St Louis Flying Club

Semi Annual Meeting Minutes

The semiannual meeting of the St Louis Flying Club was held on 12 Nov, 2011 at the St Louis County Library, Sachs Branch. Members in attendance were; President Todd Michal, Vice President Chris Tebbe, Secretary Mike Warakomski, Treasurer Mike McBride, Maintenance Officer John Heilmann, Paul Carpenter, Steve Heidenreich, Dale Hiltner, Mike Piccirilli, Charley Royce, and Bob Zbylut.

The meeting was called to order by president Todd Michal at 1:30 PM

Old Business:

Review of Actions from May meeting.

Identification of cleaning supplies and their uses. Charley Royce as the action to identify the cleaning supplies and where to use them.

Responsibility Matrix:

Todd Michal presented the new responsibility matrix. This list shows all the identified tasks required to run the club and assigned specific individuals to be responsible to carry them out. The matrix will be posted on the club web site. The upkeep of this matrix shall be the responsibility of the club secretary.

 Insurance Modification:

The club insurance policy was modified to include instructors from Air Associates

 Social Events:

A fly-in destinations tab was added to the web site. This allows members to post commentary and photos of places they have gone.

Membership Reminder:

Limited memberships must be upgraded to full memberships or sold on or before 31 Dec 2012. It was requested that if an individual member needs the club to sell the membership; this must be requested no later than 30 Sept 2012 to allow time for the sale.

Aircraft Upgrades/Mod Status

Garmin Aera 560 is installed in Arrow

406 Mhz ELT installed in Arrow. The GPS input to be connected in a few weeks.

Removed King GPS – Sold for $1025.00.

Zaon traffic monitor – postponed – antenna issues

Remove DME – postponed

Club Reincorporation

Plan

Form new 501c(7) not for profit corporation entitled “St Louis Flying Club, Inc”

Avoid need to transfer club assets to the new corporation by using the name on aircraft registrations.

Dissolve the current benevolent corporation. Requires filing paper work with circuit court.

Modify club by-laws to improve liability protection.

Begin filing annual report and income tax return.

Delay formation of new corporation until early 2012 to avoid need for 2011 tax return.

Proposal

Pre approve expense line for up to $2500 for reincorporation of the club. (estimate is ~ $1500).

Funds will be used to hire corporate attorney, Tom Mug (Gallop Law Firm), to provide consultation and assist with circuit court filings.

Prepare articles of incorporation and new by-laws

Transfer club assets and member share certificates

File with State of MO to dissolve existing benevolent corporation

Final Articles of Incorporation and By-laws will be brought before the members for approval

Discussion followed with many questions being asked and answered.

A motion was made to pre-approve an expenditure of up to $2500.00 to fund the reincorporation process tasks. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the standardization of operating procedures. Items such as refueling, adding oil, reservation cancelation, time recording, accident procedures, off field maintenance issues, etc. It was noted that there is a “new member’s handbook” that deals with many of these subjects regarding club procedures. It was suggested that it be renamed “members handbook” and posted on the web. Todd will look at updating the handbook.

It was suggested that we all put our cell phone numbers on the website to facilitate communication between members.

Shiv Patil has set up XM radio in the Arrow. There was discussion regarding whether the club is willing to pick up the subscription costs. No decision was made.

It was agreed to pick the date of the next club meeting now rather than try to find a common free time for all members. This technique will allow members to plan around the time and date.

The next meeting will be on 12 May 2010 from 11:30 to 1:00PM. This will held at a restaurant (name TBD) and will be a lunch meeting. Everyone is responsible to buy their own lunch.

Potential Upgrades:

New 406 Mhz ELT for C172. $600.00

Garmin Aera into C172. Not a good place to locate it.

Add directional antenna to traffic warning.

Upgrade C172 $765.00

New unit for Arrow $990.00

ARINC interface to GNS-430W $395.00

EDM upgrade for engine monitor is $865.00 through Dec 2011

Additional sensors are needed for increased information.

MP $230.00

OAT $155.00

RPM $355.00 (already on C172)

Motion was made to purchase engine monitor upgrades for both aircraft using upgrade fund. Motion was seconded and voted on. Motion passed

Motion was made to upgrade ELT on C172 with an assessment. Motion was seconded and voted on. 8 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstained.

A suggestion was made to have proposals sent out to members a head of the meeting to allow for study. This would allow members unable to attend meeting to have a voice. Written proxies would be needed to allow others to vote for them or to provide absentee votes. No motion was voted on.

Discussion was held about having term limits on officers to make it easier for new members to become officers. There was some discussion about maybe not for maintenance officer and treasurer as these positions require specific expertise in the case of maintenance and the treasurer’s job needs someone who can devote the significant time to the processes required. No motion was voted on.

Officer elections.

Current president, Todd Michal, said it was time to pass the torch and declined to run for re-election

President

2 nominations were made. Mike Piccirilli and Chris Tebbe.

Voting results Mike – 7 and Chris – 4. Mike Piccirilli is the new president

Vice President

Chris Tebbe nominated and voted in.

Secretary

Mike Warakomski nominated and voted in

Treasurer

Mike McBride nominated and voted in

Maintenance Officer

John Heilmann nominated and voted in

Mike McBride presented some slides showing financial details.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote was held and motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM