



Airport Committee Minutes for September 24, 2011

Attending meeting:

Committee Members: Rebecca, Duggan, Alice Moore, Jim and Beryl O’Dea, Lou Pressel, Dick Sager and Dave Wood. General Manager: Robert Neeb. Guest: Roland McDonald.

Rebecca Duggan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Without objection, the Agenda and the minutes of the August 27, 2011 meeting were approved.

General Manager’s report – Bob Need asked us to work with the Planning/Marketing committee when developing a marketing plan for the airport. The new pool should be open by the end of October.

Board Representative Report – in Hank Hale’s absence, Bob Neeb announced the Volunteer Appreciation hosted by the Board of Directors on Sunday, September 25 from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome. Any changes to the rules must be submitted as soon as possible; the Board will be reviewing them on October 6. At their September 17, 2011 meeting the Board approved changing the name of the committee to Airport committee.

Application Review Committee Report – Dick Sager reported there were no new applications.

Airport Manager’s Report

- Dick Sager is planning to replace the top part of the windsock and support.
- Dick is going to leave the safety cones in place for the winter unless he has a problem with snowmobilers damaging them.
- Dick plans to contact Butman Township regarding signs for the airport.
- The airport will remain open for the winter but there will no snow removal.

Unfinished Business

- Master Long Range Plan – Dick Sager moved and Alice Moore seconded the motion to approve the plan; motion carried.
- Forming an EAA chapter with another group – the committee is still working on this.
- Airport emergency plan – Paul Purdy dropped off the plans to the Butman Township Fire Department for review. We were expecting a representative from the department at our meeting today.

Sugar Springs Property Owners Association Airport Committee

Minutes for September 24, 2011

- Fly-in Lessons Learned and Ideas for 2012 – we need more people working with crowd control, we will use Roland's base station since it has more power than the hand-held radios, we could use more handhelds for communicating with pilots, pilots offering rides need to park in a different area, we should have two people at the wings of planes to walk the planes out, we need to post no smoking signs, and signs telling visitors to not touch the aircraft. The committee decided to adjourn this subject until a working session on October 22, 2011 to further discuss this topic.
- 2012 Fundraising – We will sell ice cream at the art and craft show again. Ideas included: selling ice cream bars and water at the balloon flights after the fly-in; holding a balloon festival similar to the one just held in Midland; and selling side beverages and snacks at the fly-in.

New Business

- Airport Rules Update – the committee reviewed and approved the changes submitted.
- 2012 meetings. Meetings for 2012 will be held fourth Saturdays of the month at 10:30am in the Activities building as follows: April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25 (after the fly-in), and September 22.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Fly-in working session date:

≈ October 22, 10:30 a.m. activities building

Paul Purdy, Secretary

Note: Paul Purdy would like to thank Beryl O'Dea for taking notes for him at the meeting.