

**ROGUE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL-MEDFORD AIRPORT
AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENTHUSIAST (ACE) BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2012
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ron Fox, at 12:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Members Present: Scott Anderson, Ron Fox, Chris Reising, Bert Morgan, Mike Quilty, Alan Bender and Tome' Olson. **Members Excused:** Jody Jensen and Brad Hicks. **Guests Present:** John Rachor, Jackson County Commissioner; Bern Case, Marcy Black, Robert Russell, Kim Stearns, Susan Mathistad and Debbie Stroup, Airport; Al Willstatter, ACE Vice President; Steve Patterson, ACE Treasurer; and Art Lumley, ACE Newsletter Editor.

III. Approval of January 23, 2012, Minutes

Ron Fox called for a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Anderson moved to approve the minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Chris Reising. The motion passed by voice vote, none opposed.

IV. ACE Treasurer's Report

Steve Patterson distributed the ACE Treasurer's Report (attachment) and noted account balances. He stated there has been no movement in the A.H.&C. account

Scott Anderson stated that ACE and AAC are separate entities. Committee members concurred.

Steve Patterson stated he will be presenting the tax reports to the Committee at a future meeting. The check sent to the Secretary of State has cleared, and the status shows current on their Website.

Ron called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mike Quilty moved to approve the Treasurer's report, and the motion was seconded by Chris Reising. The motion passed by voice vote, none opposed.

V. Old Business

Steve Patterson reported he has reserved a Facebook account for ACE. He asked Committee members for help in its creation. Scott Anderson stated he and Brad Hicks would help on this project. Ron Fox stated Cody in the SOREDI office could help as well. Steve will make contact with Cody. Mike Quilty asked if a motion was necessary to change the title on the Treasurer's report. Bern stated it was not necessary.

Ron Fox called for a motion to appoint Debbie Stroup as the recording secretary for ACE. Chris Reising moved to appoint Debbie Stroup as the recording secretary, and the motion was seconded by Mike Quilty. The motion passed by voice vote, none opposed.

Bern Case stated the Administration Office is out of ACE application cards and requested the Committee approve expenditure of funds to purchase more application cards. Ron stated an online application would probably not be available for some time.

Marcy Black stated the cards cost \$256.00 in 2009. Susan Mathistad said she thought a thousand had been ordered at that time.

Mike Quilty moved to approve the purchase of up to 1,000 membership cards. Chris Reising seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote, none opposed.

Bern Case stated he would forward the invoice to Steve Patterson.

Scott Anderson asked if there has been any discussion with Action Parking. Ron Fox stated he and Brad Hicks were going to talk with them, but had not yet done so.

Mike Quilty reported that the Reno Air Races will take place in September. It has not yet been determined if there will be any changes concerning spectator viewing.

VI. New Business

Art Lumley asked Committee members for ideas for the ACE Newsletter.

Mike Quilty noted the added Allegiant flights could be included in the newsletter.

Ron Fox stated the Heavy Lift Helicopter Consortium has a website and would help in formulating an article for the newsletter.

Mike Quilty also suggested talking with Commissioner Rachor about the air tanker conversion.

Commissioner Rachor also suggested doing an article on Erickson Air Crane.

Alan Bender stated he is on the Ashland Airport Commission, and Ashland has an Airport Day once a year and asked if the Medford Airport does anything similar.

Bern Case stated the FBO's will sponsor an open house. He also mentioned that CAP is interested as well.

Alan said it is a good way to support ACE and the Airport.

Bern Case reported the air show in Klamath Falls has always been successful, however, there were some conflicts and political problems which occurred during the last Medford air show. He stated issues arose when several vendors were not compensated. He said the Commissioners were not liable, but it had political impact. Bern also said they are very challenging to organize. He explained that having an open house, if coordinated correctly, can be more successful. There would not be any aerobatic flying; however, there could be fly-bys, and the public could view all of the ground displays. Bern stated this is good for aviation and might be something the Committee would like to explore.

Ron Fox asked if anything was planned for the opening of the air freight facility. Bern stated there is nothing currently planned. He explained there is only one tenant in the building at this time. Something might be planned at a later time when the entire building is completed.

Ron Fox stated he is currently involved with a consortium of industry concerning Internet commerce. He stated there are a number of companies within the region utilizing the Internet for distribution. Their first meeting was held last week, and many topics were discussed. Of particular interest was the issue of freight movement and customers who want immediate gratification. Ron stated this group would be good to discuss air service delivery with as an option for them, and the Committee may want to pursue this in the future.

Commissioner Rachor reported he is considering selling his helicopter because of how expensive it is to operate; however, he is exploring other options and asked the Committee for ideas. He stated he has participated in 38 searches, and personally found 22 missing people. He said he has been involved in a few insurance jobs which has helped offset some of the costs. Ron Fox stated he might want to talk with the Forest Service due to the number of people who enjoy the recreational areas which are mostly on Federal property.

Ron Fox asked Commissioner Rachor if he had any further discussions with the air museum. Commissioner Rachor stated he has forwarded information to them; however, no monetary issues have been discussed at this time. Mike Quilty stated he has a toolbox from one of the old wooden hangars. Ron told Committee members that the Evergreen Air Museum has become one of Oregon's largest tourist attractions.

VII. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Stroup
Recording Secretary
(Attachments as indicated)

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