

Lake Hood Annual Meeting 12/05/2020  
via Zoom

Attendees:

1. David Baldwin
2. Terry Cartee (Director)
3. Al Clayton (VP)
4. Tim Coons –Lake Hood manager, joined as a speaker
5. Jim Curtis (Treasurer)
6. Lambert De Gavere
7. Steve Fishback (Director)
8. Bill Floyd
9. Tom George (AOPA)
10. Petra Illig (Secretary)
11. Scott Ivany
12. David Karalunas
13. Robert Kelly
14. Tom Lovas
15. Galen Pospisil
16. John Pletcher (President)
17. Dale Ratcliff
18. Jim Seeley (Director)
19. Chris Swalling
20. Joel Weiman
21. Eric Wiesman (Proxy to Petra)
22. Carol Zerbe

MAGA iphone – attended but did not identify themselves

Absent: Kristina Votaw (Director)

Al Clayton started the meeting at 10:04 with the following comments:

We are meeting virtually due to COVID – and are convening for our required annual business meeting.

John Pletcher, President, has requested to be relieved due to other commitments

Al thanked Tim Coons – LH airport manager – and introduced him to make comments: Tim is heartened by how everyone at the airport has pulled together during the COVID pandemic to keep the airport running seamlessly. There have been no operational disruptions. Although his office is open, he prefers to interact via email or phone whenever possible. He

noted that commercial flying has continued uninterrupted and private flying seems to have continued as usual.

Operationally there were no new projects - just keeping things going. Everything on the 2017 master plan is still on track and as funding becomes available, these activities will continue. Precise timeline is not possible right now as it's all dependent on funding. Master plan can be reviewed on the airport website.

Discussion topics:

Regarding weed mitigation:

Airport now has permits for treating the water and is working with DNR on that. Current goal is to keep treatments going so that weeds do not take over. There are also shoreline buoys to help avoid shoreline problems.

Regarding wind issues on the lake. Was pointed out that it would be good to have gravel strip / lake wind sensors of some sort as the tower does not always know what is going on to that detail - Tim Coon expressed support but he's not part of tower operations so doesn't have direct impact.

John Pletcher expressed concern about the north ramp generating some confusion – perhaps signage can help.

Regarding sludge that was floating on the lake last year -Tim stated this was due to biologic breakdown / decay materials from aggressive chemical weed control. Various ideas for weed control were discussed. Some of the sludge might be from insect (midge fly) control. Also there is a weed harvester that periodically removes weeds from the lake removes weeds – pros and cons discussed.

Regarding upcoming infrastructure operations next year: Tim stated nothing is on the plans now as funding is still unclear. Refurbishment of the strip that is performed every spring and fall is probably needed, but if a full restoration is undertaken, that may take a week or so. This would not replace the annual spring / fall maintenance but is on the charts for long term maintenance. Other than that, there are no major infrastructure plans for next year.

Al Clayton turned the meeting over to John Pletcher to start the business meeting  
Agenda had been passed around by email to all prior to the meeting

John Pletcher thanked everyone for participating. Quorum was established.  
He wishes to resign as President as he is busy with Flying Crown legal issues.

ACTIONS:

2019 Business Meeting Minutes: motion to accept by Petra Illig, seconded by Al Clayton, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer report was delayed to the end due to technical difficulties.

Proposed Amendments to By Laws:

These had been circulated and were open to discussion, there were no comments. Motion to approve by Al Clayton, seconded by Terry Cartee, and unanimously approved.

John Pletcher stated that there is a person who won a Goose ride last year but we have no record of who that was.

A brief history of LHPA was provided in discussion:

About 30 years ago there was some controversy when the airport manager was interested in a project of building a hotel. It was then decided by a few attendees to establish an ad hoc committee to work on concerns by pilots on Lake Hood including issues associated with tie down slips and how they are allocated. They worked with the airport to put together a rule regarding tie-downs and sub-leasing, and this is how LHPA was formed. Initially there were also conflicts with the AK Airmen as they perceived LHPA to be in competition for membership, but this has also resolved over time.

