

Montana Seaplane Pilots Association

MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2009

POLSON AIRPORT FBO

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MSPA WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:00 NOON WITH WELCOME BURGERS. TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN. WE PRESENTLY HAVE \$4,402.35 IN OUR ACCOUNT.

OLD BUSINESS

JACK KONITZ WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT LARRY ASHCRAFT REPORTED THAT HE IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF **creating a poster** FOR OUR ASSOCIATION OR TO CREATE ONE THAT INCLUDES OTHER FLYING CLUBS.

B.C. ELT 406: THERE IS A CHANGE IN CROSSING INTO CANADA. THE ELT 406 IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR CANADIAN TRAVEL. NO ALTERNATIVE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

JOHN REPORTED THAT THE **docks are in** AND READY TO USE.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: BOB KEMBEL VOLUNTEERED TO DO THE FALL NEWSLETTER.

M.P.A.: REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CHUCK JARECKI. JOHN MCKENNA MET WITH JILL KIMBALL, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TO DISCUSS PRESENT AND FUTURE FOREST PLANS.

A.O.M.: LARRY EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND WILL BE PRESIDENT FOR ONE MORE YEAR. SOMEONE NEEDS TO STEP UP AFTER NEXT YEAR. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BEING A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE IT GIVES SEAPLANES CREDIBILITY. HE REMINDED US OF THEIR WEBSITE THAT WE CAN GO TO FOR INFORMATION.

Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association: Bureau of Reclamation? Compiling list?

CHUCK TRAVELED TO THEIR MEETING AND GAVE US A REPORT. AN IMPORTANT CASE TO WATCH IS THE WALDO LAKE CASE. THE QUESTION IS: CAN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CLOSE THE LAKE TO MOTORIZED VESSELS? USFS CLAIMS IT HAS THE RIGHT TO MANAGE THE LAKE BECAUSE THEY SURROUND THE WATER. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE SEND \$500.00 TO ASSIST CSPA IN FIGHTING THEIR LEGAL BATTLES. CHUCK MENTIONED AGAIN THAT WE NEED MORE PEOPLE IN THE TRENCHES, GET MORE PROACTIVE.

SB 787: BECOME EDUCATED ABOUT THIS SENATE BILL. IT HAS TO DO WITH THE FEDS TAKING CONTROL OF NATIONAL WATERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Department of Homeland Security: THIS ORGANIZATION HAS THE POWER TO TAKE CONTROL OF OUR WATERS IF NATIONAL SECURITY IS IN QUESTION. WE NEED TO GET REP. DENNIS REHBERG INVOLVED IN AVIATION. CALL YOUR CONGRESSMEN AND EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS. ALSO, THERE IS SOME

MISINFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITY IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED IF YOU ARE ON A RAMP. IF YOU ARE BASED IN POLSON AND FLY TO MISSOULA, YOU DO **not** NEED THE ID TO MOVE FROM THE RAMP TO THE FBO.

A HOMELAND SECURITY REMINDER: BE SURE TO FILE A FLIGHT PLAN GOING INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY AND FILE AGAIN GOING OUT. IF YOU NEED TO ADJUST YOUR FLIGHT PLAN DURING A TRIP, YOU CAN DO SO ELECTRONICALLY. BE AWARE OF THE NEW RULES AND BE PRE-REGISTERED. THERE IS ALSO A WEBSITE (FLIGHTPLAN.COM) WHERE YOU CAN PAY \$240/YEAR AND HAVE THEM DO IT ALL FOR **you**.

Invasive Species: THERE ARE GREAT CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUAGGA AND ZEBRA MUSSELS FOUND IN FRESH WATER SOURCES THAT ENCRUST THEMSELVES TO HARD SURFACES. THE PRIMARY WAY THAT THESE MUSSELS CAN SPREAD TO NEW HABITATS IS ON BOATS TRAIERED BY THE PUBLIC OR BY COMMERCIAL HAULERS. FLOAT PLANES QUALIFY. THEY ARE NOT IN MONTANA YET BUT BE AWARE AND TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS. PETER GROSS MENTIONED THAT WEEDS ARE JUST AS BAD. AGAIN, WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE AS WE DON'T WANT TO BE PERCEIVED AS THE CULPRIT IN ANY OF THIS.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE **discontinue sending membership cards and decals** EXCEPT TO NEW MEMBERS.

RY KELLER OF BIGFORK OFFERED TO **create a website for our association**. HE WILL GET TO WORK ON IT SOMETIME THIS SUMMER.

New Officers: NOMINATIONS WERE MADE (NO, THESE PEOPLE JUST VOLUNTEERED) TO BECOME OUR 2009-2010 OFFICERS. THEY ARE: PRESIDENT – DAVE BARTHOLOME; VICE PRESIDENT – PETER GROSS; SECRETARY – JOANNE KEMBEL; TREASURER – PAT STENE. THANK YOU ALL FOR STEPPING UP.

RESPECTFULLY Y SUBMITTED,

DOROTHY ASHCRAFT

OUTGOING SECRETARY/TREASURER