

**Freedom's Wings International -- Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**O'Grady's Restaurant, Souderton, PA**  
**October 17, 2009**

**I. Call to Order --- called to order @ 10:11.**

Attending: Richard Fucci (Fooch), CathyAnne McLaughlin (CA), Carl Slegel (Carl), Bruce Brown (Bruce), Krzysztof Lapinski (Kris), Ela Lapinski

**II. Minutes of Previous Meeting ---** after a request from CA that we clarify the membership dues for able-bodied members, pro-rating, the annual rate, and eliminate the daily (flying charge) from the web site and the current application; the minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**III. Committee Reports**

**Treasurer --- CA:**

Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues Collected & Expenses Paid, Events Receipts & Expenses submitted.

It appears that Sport Aviation/Van Sant owes FWI \$996.

Will tie-down waiver continue under new Van Sant management?

Will Vintage Aeronautics continue leasing the Schweizer SGS 2-32?

**Aircraft/Equipment Maintenance --- Kris:**

N217BG upholstery done, will remain in trailer until needed.

Replacement of gelcoat on wings & fuselage of N217BG should be done in 2010.

Estimates of cost and alternatives are being solicited.

AD's: Who's getting them; where are they being mailed?

New tie-down wing cleats are being obtained.

A work party will be scheduled to install permanent tie-down anchors at Blairstown, work will include cleaning a/c covers.

**Communications/Newsletter/Website --- Carl:**

The newsletter is labor-intensive, sent to 130+ via email, ~85 via snailmail.

Efforts to resolve bad addresses continue, recipients encouraged to provide email address.

Efforts to establish communications with other area activity groups continues.

**Safety/Student Training --- Bruce:**

Joel Terefenko has come aboard as CFIG (also tows at Blairstown).

A CFIG from Saratoga, Thomas MacJarrett, may be coming on board.

Kudos to Jimmy Angelou, Bob Cook, & ACA for their continued support at Blairstown.

Kudos to CA and Sean O'Donnell as currently active students.

Input for the March 2010 Safety Meeting/Seminar will be appreciated.

**Program --- Fooch:**

September Freedom's Flights at Blairstown for Mt. Sinai was successful, great weather.

The picnic (also @ Btown the following day) was also great, included YCS & ACA.

Notification of the death of Nick Antonelli prompts condolence in newsletter.

(which in turn led to additional names --- I/we will not do obits, but may profile [Carl])

**Fundraising --- Fooch:**

Proposed an appeal letter for financial support to be sent to acquaintances/associates/  
family/friends --- donations to be matched by Board members to personal threshold.

**[Carl]:** Is it feasible/practical to commercialize the FWI website?

**Volunteers** --- still seeking effective enlistment of able and disabled.

**IV. Old Business**

- 1. Resurfacing N217BG** --- alternatives for coating (gelcoat or polyurethane) and respective advantages/costs (estimates) are being sought.
- 2. Where to base N217BG** --- back to Blairstown after M-ASA?  
Alternate between Blairstown and Van Sant as necessary?
- 3. Membership: person to take charge** --- George Cannon has accepted(?) role.

**V. New Business**

- 1. DiveIn festival participation** --- (wet, mildly chaotic, necessary PR)  
((...and they want us back Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010))
- 2. M-ASA Event** --- (significant interest, cancelled by weather)
- 3. Glider on the line through winter at Blairstown?** --- 923BG always ready.
- 4. ACA banquet participation** --- (in Feb) pending details.

**VI. Next Meeting Date:** **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30**  
**at Warren County Library**  
**General Membership Meeting followed**  
**by Board Meeting after lunch.**

**VII. Adjournment** --- (~11:30, followed by convoy to DiveInFest)

Draft respectfully submitted by Carl A. Slegel 8 January, 2010.