

EAA Chapter 430 – 2026 BOD Minutes

Date: February 20, 2026

Board Members Present: Ray Ballantyne, Richard Howell, Tracy Halsted, Bud Davies, Barry Halsted, Harry Cook, Kevin Tracy, Charlene Tracy, Linda Priddle, Rob Stephens. Not present: Erik Petersen, Ernie Hansen.
Guest: Rick Vaux

- 1) Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the meeting to order at 0903
- 2) BOD Minutes of the January 2026 were approved as written
- 3) Agenda additions or corrections: None
- 4) Correspondence: None
- 5) Reports & Status Update:
 - a) Vice President – No Report
 - b) Secretary – No Report
 - c) Treasurer Tracy Halsted – Treasury reports emailed to BOD prior to meeting. 22 members still waiting for dues payment, Tracy will be calling. YE Financial audit TBD w/Ernie.
 - d) Membership Tracy Halsted – 117 members. National EAA membership being encouraged but not required to be a member in good standing with Chapter 430. EAA Young Eagles pilots must be national members. **Ray to research and report at next BOD meeting**
 - e) Young Eagles Bud Davies – 2026 Event Dates: 6/6. Visible to YE withing 50 mi radius. Registration not open yet. August YE event still under consideration for date change, not to conflict with Diamond Point. \$25 credited to chapter from national for every new YE Pilot participating for the first time, announce at general meeting & Newsletter. Send Aiden story to EAA National-Richard. Send Aiden story to Linda for AMA
 - f) VMC/IMC Club Harry Cook – Feb mtg 14 members, March 11th next VMC/IMC
 - g) Hospitality Kevin and Charlene Tracy –Christmas party 2026
 - i) Sunland \$200/hr <\$50pp AV available
 - ii) Oasis \$1500 Venue \$50pp
 - iii) Mariner <\$50pp (~\$30pp)
 - iv) Call Elks and VFW for cost and availability
 - h) Fly-Out Barry Halsted – February 16 people to Bremerton. Aiden may plan March or April. Destination TBD. Other flyout possibilities: Museums, Picnic etc. June 30th Fly-in at Olympic
 - i) Scholarship Linda – Matching Funds scholarship available. \$3k doner\$12k Scholarship. Individual chosen Aug/Sept 2026. Additional scholarship available. Criteria for Scholarship selection – Linda create document to evaluate applicants objectively, must have affiliation with EAA 430.
 - j) Newsletter, Richard reporting timely February mid-month completion and distribution. More content, new member articles. Chapter drop box to be explored for photos etc.
 - k) Communications: Roles and Responsibilities handbook complete. News letter emailed withing 24 hours!
 - l) Web Editor Richard: Slowly reviewing revising. Advertise website (members) Drive traffic

Old Business

- 6) Building Committee –Ernie Hanson taking point for initial information gathering at Diamond point.
- 7) Operating Procedures Erik Petersen: **Complete**
- 8) CAP Ground School meeting every Tuesday at Sequim M.S., Discussion only about EAA running own ground school.
- 9) Holiday venue for 2026 see 5g

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- 10) Pavers Cleaning, Kevin Tracy to organize work party and determine date (better weather)
- 11) EAA Chapter Leader webinar attended by Ray & Tracy.

New Business

- 12) NWT+C ride share available for anyone interested.
- 13) Leadership Boot Camp March 3-4 on line 4 hrs / day
- 14) Kevin Tracy to set up table at next general meeting and offer items for purchase to members. (try to enlist Aidens help) Last meeting generated ~\$300
- 15) Feb General meeting – ready
 - a) Future presentations?
- 16) Flying Club: Ray brought up discussion on how the Chapter could help the formation of a flying club - which would reduce the cost of flying for some of our new aviators.

Meeting adjourned 10:28

Important **February/March** 2026 Dates

- Feb 28th General gathering KCLM conference room
- March 11th @ 7 pm VMC/IMC Club, Mariner Café
- March 20th @ 9am BOD, Mariners Café

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stephens, EAA 430 Secretary