John Pletcher then commented that, in addition to LHPA support of GA, we should consider having commercial operations in our organization. he also pointed out that, due to COVID, FAA is having difficulty in conducting classes necessary to authorize DPE and other examiners to support commercial and training operations.

John Pletcher then turned the meeting over to Al Clayton.

Because Jim Curtis was encountering technical difficulties in giving his Treasurer's report, John Pletcher moved – and Jim Seely seconded – a motion to approve the Treasure's report pending review via email.

Regarding nominations of Directors and Officers:

In addition to the nominations on the agenda, there were no other nominations from the floor. Jim Seely moved and seconded by John Pletcher, that existing directors elect the slate that appears in the agenda:

- Al Clayton - President and Director
- Kristina Votaw – Vice President and Director
- Petra Illig - Secretary
- Jim Curtis - Treasurer
- Terry Cartee - Director
- Jim Seely - Director
- Jan Fishback - Director

On the unanimous vote of the members, the motion passed. Any change in the officers may take place at the subsequent Directors Board Meeting after the Business Meeting.

Tom George then gave a brief statement regarding the suggestion that Goose Bay be “adopted” by LHPA similar to what has happened in Fairbanks for the purpose of marking certain gravel runways as practice runways. Several years ago, the FAA authorized a process to mark certain gravel runways as practice runways. This is a great aviation safety project as well as for facilitating pilots to interact in such a process. Al Clayton offered that we will discuss this at a greater detail in the Spring LHPA General Meeting.

Many thoughts were presented regarding spring meeting time and place – with the hope that it could be indoors (Steve Fishback’s hangar) and perhaps coordinated with the Airmen’s trade show. Since nothing is clear yet due to COVID, it was suggested that the President pick the date for the Spring meeting when it became clear what the options are as we get closer to that timeframe. This was moved by John Pletcher, seconded by Jim Seely, and unanimously approved.

Jon Pletcher also would like LHPA to consider obtaining board liability insurance – some discussion ensued on that topic.

Jim Curtis then provided the Treasurer’s report:

We have 2 separate accounts – savings and checking, with nearly \$8,000 in the bank. This year We had no expenses and \$3 in income from savings.

Annual membership dues are set at \$20, Student Pilot membership \$5 and also there is a \$200 lifetime membership available

Currently we have:

29 renewing members

6 new members

4 student pilots (renewed out of 19 on the roster)

There are 163 people on the roster

35 regular contributing members

About 20 people haven’t participated in a couple years

Dues received in 2020 will be rolled over to 2021

For new members, Jim requests checks be mailed to his home address:

LHPA Treasurer - 12697 Bona Kim Loop, Anchorage, AK 99515

For alternative way of making payments Jim tried to sign up for Venmo but they were unable to fulfill our needs. He did sign up with Google Pay but not yet sure how well it works.

He plans to send an email to everyone giving the option of mailing a check to paying LHPA membership dues via Google pay, with the requirement to pay by January 1.

The Treasurer report was moved by Jim Seely to accept, seconded by Lambert De Gavere, and unanimously approved.

Jim Curtis then reported the work of the scholarship committee which is in memorial to Scott and Jean. This would be a \$500 award to one student pilot LHPA member, and the money should be used for aviation training purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding applicant criteria and how to assess applications, and it was decided to continue with the concept that Scott had in mind to support student pilots primarily. It was decided to limit this to student pilots who have already solo'd at this time, with other details to be worked out by the committee and needs final approval as a resolution by the Board.

Other Discussion:

Carol Zerbe reported that AK Airmen has a new executive Director, Abby Austin and expects may better cooperation between our organizations. Discussion resulted in comments about working together, partnering together with activities, perhaps a booth at the trade show, etc.

Al Clayton emphasized that we will leave the date of the spring meeting open for now and coordinate with Airman and remain flexible.

Business Meeting was adjourned at noon.

respectfully submitted,  
Petra Illig  
Secretary

