

Schaumburg Flying Club

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2004

Attending:

Bob Bos

Robin Clark

Juan Cuellar

Kevin Kazmierski

George Moshos

Norb Paprocki

Jeff Puglielli

Don Segreti

George Stephen

Leslie Wadsworth

Bill Wetmore

Maintenance

Norb

Annual for 9SP due January 31, 2005

Total for maintenance spent in 2004 - \$52,456 including overhaul costs for 4SA

Equates to \$19/hour maintenance cost

One outstanding 9SP maintenance cost - Pedestal light

9SP moving to far west side of ramp

Pre-heater available on both aircraft – can be plugged in overnight to prepare for early morning cold weather departure

Finances

Bill

Financial picture looks good but the club was lucky in November with no maintenance expenses given the low number of flight hours.

Currently:

\$6,500 balance in the bank account

(Club will require \$23,000 for planned 2006 9SP overhaul)

\$3,000 outstanding in good receivables

Expenses

\$1,900 Fuel cost for month (Average fuel cost Schaumburg - \$3.145/gal)

~\$2,600 insurance premium paid for First Quarter 2005

November Monthly billing:

SA 34.7 hours

SP 19.1

General Business

Flight hours concern

Club must fly more to keep rental rates under control. We anticipate billing at least 100 hours of flight time per month.

Suggestion opened again for discussion to pay 1 hour per month by each member to help generate a guaranteed revenue. The 1 hour payment would be applied to the first hour of the member's monthly flight time.

Question: How will officially inactive members (lost medical, intentionally inactive) be treated using this suggested policy. Suggested that for the inactive members recognized as officially inactive, only the standard monthly dues would be charged.

Discussion did not resolve to a decision but it is generally understood that the lack of adequate flight time revenue will put revenue pressure on the club membership requiring a rate increase to

accommodate the planned aircraft maintenance and club operations.

Minimum hours charged members during a trip still a concern but problem was resolved in the short-term due to \$10/hour rate increase.

Norb: Suggestion 2 hour minimum during week.

Discussion did not resolve to a decision

Morris Fuel Account

The club now has an account at Morris airport for fuel charges. Stop at Morris and top tanks and put fuel charge on SFC account before returning to Schaumburg. Morris fuel is currently \$2.55/gal.

New Membership Drive

Recruiting of new members currently on hold due to SFC in process of gaining final approval from Village of Schaumburg to operate as a Flying Club.

We have a reliable report about who has been removing our advertisements. Ask Norb or Jeff if you'd like more details.

Jeff and Norb attended a meeting of the Schaumburg Regional Airport Advisory Committee. Village staff agreed that all information on SFC is in compliance (and is now part of the public record.) The SRAAC voted to approve the Schaumburg Flying Club. The transportation committee meets on January 3rd to vote based on SRAACs recommendation. Final vote will take place January 11, 2005 when Schaumburg City Council will meet to officially vote the SFC approval.

New member recruiting will continue after January 11.

Proposal to amend SFC Bylaws

In order to gain approval by the Schaumburg City Council, the SFC Bylaws must be amended to add a statement that all club members will abide by rules and regulations as stated by Village of Schaumburg relating to airport rules, especially noise abatement.

Vote taken:

All in favor: 11 Opposed: 0

Discussion to encourage more flying time

Don

Some suggestions were made to encourage more club activities as well as use of the aircraft

Don offered the following suggestions:

1. Approximately 40% of the club membership does not have an Instrument rating. A major added value for the club would be if we organized an Instrument Rating class where members could get their instrument rating, and while in training regularly fly the aircraft. We would need to properly pay our instructors but the result would be a high quality, low cost way to gain experience as well as an important rating. Perhaps even include the simulator for as much of the training as possible to keep the cost down but still find ways to log hours on the aircraft. (American Flyers Instrument Class true cost is between \$8000 - \$9000)
2. Organize regularly scheduled long distance and shorter instrument flights similar to Jeff's " Atlanta for Lunch" where each pilot can fly some portion of the trip and the less experienced or non-instrument rated pilots can see first-hand what happens on a long trip.
3. Offer events involving spouses where the spouse could get some ground school (companion classes) and perhaps even sit right seat for introductory flights. The classes could be taught by CFI candidates with the guidance of qualified CFIs
4. Develop a "buddy system" approach where members would pair up (similar to Juan and Walt) and fly together to enjoy flying with basically the safety of a second pilot to help in the cockpit while gaining flight

time and getting to know each other.

The suggestions were all well received by the members present with most interest in the organizing the long distance and shorter instrument flights. It was also suggested that these organized distance flights involve both of the SFC aircraft so 6-7 people could participate.

Jeff offered to take the lead in organizing a schedule for the first quarter of 2005. Jeff also offered to organize the first flight and hoped that other more experienced pilots in the club would take the initiative to also organize the additionally scheduled flights. The club instrument pilots will be contacted for their help

Additional discussion on possible club activities

Bob Bos:

Bob offered a tour of his CAF Wing's C-47 and if an SFC club member joins the Wing, there is a possibility to take part in a C-47 flight and fly right-seat with Bob.

Norb:

A tour of the new Air Traffic Control facilities

Jeff:

Presentations using guest speakers on a variety of topics that would interest the membership including areas such as flight safety, avionics, electronic flight bags, GPS, and related new aviation topics.

Request of members:

Give Jeff or Don your feedback on the suggested activities and any other suggestions you might have.

There might be a lot of other ideas that the club members have for club activities or services that the club could offer the members to add to the value of the being in the club. Jeff and the Board have offered to do their best to implement suggestions that the members feel will improve the club. Please reply with your thoughts.