

**EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**July 30, 2005**

President Tom Poberezny called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2005 at the EAA Theater in the Woods, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Tom Poberezny called for the determination of a quorum by asking for a show of hands to be counted by the Inspectors of the Election and reported to the Secretary of the meeting, Louis Andrew. He then called for all proxies being held by any members to be filed with the Secretary of the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Tom Poberezny called on Louis Andrew to report on the number of persons present in person or by proxy. He reported that the following members were so present: Present in person (64); present by proxy, held by Thomas Poberezny, John Beetham, and Louis Andrew (26,631); proxies held by Curt Drumm (122) for a total of 26,817 members. There being only 250 members necessary for a quorum, Mr. Andrew declared that a quorum was present.

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

Tom Poberezny called on EAA Secretary Alan Shackleton to present the Notice of the Meeting that was published in EAA *Sport Aviation and Sport Pilot* magazine.

**ELECTION**

Tom Poberezny discussed that the new Board structure approved by the members in 2004 provides that the Class I Directors be divided into three equal or approximately equal groups with staggered terms, so that only one-third will have their term in office expire in each year. Because this is a transitional election, this means that the Directors elected today will have to be assigned 1, 2 or 3 year terms. The Board of Directors has established a plan for making these assignments. Fifteen Directors will be elected. The top vote recipients will get 3 year terms, the next level 2 years, etc. If there is a tie, the term will be assigned alphabetically.

Under the old structure there was five classes of directors of which 4 were elected by members at the annual meeting. The terms of the old Class I who were elected in 2002, expire today and they are up for re-election, along with new candidates. The terms of the old Class II, who were elected in 2003, still have a year to serve. The terms of the old Class III and IV directors who were elected in 2004 have 2 more years to serve.

As part of the reorganization plan, these directors will continue on the Board, as Class I Directors, until their existing term expires. The Board has decided that it would be wise to clarify this by amending our Articles of Incorporation.

Tom read the proposed for Resolution for Adoption by Members. Be it resolved as follows:

1. The Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Association shall be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of Article Seven, Section (b)(i):

“Notwithstanding the preceding, those individuals who were elected by the members of this Association as Class II, Class III or Class IV Directors at Member Annual Meetings in 2003 or 2004 shall serve as Class I Directors under these Restated Articles until the expiration of the terms of office to which they were elected, at which time they or their successors shall be elected by the membership in accordance with the preceding terms of this section (b)(i).”

2. The officers of the Association are authorized and directed to take all any every step required to put this amendment into effect.

Tom asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Bernie Faust made a motion to approve, seconded by Fred Telling. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Poberezny introduced the Inspectors of the Election: Emory Swinney, Mary Krapfl, and Wes Schmid. Fifteen Class I directors will be elected. Ron Scott, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the nominees. They are:

Richard W. Beebe, II,  
John A. Beetham  
James W. Brown  
William F. Chana  
Rich Davidson  
Norm DeWitt  
Curt Drumm  
James C. Dukeman  
Malvern J. Gross  
Richard W. Hansen  
William E. Harrison, Jr.  
David C. Lau  
Daniel A. Majka  
John L. Parish, Sr.  
Paul Poberezny  
Kevin Rebman  
Alan J. Ritchie  
Dan Schwinn  
Frederick W. Telling  
Edward T. Waldorf  
Jim Weir  
Joe B. Wyatt

The names of the nominees were published in the May 2005 issue of *Sport Aviation* and *Sport Pilot* magazine as required by the Association By-Laws.

Tom Poberezny reviewed the procedures for voting and declared the polls open after which time the Inspectors will be asked to count the ballots.

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED, that the reading of the Minutes of the August, 2004 Annual Membership Meeting be waived, but that such Minutes be made available to anyone present who might desire to read them. These Minutes appeared in the October 2004 issue of *Sport Aviation* and *Sport Pilot* Magazine.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that such Minutes should be and are hereby approved.

A Motion to approve the Resolution was made and seconded. The Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tom Poberezny called on John Beetham to present the Financial Report.

John announced that the financial report for the year ending February 28, 2005, would be published in the October issue of EAA *Sport Aviation and Sport Pilot magazine*. An independent accounting firm, Grant Thornton LLP, has audited the financial statements. Grant Thornton has issued its opinion that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of EAA as of February 28, 2005, and the results of its activities and operations for year then ended. John reviewed in detail the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities Unrestricted Funds for the year ending February 28, 2005.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

At a recent Chapter leadership session, I asked a two-part question: "What would aviation be without EAA?" Think back to 1953 and review EAA's contributions to the present. Take those contributions away and imagine the landscape of aviation. Secondly, "Where would aviation be without this convention?" "What does AirVenture mean to our members, the aviation enthusiast, aviation community, government and industry?" Aviation progress, in good measure, is due to entrepreneurship and innovation of EAA members, in many cases, turning their dreams into a vibrant business. Alan and Dale Klapmeier are examples of men who turned their dream into Cirrus Design. EAA can't take credit for their success, but EAA can take credit for providing the stage and opportunity for dreams to become a reality.

