

Boone County Airport Association Meeting

September 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Boone County Airport

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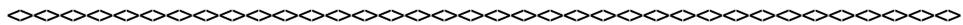
Lebanon, IN 46052

Members in attendance:

Earl Brosman, director
John Derado, member
Dick Gurley, treasurer
Kevin Hoffer, member
Gene Hollingsworth, member
Chuck Leucht, director
Steve McClure, member
Michael Mossman, secretary
Mark Poliak member
Ray Rice, president
Chad Williams, director

Guests in attendance:

Pam Leucht, guest



Club President Ray Rice brought the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Club Member News — Club Vice President John "Doc" Saalwaechter was injured in a bad moped accident. He suffered a spine injury and has been in surgery. In the best case he has about a two-year recovery period. Members are asked to keep him and his wife Vick in their thoughts and prayers.

Words of Thanks — Ray Rice offered the club's thanks to the following members: Earl Brosman for fixing the spraying and spraying weed willer along the taxiways and under the hangars; Don Geisler for getting the sprayer chemicals; and to Mark Hyten for running the weed whipper.

Airport Accident Report — Former club member Pat Richardson landed his Cessna 140 on the grass and flipped it over, totalling the aircraft. Richardson and his passenger seemed OK but were cut up. The FAA came out to investigate and had many questions for the club, about which most were answered to their satisfaction. Dick Gurley will send a bill to the insurance company for storage of the aircraft. Mark Poliak will get an estimate for fixing the damage to the grass runway from the wreck.

Fuel System Report — The club had the fuel tanks inspected again for the cathode test. The north tank failed. Replacement cost is estimated at \$6,000 for full service, \$1,500 or less if we do it ourselves. The club has 18 months to make the repairs. (The cathode is a large chunk of magnesium used as a sacrificial metal to prevent corrosion of the tank.) Other options are to spend about \$25,000 estimated to decommission the tanks; no permit is needed. Above ground tanks will cost from \$14,000 to \$24,000 for the same storage capacity. Historically, the club uses about 6,000 gallons of avgas per year. Chuck Leucht and Earl Brosman painted the panels for the fuel pump.

Airport Grant Report — Ray Rice reports that a guy at Greencastle Airport suggested that we contact Clearwater for research on writing grants for airports. This company prepares the grant writing and tries to steer the money to the airport. The property owner has already stated that he would sign the papers to guarantee that the property remains an airport for the duration of the funds. Boone County Airport will not qualify for any federal funds, as it is too close to other funded airports, but the chance remains that funding from the state may be available. Some club members recommended that we generate a form letter to distribute to local businesses for their endorsement and support of the project.

Student Pilot Scholarship — Ray Rice reports that the program is on track according to the timeline set by the committee. The club should have a student pilot flying in May 2017.

Property Maintenance Report — The club bought six tree rings and placed them around some runway lights. Steve McClure reported that he had no problem mowing around them or over them. The club will buy more, as the price is just \$8 each.

Treasurer's Report — The club has \$5,774.52 in checking, \$5,933.92 in savings and \$7,354.94 in the fuel account. \$2,933.44 of the general savings account is for the fuel system reserve. The club has already paid for propane for the year. What we paid for propane last year was almost left intact. The club will owe for the annual insurance policy, CPA for taxes and for the fuel tank inspection, which will take nearly all of the checking account funds. All other expenses are in line.

Hangar Vacancy — The club has about ten open hangars at this point, leaving us about \$700 per month short on hangar rent. Michael Mossman will revise the post card mailer then Chuck Long will print them and prepare for mailing.

Equipment Report — The wind sock on the north end of the runway needs replacement. We have heard that public access airports are supposed to get one free windsock per year. Steve McClure will build a solar light string to light up the north wind sock. Earl Brosman bought a propane barbecue grill for the club with donations from a few members. We will keep the grill in one of the vacant hangars. The club is looking for a picnic table to go with the grill. Chad Williams bought a new OSHA-approved first aid kit for the club; it will be kept in the operations building.

Property Improvements — Ray Rice would like for the club to paint parking lines along the new hangar. Ray replaced some of the tie down lines on the ramp. He would also like for the club to paint some airplane tiedown lines. Mark Poliak volunteered to paint the lines. Ray would also like to improve the interior of the operations building, and has formed a committee consisting of Ray Rice, Chuck and Pam Leucht, Earl Brosman, Michael Mossman and Don Derado.

Dog Roast Planning — Pam Leucht reports that the blue trash can is not for trash but has supplies for the Dog Roast. There is a metal tub for ice and drinks. Pam will get the hot dogs and other club-supplied items for Saturday. Since September 19 looks like a rain-out, Chad Williams motioned to reschedule the Dog Roast to the following Saturday, September 24; Earl Brosman seconded. All voted to move the event, none opposed. Weather permitting, John Derado will bring a tethered balloon to the Dog Roast and will launch from the field east of the runway.

Upcoming Events — Timber House Airport, south of Lafayette, is hosting an EAA Fly-in Drive-in on Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited.

Adjournment — Dick Gurley motioned to adjourn; Chad Williams seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Michael Mossman, BCAA Secretary