

# EAA Chapter 430 - 2023 BOD Minutes

Date: July 21, 2023

- Board Members Present: Ray Ballantyne, Rick Vaux, Richard Howell, Tracy Halsted, Barry Halsted, Dave Miller, Erik Petersen, Bud Davies, Andy Sallee, Harry Cook
- Absent: Scott Fitzgerald, Elisa Petersen
- President Ray Ballantyne called the Board Meeting to order at 0907.
- Agenda additions or corrections: none presented.
- Approve Minutes: BOD Minutes of June 2023 meeting were approved.
- Correspondence:
  - Bud Davies queried the board about their knowledge of a Young Eagles benefit that makes a free flight lesson available. Conjecture was offered that completion a Sporty's training school course was necessary, along with a sign up step through YE website? (follow up: EAA Young Eagles First Flight Lesson program. EAA is funding a 45-60 minute lesson for the student who provided you this voucher. The student is a participant in the Young Eagles Program and has completed Part 1 of the Sporty's Complete Pilot Training Course. [\$130 voucher after video modules 1-3, <https://ye.courses.sportys.com/ye>])
  - Board member Tracy Halsted requested to change Young Eagles voicemail boxes to only YE Director Bud Davies.
  - Ray spoke to EAA HQ's Charlie Becker about Flyouts and Eagle Flight insurance requirements and what's covered? (no additional info recorded at this time)
  - Ray read a letter from EAA HQ's David Leiting about the wristbands EAA HQ awarded to our chapter for this year's Flying Start event.
  - Vice President Rick Vaux moved that the wristbands awarded to the chapter be gifted to Ray Ballantyne. Second by Erik Petersen.
    - Bud Davies opened discussion about the appropriateness of "compensating" chapter members for chapter activities. It was pointed out that the letter from EAA, mentioned above, specifically stated that awarding the AirVenture wristbands to a deserving chapter member is an acceptable disposition for them. We did announce and offer the wristbands for sale and they were available for several weeks. Bud, made it known that he too was attending AirVenture and might have had some interest in the wristbands. (Sigh.) Finally, the motion to award them to Ray was carried.
- Reports & Status Update:
  - Vice President Rick Vaux shared that he had been (or would be) in contact with organizers of an Aug 12, *Unity of Effort* event for first responders that is expected to include helicopter static displays and suggested that an EAA 430 presence (possibly a sun shade, a table and information brochures) may be appropriate and he would be willing to lead such an effort. Call for volunteers.

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- o Secretary Richard Howell - nothing new.
- o Treasurer Tracy Halsted - \$120 for printer labels and new reflective vests for ground crew - all used at chapter YE events. \$300 remaining YE credits earmarked for Build & Fly.
- o Membership Erik Petersen - reported 94 paid members - need 6 more!!
- o Young Eagles Bud Davies - no more YE events are scheduled for this year.
  - PT event had wifi issues. Is there some way to work without wifi? (not realistically)
  - Compressed schedule this year for double YE credits, but maybe not really worth doing it again?
  - Sunday events were not anywhere near as popular as Saturday. Saturday only from now on seems to be the consensus.
- o VMC/IMC Harry Cook - reported another lively meeting with all-time record attendance!!
- o Flyouts Barry Halsted - A July Saturday event to Concrete and their open house. Small group, but very fun.
  - Planning to coordinate directly with EAA 406 - Mike Friend.
  - Hoping for more participants (and contributions) for our Poker Run.
- o Scholarship Dave Miller - Set up things for Noah and payments to the 2 new schools.
- o Web Editor Andy Sallee - working with Erik for payment improvements.
- Young Eagles - Debrief Topics
  - o Harry – frustrations and complications, dealing with parents unfettered access to the dispatch desk and complexity of special request scenarios. Assistant to the dispatcher? (Richard volunteers to help.)
  - o Awareness of time, resources and other constraints of flying everyone. May have to turn away checked-in kids (and parents) that have been waiting, if we run long.
  - o Handling late arrivals.
  - o Need better crowd (parent) and flow control at various stations and especially around the dispatch desk.
  - o Double check for mismatch of kids and registration numbers - signed paperwork must match actual kids for each flight.
  - o Pilot management - clipboard handling - clipboard with signed paperwork stays with dispatcher, does not go with pilot on the airplane.
  - o Several “extra flights” have been conducted during events, some with parents, some with unregistered (and underage) kids and also with YE kids that had already flown and paperwork closed out. What to do?
- Old Business
  - o Hangar Clubhouse
    - Andy Sallee shared with the BOD a list of available grants in hopes that one or more might be a suitable match for our building aspirations.

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- Andy has been able to secure some substantial grants for W28.
- Andy has received many lights from PA airport rehabilitation and may have extras to supply for our fundraisers.
- Andy has verbal approval for funds to begin 40x50 hangar construction, possibly in September.
- Richard - to [actually] get going with plans and grant ideas (with help from friends).
- o Build & Fly
  - Control surfaces and hinges are attached to the wings and tail.
  - Radio and motor installation next.
  - Start the kids working with the flight simulators.
  - Anticipating getting all kids flying by the last program session - September 9th.
  - Remaining YE credits will go to Build & Fly - batteries, radio, etc.
- o Tool Crib
  - Rick Stoffel has agreed to keep the (few) useful tool crib items at his home hangar.
  - Less useful items (and surplus/scrap) will be available at W28 hangar #17 during the next chapter gathering. Members may take away what they want. Any and all remaining unwanted items will be discarded.
- New Business
  - o Ray shared that the chapter has received a donation letter, for our Poker Run prize pool, from the Olympic Game Farm for a carload of 4.
  - o Ray has suggested that we have a good candidate, from Forks WA, for the EAA Ray Scholarship
    - EAA Chapter 430 itself, will have to apply and be approved to mentor the candidate through the flight training program.
    - In October, Dave Miller will initiate the application.
  - o EAA Chapter 430 has the opportunity to mentor several prospective flight training students and help them with ground school. Sporty's Pilot Shop and King Schools have self-study ground school courses. In addition to those, we hope to offer some supplementary in-person training sessions. Richard Howell has offered his workshop as a venue.
  - o Elections for BOD
    - Ray took a poll and it appears that all elected BOD members are willing to stay on for a new term.
    - Appointed VMC/IMC Club Director, Harry Cook, shared his intention to resign.
  - o Judy and Bob Stipe of the Sequim Museum will be the featured July program presenters about the history of Sequim airports.
  - o Bud was surprised to hear that there will be an August EAA 430 gathering - at his hangar. (Will just have to find a place to park his airplane. Again. Sigh.)

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- o Ray will be absent for the July gathering. Rick V. will lead. Food is ok. Kevin and Charlie Tracy for setup with Todd T. and/or Dave M. to handle the burgers.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1035.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary

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