People described this convention as the best ever. That success is based on culture, relationships, programs, and activities. There is no other place in the world where you bring together such a wide variety of airplanes, leaders, historians, enthusiasts, and most importantly, family participation.

This year was significant because of the multitude and depth of events. White Knight / SpaceShipOne was an historical accomplishment, achieved by EAA members with private funding. What was important is the credibility those members gave to EAA by bringing White Knight / SpaceShipOne to Oshkosh for its only public appearance. Steve Fossett wanted to share Global Flyer with EAAer's also. But, it doesn't stop there, Glacier Girl, B-17's, Tri-Motor's, Sport Pilot / Light Sport Aircraft; the list goes on. The multitude of significant activities that take place at AirVenture makes this the premier aviation event.

EAA's Washington office meets frequently with FAA, as well as elected officials. This compliments our resources in the field, which includes respect and knowledge. EAA accomplishes significant advocacy work at AirVenture. It reinforces our advocacy agenda for the other 51 weeks of the year. FAA Administrator Marion Blakey and her senior team were in Oshkosh, participating in over 30 meetings on issues that cover the entire spectrum of EAA interests. Representatives from countries such as France, Israel, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and England, all came to Oshkosh to learn how EAA programs could enhance aviation in their country.

The convention faces many challenges. Expectations have grown significantly, whether it's exhibitors who provide products, or members who come to learn and enjoy. They're growth problems that require a balance in terms of expectations. We want to be sure that the culture of EAA, individual participation, and the core activities stay in the forefront.

EAA has made significant investments in the future to ensure that aviation grows and remains a viable activity and industry. The first is Young Eagles. Many of you may not remember how the program started. Back in the early 90's EAA surveyed 10,000 members asking, "What is the number one issue that EAA should be addressing for the future?" The issue was, "Youth of tomorrow do not have the same opportunities, to learn how to fly, or get involved in aviation". We went back to those 5,000 members who responded and asked, "How did you get involved?" The number one answer was a first flight with a mentor. This spawned Young Eagles, a program that will continue as a part of EAA forever. But, getting youth involved in aviation isn't enough. We have to ensure that the products, programs and services are available to keep them engaged. This led to Sport Pilot / Light Sport Aircraft.

Under Sport Pilot / LSA we are addressing two major issues... time and money. We are competing with other recreational activities for people's time and money. Sport Pilot makes aviation more competitive and allows us to reach out to new people who have not entered the aviation market place. On September 1, 2004, after 10 years of work, EAA helped bring the rules to reality. In just 11 months, EAA, in partnership with other organizations and government, has developed an educational campaign that started building an infrastructure that will allow Sport Pilot / Light Sport Aircraft to grow aviation's base.

EAA evolves around passion and participation. We are an organization whose culture focuses on flying for fun, family, and innovation.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Tom Poberezny stated that the minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings held since the last annual meeting would be available at the podium if anyone wishes to review them. He then asked for approval of the following motion:

RESOLVED, that all acts, decisions and proceedings by the Board of Directors of the Experimental Aircraft Association since the last Annual Membership Meeting in 2004 and the Annual Report presented by the President of the Association, be and the same hereby are approved and ratified.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution. The Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Tom Poberezny called on Emory Swinney to present the Election results. The vote was as follows:

Class I Director- Staggered terms.

Richard W. Beebe, II	26,252
John A. Beetham	26,257
James W. Brown	26,261
William F. Chana	11
Rich Davidson	13
Norm DeWitt	26,258
Curt Drumm	135
James C. Dukeman	12
Malvern J. Gross	26,257
Richard W. Hansen	26,260
William E. Harrison, Jr.	26,260
David C. Lau	26,252
Daniel A. Majka	26,263
John L. Parish, Sr.	26,262
Paul Poberezny	26,265
Kevin Rebman	8
Alan J. Ritchie	26,261
Dan Schwinn	26,254
Frederick W. Telling	26,257
Edward T. Waldorf	13
Jim Weir	13
Joe B. Wyatt	26,257

The Class I Directors elected are Richard W. Beebe, II, John Beetham, James Brown, Norm DeWitt, Malvern J. Gross, Richard W. Hansen, William E. Harrison, Jr., David C. Lau, Daniel A. Majka, John L. Parish, Sr., Paul Poberezny, Alan J. Ritchie, Dan Schwinn, Frederick W. Telling, and Joe B. Wyatt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.