

## MONTANA SEAPLANE PIOLET MEETING, JUNE 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Bartholome, on June 10 at 1:15 in a hanger at the Polson Airport right after a super B-B-Q with approximately 20 people present.

Joanne Kembel read the 2009 minutes and there were no changes or corrections. Dorothy Ashcraft moved the minutes be accepted and Larry Ashcraft seconded.

Pat Stene gave the treasurer report and we have a balance of \$4,554.50. We had received a payment for going to the conference in March. We have 35 current paid members and a few more paid here at the meeting. There was discussion regarding the membership list, what to do about returned mail and previous members that we no longer have or do not have contact with. Dorothy Ashcraft suggested that if we have an e-mail address we should try to contact them in that format. It was agreed that if any notices or information is released that it should go out by e-mail, our web site and regular mail, as some of our members are not on internet. Ry Keller suggested that if we have telephone numbers for previous member, or an e-mail address, we should contact them and invite them back. He feels that it is easier to recruit the previous members than to replace them with new ones. Ry Keller made a motion to offer a five year membership (\$25.00 per year for 4 years and the 5<sup>th</sup> year free); this was seconded by Dorothy Ashcraft.

### New Business:

Chuck Jarecki had spoken to Jim McMann at SPA and he is looking for a representative for SPA from this area for the magazine, no one is doing it right now. Dave stated that he would contact Jim and discuss the matter with him.

Dave Bartholome discussed SB787: they want to rename and changed the definition of "navigable waterways". It sounds like ALL water would come under federal jurisdiction. Per Chuck it had stalled as of June of 2009 and it really is a taking away of state rights. Larry asked Dave to send a letter to the Senate that MSPA officially opposes the bill.

Polson fly-in is slated for September 11, 2010 with a breakfast at 9:00. There will be static displays most of the day so anyone that can display there plane was asked to do so. MSPA will have their booth there also.

The Lake Waldo issue was discussed and for now NO motorized vessels can use the lake. It appears that this issue could very easily go to a law suit or a major legal hassle.

MUSSELS--- This really big issue was discussed next. We must be very careful to keep the planes clean and if it has been in the water for a period of time to check it very closely on the bottom for any "free riders". It is a real problem in CA and several other states and MT is working up a program that will inspect boats at ramps for anything. Peter Gross had copies of a very informative pamphlet for all to read. He also informed us of an invasive weed species that is in ID now and in the Clark Fork River. Our big fear is that those in command may greatly restrict us because of the fear that we could spread them. One really important measure to take is to check our water-rudders before take-off so as not to

transport any weed or grass anywhere else. Also check them upon landing in case you inadvertently picked them up on take off. We must do our part to avoid any contamination of any waterway. Per Larry Ashcraft there are mussels in Lake Mead, Pyramid Lake and other southern lakes and we need to do be proactive and keep them out of here.

Ry Keller talked about the "Montana Seaplane Directory". He would like anyone to submit places to go. He would like the information to include if there is a restaurant there; can you walk to it; is a car available; any lodging in the area; any recreational facilities in the area; anything else to add to the information about the location. We can send a photo and the information to Ry's internet site and he will make it available to all through that location. Chuck Jarecki made a motion for Ry Keller and Tom Bass to develop a web page for this information and Peter Gross seconded.

Miscellaneous discussions:

- 1) Stillwater Landing gathering is slated for August 6, 7 and 8, 2010. There is going to be a potluck and they are considering a hot dogs and hamburgers B-B-Q. There is plenty of camping space and lots of parking for seaplanes along shore. There is also a strong possibility of ground transportation available from the airport. Ry suggested perhaps having a booth there for MSPA and he will contact Bill Montgomery regarding this. Mark Evanoff suggested that anyone who can go and help Bill get ready for the event, usually a week before and it is not only good PR for us but a good time.
- 2) Ry Keller talked about the website and it cost \$50.00 to establish it and a motion was made and seconded for the \$50.00 to be provided by MSPA. Ry also questioned if the Beaver is OK on the headline or do we want a different plane? A Beaver is great, an easily recognized airplane by most people. Ry also wants to know if we want to post a membership directory. It was decided after some discussion that the entire membership would be asked and/or do they want to be included or not. Ry is going to change the wording on the website from "chapter information" to "association information" with the listing of the officers of MSPA.
- 3) Larry Ashcraft talked about Tahoe Regional; they are thinking about doing away with any seaplanes on Tahoe. We need to watch this closely. Sometimes it is only one or two people who make noise and if we can talk to them and correct any misinformation it will really help. As of now, Brown's Seaplane base is still there.
- 4) The B-B-Q was awesome and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36. Thanks to all who helped to clean up and close the place up.