

MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2007 MEETING

BEST WESTERN KWATAQNUK REPORT

POLSON, MONTANA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:00 NOON. TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. INTRODUCTIONS MADE.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS READ. TREASURER'S REPORT INDICATES WE HAVE \$4029.26.

DISCUSSION: SHOULD WE GIVE SOME THOUGHT INTO PUTTING SOME OF OUR MONIES INTO AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT OF SOME SORT. CHUCK JARECKI REMINDED US THAT THE UOFM LAW SCHOOL BILL FROM RESEARCH DONE BY BURT HURWITZ HAS NOT BEEN TURNED IN, SO WE SHOULD LEAVE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THAT. HE WILL EMAIL THE LAW SCHOOL AND IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE BILL WITHIN 30 DAYS, WE WILL DISREGARD FUTURE PAYMENTS. THE COLUMBIA SPA HAS HIRED ATTORNEYS TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR DOCUMENT AND THE PRECEDENT SETTING CASES AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE SEND \$500 THEIR WAY. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE DO SO. PETER GROSS WONDERED IF THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE MAY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO BUT NO IDEAS CAME FORTH.

LARRY ASHCRAFT SUGGESTED THAT SOMEONE STEP UP TO THE PLATE TO BE ON THE PLANNING BOARD FOR MPA. IT'S GREAT EXPOSURE FOR MSPA.

OLD BUSINESS

SENATE BILL 318, WHICH INCLUDES IMMUNITY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO OPEN UP THEIR AIRSTRIPS AND WATER WAYS FOR PUBLIC USE, WAS DISCUSSED. CHUCK, LARRY AND MOURI MAURIN DROVE TO HELENA TO

TESTIFY. TRIAL LAWYERS WERE OPPOSED TO THE BILL, ONE BEING A PILOT HIMSELF.

THE BLM IS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE MISSOURI BREAKS. ENVIRONMENTALISTS WILL SUE IF SEAPLANES ARE ALLOWED. WE NEED TO GIVE BLM POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT.

CHUCK ATTENDED A CSPA MEETING IN TROUTDALE. HIGH ON THE PRIORITY LIST FOR DISCUSSION WAS WALDO LAKE WHICH IS SOUTH OF PORTLAND. THERE ARE WILDERNESS AND NATIONAL FORESTS ON TWO SIDES OF THE LAKE. THE LAKE IS PRESENTLY CLOSED TO SEAPLANES AND OTHER MOTOR BOATS. ELECTRIC BOATS ARE PERMITTED. THIS WAS ALL DONE BY A DISTRICT RANGER. DISTRICT RANGERS CAN SET POLICY IN OREGON, THIS PERSON GAVE 30 DAYS PUBLIC NOTICE VERY QUIETLY AND THE CLOSURE WENT THROUGH. THIS IS A PRECEDENT SETTING CASE.

THE RECREATIONAL AVIATION FOUNDATION HAS PUBLISHED A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC LANDS MANAGERS AND WILL BE MAILED OUT. THESE INDIVIDUALS NEED TO KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT AVIATION. WE NEED TO HAVE ONE DEVELOPED FOR THE WEST.

THE QUESTION CAME UP AS TO HOW ACTIVE IS NATIONAL SPA (MCMANUS). THIS GENTLEMAN WAS AT THE STILLWATER SPLASH-IN IN 2006, WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT WAS HAPPENING OUT HERE, BUT WE HAVEN'T MUCH FROM HIM. CHUCK MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A DECEMBER UPDATE ON THE BREAKS THAT ARE STILL UNPUBLISHED. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE GETTING INVOLVED AND WE NEED TO BECOME A BIGGER, UNIFIED VOICE.

MARTIN HALE BROUGHT UP THE EXPENSES THAT LARRY IS INCURRING AS HE TRAVELS TO THE VARIOUS MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE. HE FELT LARRY SHOULD BE REIMBURSED HOTEL, FUEL AND MEAL BILLS. GRACE POLOSON SAID IT IS SOMETHING THAT OUR ASSOCIATION VOTED ON MANY YEARS AGO AND IS IN PLACE. SO, LARRY WILL BACKTRACK AND LOOK FOR BILLS PAID OUT OF POCKET.

THE DOCK AT RYKER WAS BROUGHT UP. THERE IS \$300,000 THAT HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE DOCK BUT MOST IS EARMARKED FOR THE AGENTS. GOVERNMENT SPECS ARE INTERFERING. WE ARE NOT GETTING TO THE RIGHT PERSON. MANY FEEL THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE CROSSINGS IF FACILITY IS THERE. WE NEED TO SEE IF THE BC PILOTS ARE INTERESTED AND WHO TO CONTACT.

