Bremerton Pilots Association Membership Meeting

Call to order 9:03 by President Jim Posner

30 present, 7 attending via telecon

Jim recognized Tim Mensonides, Bremerton airport manager and reviewed recent BPA accomplishments including the improved weather system, pilot lounge, AOPA Fly-in. He endorsed and requested support for the new slate of officers.

Kim Sellick provided a treasurer's report; the BPA is in good financial standing.

Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund ~ \$10,800

Lounge construction fund ~ \$556

General fund ~ \$5100

A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow all current dues-paying members to be able to vote on business to be conducted.

The slate of officers was presented and unanimously elected:

President: Doug Haughton

Vice Pres: Andy Graham

Secretary: Joel Mapes

Treasurer: John Veatch

Newly-elected President Haughton addressed the membership and provided a little history of the BPA, pointing out that he has served as President 7 times. Doug reminded us to "Keep it fun." An early task will be to establish a committee to identify future leaders. New President Doug highlighted some of the accomplishments of outgoing President Jim Posner, including the GPS approach, AOPA Fly-In, 501 C(3) status, pilot lounge, excellent membership growth and much more. Doug talked about re-establishing a camping area, similar to the picnic area created by Jeremy Mapes as an Eagle Scout project.

Bremerton National Airport manager Tim Mensonides presented a plaque to Jim Posner in recognition of Jim's long service and many accomplishments. Tim stated that PWT is the envy of other airports because of the excellent relationship between the airport management and the pilot community.

Jim Posner pointed out that the relationship with the Port Commission is fragile and requires constant nurturing.

Kim Sellick commented on the great influence Tim Mensonides is and his great relationship with the commissioners. Kim expressed how fortunate we are to have Tim as our airport manager.

Rick Kriss spoke on the need to 'get things done' and expressed his disappointment with the WPA, especially the cost of the WPA newsletter.

George Steed, current WPA President said that the WPA is not a service organization but is a structure to support General Aviation in Washington state. He talked about his visits to chapters across the state

and pointed out that the successful chapters have common elements of regular meetings with food, an interesting program (often with WINGS credit) and socializing. He pointed out the need for succession planning, providing a mechanism for future leaders to become prepared to take the reins. George talked about Disaster Airlift Response Team, inviting pilots to join.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03