

# EAA Chapter 430 - 2024 BOD Minutes

Date: May 17, 2024

- Board Members Present: Rick Vaux, Richard Howell, Tracy Halsted, Bud Davies, Barry Halsted, Dave Miller, Kevin Tracy, Charlene Tracy, Harry Cook
- Absent: Ray Ballantyne, Scott Fitzgerald, Andy Sallee, Erik Petersen, Elisa Petersen
- Chapter Vice President Richard D. “Rick” Vaux called the Board Meeting to order at 0901
- Agenda additions or corrections: none presented.
- BOD Minutes of the April 2024 meeting were approved as written.
- Correspondence:
  - Dave Miller prepared and submitted a “letter of inquiry”, receipt acknowledged, to the Philips Foundation, regarding potential grant monies for our chapter scholarship efforts.
- Reports & Status Update:
  - Vice President Rick Vaux - nothing new.
  - Secretary Richard Howell - nothing new.
  - Treasurer Tracy Halsted shared that 2 new anonymous donations had been made to our building fund (\$1,500, \$3,000)
    - The CDs for building funds have been renewed.
    - \$3,628 remains liquid and the total amount of the building funds is almost \$150k
  - Membership Erik Petersen - (email) Membership stands a 100, with 15 in the “sliding window”. Badges have been ordered and will be available at the May 25th gathering.
  - Young Eagles Bud Davies - For June 1 (W28) Bud has recruited 8 pilots (approx. 13 seats) who have indicated that they and their aircraft will be available to fly the kids. We’re still a little short on the number of ground volunteers.
  - VMC/IMC Club Harry Cook - Last meeting was well attended and a good presentation was made by Ernie Hansen about ferrying a friend's Piper PA-12 Cub from Nevada to Idaho.
  - Hospitality Kevin & Charlie Tracy - May gathering will feature burgers. The June 1 YE rally is expected to have sandwiches.
  - Newsletter Elisa Petersen - no report
  - Flyouts Barry Halsted - Today’s flyout to Forks was canceled due to potential winds. Will try again soon.
  - Scholarship Dave Miller - our current scholarship funds sufficient to cover 2 candidates for 2 years and we’re hoping to get some grant funding to supplement. If (when) Gunner completes his PPL training, this will help the chapter qualify for 2 funds-matching scholarships where the chapter’s 25% contribution will be matched 75%, up to \$12k each. The candidate age range is narrow - 17 to 19 years only.
  - Communications Scott Fitzgerald - Ok, via email.
  - Web Editor Andy Sallee - (email) Nothing new (except a last minute trip to Cancun)
    - Tracy Halsted led a discussion about the (Freedom Voice) phone extension/forwarding service the chapter pays for each month. About \$8. Discussion explored the usefulness of the service vs. noted shortcomings like timeliness of

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email notifications and responding to callers with personal phones. A preference for email-only communications was popularly voiced.

- **Tracy proposed deleting the \$8 service. Second by Harry Cook. All present board members voted to approve. None opposed.**

- Old Business:

- o Andy Sallee, via email, acknowledged that the Sequim Valley Airport board had received the chapter's lease proposal and were evaluating possible locations and they expect to reply before the end of month.
- o Flying Start - (Tracy Halsted) reported that there were several back-and-forth email discussions, the upshot of which is that due to weather concerns, the flying portion of the event had already been postponed. And, due to some pressing personal issues, both Dave Woodcock and Cecilia Aragon need to postpone as well. Sunday, June 2 (the day after Young Eagles) was chosen for the rescheduled event.
- o Recognition Plaza - The PT Foundry has been non-responsive after several attempts by Harry to make contact. There was discussion and re-visiting of the brass-plaque-on-rock concept and potentially reduced notice/visibility to the important site, which does receive visitors. **Dave Miller proposed that the (purchase) order with PT Foundry be canceled and the plaque concept and/or other ideas be tabled until later. Second by Harry Cook. All present board members voted to approve. None opposed.**
- o Building Committee - (Barry) No recent meeting. An upcoming meeting will discuss configuration and orientation.
- o Tetrahedron (aka. T-Wrecks)
  - just about complete
  - follow on to mount bearing assembly
  - deliver to W28
  - needs paint
  - Richard Humphreys has paint and a trailer
  - Harry just volunteered to do the painting at his house
  - Ray proposed (via email) that the chapter make Richard Humphreys an honorary member for his effort to design and fabricate the new tetrahedron.
    - Barry led a discussion and was confident that such a membership may likely be thought of as a "disservice" and suggested that a dinner would be much more appreciated. After discussion of possible venues, including Dupuis and Tedesco's, **Tracy Halsted proposed that the chapter provide Richard Humphreys a \$100 gift certificate to Tedesco's, in Sequim. Second by Harry Cook. All present board members voted to approve. None opposed.** Tracy volunteered to acquire the gift certificate.

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- New Business:
  - Dave Miller discussed the summary of a meeting with Judy Stipe, about grant opportunities for scholarships and building funds. Dave's written summary will be recorded/filed with these May meeting minutes.
  - Sonex Sale (re: Wade Kincaid) - There was spontaneous discussion about being involved with and taking possession of, and the sale of, a nearly completed Sonex aircraft with (non-standard and potentially problematic) Viking engine, and also rather quick agreement among those present, that the chapter is not interested in doing any of that.
  - The April gathering is on track. Preparations are ok. Harry Cook will make a presentation. (He was a little surprised, because he'd forgotten and he pledged to read meeting minutes more carefully from now on.)
  - Build and Fly - Richard Howell asked the board if having a simulation booth at the June 1st YE rally would be welcome and not be a distraction? Discussion was favorable. This wouldn't be a registered event, just an opportunity to have kids and parents engaged and hearing about future Build and Fly workshops and trying hands-on simulated R/C flying while the kids are waiting for their airplane rides. The booth can be close to the point of dispatch and managed so that kids will not be delayed in responding to their call to fly. Assistance will be provided from members of Olympic Silent Flyers.
- The meeting was adjourned at 0954.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary

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