POLSON SEAPLANE DOCKS ARE IN AND READY TO GO.

NEW BUSINESS

LARRY THANKED THE HALES AND POLOSONS FOR THE PHOTOS THEY SHARED THAT WE HAD BURNED ONTO A CD. THIS WILL BE OUR SHOW NOW AT THE MPA CONFERENCES AND WHEREVER ELSE WE MAY NEED IT.

JACK KONITZ WONDERED IF THERE IS AN MSPA POSTER THAT COULD BE PURCHASED. THERE IS NONE, SO HE VOLUNTEERED TO RESEARCH THAT.

JOHN STENE REPORTED ON THE ALASKA AVIATION CONFERENCE. HE SAID IT'S SOMETHING EACH OF US SHOULD ATTEND AT SOME TIME. IT'S GREAT FOR OUR KIND OF FLYING! IT WAS HELD IN THE FEDEX HANGAR IN ANCHORAGE AND IT'S AN AMAZING SHOW. THE SHOW IS GENERALLY THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY.

WE'D LOVE SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO ORGANIZE FLY-OUTS. SET ARBITRARY DATES, EMAIL AND/OR CALL AND SEE IF WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN OUT THERE. NO ONE VOLUNTEERED. WE TALKED ALSO ABOUT HAVING LOCAL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR SEAPLANE PILOTS.

A DISCUSSION ENSUED ON WHY CLOSURES ARE HAPPENING. SOME OF THE REASONS ARE: HOMELAND SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, WILDERNESS ADVOCATES AND ARBITRARY CLOSINGS (DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL...)

MARTIN REMINDED US OF WHY WE BECAME AN ORGANIZATION TO BEGIN WITH. EDUCATION IS A FOCAL POINT. WE NEED TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS. WE NEED TO BE MORE AND MORE CAREFUL WITH THE POPULATION BASE INCREASING.

JOHN TALKED ABOUT THE SEAPLANE DOCKS. THE TRIBE AND CITY WANTED TO RE-DO SALISH POINT AND MOVE THE DOCKS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. THIS TOPIC RAISED ITS UGLY HEAD AGAIN THIS LAST DECEMBER AS TO POTENTIAL LACK OF USE OF THE DOCKS. JOHN STATED THAT THE DOCKS NEED TO SHOW FREQUENT USE. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN. IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH USE, THE DOCKS WILL BE CLOSED DOWN AND THE WATER COULD BE DESIGNATED "NO WAKE ZONE." SO, WHENEVER YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT, REMEMBER TO TOUCH DOWN AND PULL IN.

CHUCK BROUGHT UP THE NEED TO WORK ON OUR CODE AND ETHICS. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT MARTIN TAKE ON THAT TASK. IT SHOULD BE KEPT TO A ONE PAGE DOCUMENT.

USER FEES: TALK TO LEGISLATORS! WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN THE SAME BOAT AS EUROPE IF WE DON'T, HAVING TO PAY WHEREVER WE LAND.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

YELLOWKNIFE: JULY 13-15

GREAT FALLS RIVERFEST: JULY 14

STILLWATER: BILL MONTGOMERY INVITED EVERYONE UP FOR A WEDDING PARTY ON JUNE 23 IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. LOTS OF FOOD AND MUSIC.

AUGUST 1-5: THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF MUSIC EVENTS. NEW DOCKS ARE IN AND WE ARE INVITED TO COME OVER ANY TIME, CAMP OUT AND MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES.

TWO RANDOM TOPICS:

*THE CRASH AROUND TOWNSEND. MEDIA DISTORTIONS WERE RAMPANT!

*SATELLITE PHONES SERVICE GOING DOWNHILL RAPIDLY. GLOBAL STAR SERVICE IS REBOOTING SATELLITES AND UNTIL THIS IS DONE, OUR SERVICE IS MARGINAL.

NOMINATIONS WERE MADE FOR NEXT YEAR. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE VOTE ON THE NOMINATIONS WHICH WERE:

PRESIDENT: LARRY ASHCRAFT

VICE PRESIDENT: BOB KEMBEL

SECRETARY/TREASURER: DOROTHY ASHCRAFT (WHO ANNOUNCED THIS WOULD BE HER LAST TOUR OF DUTY)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:00.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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