

Meadow Lake Airport Association

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MLAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 8, 2009

Members Present: Dave Elliott, Ron Lee, Wyman Varnedoe, John Scott
Jamie Johnston, Jeff Moore, Richard Martin, Mark Shook,

Members Absent: Sandy Martin

Call to Order: 3:07 p.m. by Dave Elliott

Opening Remarks:

Dave discussed personnel changes at CDoT and FAA.

The Secretary passed out notebooks containing all the meeting minutes to date. Some members had expressed difficulty opening the computerized meeting minutes, so hard copies were provided to all the board members.

Treasures Report:

Fencing: Fencing and security discussed. It was suggested that some board members contact other small airports to see what they have for fencing strategies.

Collecting "N" Numbers and Addresses: Dave Elliott had created a list of airplane "N" numbers located at MLAA from other public websites. He wanted to use that information to pass on to FAA to support our total airplane registration. He was able to collect 360 "N" numbers for airplanes at Meadow Lake. Jamie Johnston raised concerns about the liability of the board if the public website information was not correct. Before we pass on this information to any other agency we need to be able to validate the information and confirm that the members actually want us to make that information public. Jeff Moore, Richard Martin and Ron Lee agreed. Ron Lee voiced concern that although the "N" numbers are collected, we have no idea if the aircraft are flight worthy. Mark suggested we ask the members if we can forward their "N" number information on to the FAA.

ACC Report:

Mark stated there is currently one issue. Robert Rodriguez has re-submitted a plan to the county. Because Mark is his neighbor he excused himself from this situation. He is letting the other two members, Greg Johnson and Gene Kear, handle it. Robert did not change anything from his last submission. Issues include no drainage plan and building right on the lot line. The county requested responses by November 30, and Greg Johnson got it in on November 30th.

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Mark also brought up the issue of raising the minimum dues for MLAA members, as requested by the FAA and CDoT. Richard suggested we raise the minimum from \$75 in annual dues a year to \$120.

MOTION: Richard Martin

SECOND: Mark Shook

Favor: Wyman, Jeff, Richard, Ron, Mark and Dave.

Oppose: Jamie

Facility Report: Ron Lee

Painting jobs were not conducted due to weather conditions.

Roads and grounds, specifically Cessna Drive, was deferred to Mark Shook.

Mark, Ron and George Cold met on the road to the beacon and determined that we needed to haul in 4 loads of road base. Two to six inches had eroded away. It will be graded again when the weather improves. They filled around the water storage area and expect that to be fixed in two weeks.

Ron noted that a drainage pipe collapsed on the turn off to EW Systems.

Mark suggested that we budget dollars each year to continue the drainage ditch along Cessna as the budget allows. He suggested we put in a plan to work the drainage infrastructure. Dave and Jeff are to get a proposal together for the next section.

Three areas need attention:

1. The area from the cross wind to Echo is done.
2. From Echo to EW Systems drive should be done next
3. Obtain a quote from Avery for a slurry coat on Cessna.

Mark suggested we wait until next month when we discuss the budget and work then.

Vehicles: Richard Martin

As far as the equipment goes we need batteries on the little one. We may need a little heater. Dave and Lee bought a 37" boom. They offered to allow the airport to utilize it if it's needed.

Mark gave a yellow rotating beacon to Ron Lee. Ron is to use it to see if it works before Mark buys the next four. The price is \$86 each. Mark has one too. Mark bought it from Layton truck.

Safety and Security:

A gun was discovered in the water tanks.

MLAA now has a citizen patrol patrolling the airport. He is part of the sheriff's volunteer program. He was driving around the airport familiarizing himself with our facility.

There is a major leak in the water tanks. We are losing approximately 30,000 gal. of water a night.

Dogs: Mike Warbington has a habit of letting his dogs, Cheyenne and Pee Wee, run loose on the airport. This is a safety concern for the runway. Dogs should be on a leash and attended to. Dave will write him a letter.

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AWOS: Mark.

We are still waiting for approval of the location. Both the FAA and FCC must approve. \$4,500 has been spent so far on engineering. The gentleman we were dealing with for the Viasala moved. A new replacement is being trained and ADG is working with them. ADG verified that we have a 10% variance in our \$150,000 grant to cover costs. The variance can increase the total budget to \$165,000. The AWOS costs \$150,000. John Lingwall asked why we moved it from the high location to a lower location. The reason is we moved from the first spot which interfered with the glider operations. The second location we own, but not the 100 feet around the spot.

EAA Update: Richard Martin

The Christmas Party was cancelled for tonight due to weather. Now it will be scheduled next Wednesday.

HFSC: John Scott

We filled in some ruts, but we need a roller. Dave stated some members asked if we would publish that area as a turf runway. Jamie suggested that we notify all emergency responders to this new area and inform them that it might be in use. Dave stated that it would be west traffic.

Enumeration: Dave Elliott

On hold until we talk to the new post master. The job for the “official” enumerator in the county was cut due to budget constraints. It was suggested the board make a proposal and submit it to the county for approval.

Colorado Airport Operators Association: This association meets two times a year. Bill Chandler and George Brewer went to the dinners. The Corporate sponsor for this event is ADG. The membership fees received are used for training classes which are free to association members. Examples include fire fighting classes, light maintenance courses, etc. The membership fees are \$500 a year. Richard felt this might be a necessary expense, given all the changes taking place at CDoT and FAA.

Review of Business Plan: Dave Elliott

The plan is not bad and has met the scope to date. While he was disappointed with the plan itself he felt we needed to go forward with it. There were some minor issues that needed to be corrected. Dave stated he presented a copy to Lee Wolford for review, since Lee was the person who initiated the Business Plan.

John Scott stated it appears to be more of a feasibility study and not a plan. Several members stated that the membership needs to decide how large they want to grow this airport.

Adjourn: Merry Christmas!