

EAA Chapter 430 - 2026 BOD Minutes

Date: June 19, 2026

- Board Members Present: Ray Ballantyne, Ernie Hansen, Bud Davies, Richard Howell, Tracy Halsted, Barry Halsted, Charlene Tracy, Kevin Tracy
- Not present: Harry Cook, Linda Priddle, Erik Petersen, Rob Stephens
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the meeting to order at 0906
- Agenda additions or corrections: none presented
- BOD Minutes of the May 2026 were approved
- Correspondence:
 - EAA HQ sent our latest recognition banner - EAA Chapter Gold for 2025
 - Richard Howell got an EAA info packet for being a first-time Young Eagle pilot
 - Bud recounted an email exchange with YE parents. This led to informal discussion about YE participation radius. Pre-registration and priority is for kids in our local area (approx 30 miles). Families outside the radius are welcome to attend an event, but their kids will be accommodated only as we're able - time permitting and after all pre-registered kids have all been flown.
- Reports & Status Update:
 - Vice President Ernie Hansen - Working on our proposed tool loan program. Prepared a draft explanation letter that will be shared at the June Gathering. Prop balancer ordered.
 - Secretary Rob Stephens - Richard Howell taking notes and will prepare June BOD minutes.
 - Treasurer Tracy Halsted - Monthly financial reports published and balances are good.
 - Membership Tracy Halsted - Skip Brown will handle the membership desk at Gathering, while Tracy is away.
 - VMC/IMC Club Harry Cook - no report.
 - The July meeting will be skipped and the time slot will be used for Chili Bingo night.
 - Hospitality Kevin & Charlene Tracy
 - Ready for Chili Bingo Night
 - There will be Chili Bingo prize donation and also chili tasting contestant sign-up sheets available at the June Gathering
 - The June Gathering will feature burger lunch
 - Fly-Out Barry Halsted
 - Aiden Lara will, once again, likely be invited to do the coordination for the July fly-out
 - Barry would appreciate help from chapter members to actively secure prize donations for our Poker Run fundraiser
 - Scholarship Linda Priddle - no report. (see below)
 - Newsletter Richard Howell - doing ok, getting up to speed.
 - Web Editor Richard Howell - adding fresh content, working on events calendar.
 - Communications Erik Petersen - (email), all good.
 - Newsletters and various reminder notifications have all been sent out
 - Automation to support unsubscribe [from reminder notification] groups is working

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- Old Business
 - Building Committee - nothing new.
 - UFO and Ray Scholarship status
 - Mr Ballantyne was recently reminded that UFOs offer a \$1000 scholarship that we'll apply for.
 - Mr Ballantyne also reported that although we've been approved to administer a matching-funds Ray Foundation scholarship for 2026, it makes sense for us to pass on submitting a candidate this year and then be in position to concentrate on a possible candidate with a full scholarship for next year.
 - Ray shared information about another chapter's "Jump Start" program and we talked a bit about possibly doing something similar. This involves directly funding candidate(s) for their FAA medical exam and student pilot certificate, private pilot ground school, a discovery flight, FAA test prep and written exam, and then 3 hours of actual dual flight instruction.
 - Young Eagle - debrief
 - Overall, the event went very well
 - Tracy advises moving to a single printer operation, instead of two
 - Continually screen waiting attendees to find those who've pre-registered and advance them in the queue, along with their pre-printed forms
 - Bud was pleased with the number of pilots participating
 - Bud will send direct emails and solicit pilot participation, in addition to the standard EAA system-generated YE invitations
 - Bud appreciated the work of the the air-boss
 - The static aircraft display and presentation was popular and perhaps we could have a ground volunteer to let more attendees know about that and direct them there
 - Barry thought pilots did a good job of following the prescribed route
 - Ground marshalling of aircraft and attendees was good
 - One landing issue was noted and addressed with the pilot, by the Chapter President
 - Chapter member Dava McNutt has donated a couple of headsets to YE and they will be made available at the next event
- New Business
 - Chili Bingo fundraiser, **July 8th**, for prop balancer - logistics
 - Room is reserved
 - (signup sheets will be available - as mentioned above)
 - Chapter Gathering Program - **June 27th** - logistics
 - Ernie Hansen will preside
 - Cecelia Aragon "*Dancing with Gravity*"
 - A whiteboard will be made available
 - Bud will check status with Cecilia

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- o The Annual Board of Directors Dinner
 - hosted this year by Rob and Joanna Stephens, **July 12th**, at their home in Port Angeles - *somewhere* 😊 along S Old Mill Rd
- The meeting adjourned at 1001

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Howell, for EAA Chapter 430 Secretary, Rob Stephens

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