tradition, so we will stay with the motor.
- *A motion was made to purchase an American made motor. The motion was seconded.
- Base Unit:
- The Base Unit is gone because it didn't work, so we are back to hand held radios.
- 2007 Conference:
- People enjoy watching the airplanes. Should we consider bringing back the spot landings and the water bombing competition? They were discontinued 7 years ago because of liability issues. MSPA organized the completion, therefore it was responsible. The liability rest with the operator.
- *A motion was made to have the Board explore reinstating the spot landing and water bombing competition. The motion was seconded.
- Alternatives to the Cragun's Hotel package were discussed. Camping on the beach for a fee and camping at the airport or nearby campgrounds.
- *A motion was made to explore the possibilities of alternate accommodations. The motion was seconded.
- Pig Roast Committee:
- The next Newsletter will have a plea for volunteers to help at the Pig Roast. Last years disappointment was the cost of the pig - \$500. Should we do it ourselves this year? The women we had last year to do the cake also did the coleslaw, potato salad and watermelon. Her cost was \$500. We will use her this year.
- Other:
- Bruce Hanson requested that the merchandize MSPA sell is US made.
- Lake Treatment Seaplane Base:
- How to get rid of the foliage that we have at the Seaplane Base for 4-6 weeks every summer. It is more of a nuisance than a hazard. This weed chokes out milfoil. What is the envirmint impact in getting rid of the weed? Herbicide treatments run about \$500 an acre. Mechanical removal costs about the same.

Liability Insurance, MN:

AOPA website: Check the article about classifying general aviation operations as “absolute operator liability”. If there is a problem, it doesn’t matter what happened because you were in the airplane, so it is your fault.

9. Election of Officers

*Motion was made for Bruce Wiley to be our new President. Motion was seconded.

*Motion was made for Eric Hynnek to be our President Elect. Motion was seconded.

10. Adjourned

Motion to adjourn at 2:15 pm. Motion carried.

Presidential Side Note:

- o Explore The By-laws
- o By-law approving Eric Hynnek as Vice President

Summary of Motions:

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* Motion to keep Jim Baker in the capacity that he is in. Motion seconded.

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