

# MEETING MINUTES

## CORTLAND COUNTY AVIATORS

### JANUARY 18, 2007

**Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by president, Roger Zilliox.**

**Present:** Roger Zilliox, Tom Richards, Bob Buerkle, David Jones, Amy Jones, Stan Solow, Bruce Marcham, Tom Collins, Roger Pellerin, Don Funke, Dan McLaughlin, Casey Barney, Brian Barney, Frank Smith, Rick Roberson, John Bouck, Connie Bouck, Steve vonBorstel, Jan vonBorstel.

A motion to approve the minutes from December 21, 2006 meeting was made by Roger Zilliox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Collins. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy stated there have been no changes in the account status. Balance remains at \$ 140.36. We also started to collect the yearly \$ 10 dues from members. Those who paid will be receiving a receipt in the mail. Those who have not paid are encouraged to do so at the next meeting.

#### **Committee Reports & Discussions:**

**Small Events:** No report.

**Safety & Education:** Tom Collins presented a DVD and CD ROM to add to our library regarding runway safety. If any one wishes to sign out information from the library, please see David or Amy. Tom also reminded everyone to look at the "Over The Airways" website. Website was provided in the last meeting minutes. Tom also stated that AOPA website has information on airport events for some ideas.

**Large Events:** Steve stated he visited Messena Airport and found out that when they had the "Wings of Freedom" at the airport, "Wings of Freedom" carried the insurance for the event. Stan gave Steve literature on how to get a large event established and how to run such an event. The large events committee will be meeting 2/1/07 to start discussing the event.

**NO3 Updates:** Bob reminded everyone to obey the pattern rules so we don't make local residents upset. He also stated the bids will be opened on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to find out which contractor won the bid to build the new T- hangars. He stated the sight work and pad are going to be started in the spring. These new hangars will be located on the west end of the existing T-hangars. Bob stated he is also working on trying to get another set built. He will know more about this in June. He also stated that the county will not be purchasing any more fuel until what we have is used up. Therefore the price of the fuel will remain the same.

Frank Smith was wondering if winter mix may be causing the vapor locks that some people have been experiencing. Bob stated that the MO-Gas that is at the pump is straight 87 octane. It's not what you buy at the local gas station.

Don Funke asked Bob what the formula was that the county used to set the price of the fuel. Bob stated that it is set by the county administrator in a budget. Roger stated that our fuel prices are comparable to other airports around. Bob stated that he compares prices of fuel companies as well, so we can get the best price. He stated he also has to take into consideration, the delivery charge.

Bob stated the code for the gate has not been changed yet, but will notify everyone once it has been changed.

### **Old Business:**

**Status of Alliance Bank Account and Tax ID:** Don Funke stated that the balance of the past pilots club was \$ 1,700.00 however, if there has been no transactions with the account within 6 years, the account goes dormant and the bank turns the funds over to the state.

**Mission Statement:** No report.

**Status of the Website:** No report.

**CAA By-Laws:** Don Funke suggested adding a quorum as to how the money will be controlled. Bob stated he has looked at other clubs by-laws and he stated most are well structured and with our club being a newly formed club, we don't need anything that structured. Don Funke stated that if we want to change the by-laws, now is the time because it would be easy to change them now. If we wait, it may be harder amend. It was decided we should vote on amending the by-laws now or waiting. AOPA also has a set of By-laws that everyone should look at before the next meeting.

**Baseball cap design:** Brian presented everyone with 3 different designs he came up with, but asked for input because he wasn't sure what everyone had in mind for a logo. A suggestion was made to write out "Cortland County Aviators" and most members liked the design that was on the previous club hats. Brian looked at the logo and will bring updated samples for the next meeting. Roger stated we can also think about getting shirts.

**Possible creation of Public Relations Committee:** Roger stated we need to have a Public Relations Committee so we can inform the general public about the airport. However, it was mentioned that we had a hard time establishing the committees we have at present and suggested forming the Public Relations Committee when a situation arises. Roger and Don will try to get a PR committee together.

**New Business:**

Stan Solow had several ideas for the airport and our club. He stated that if we have a problem with the general public, contact Stan and he will inform the AOPA who will in turn correspond to the public with any issues that may arise. Stan also stated how important it is that you do not leave an aircraft unlocked or unattended. Stan also donated a VCR tape on airport safety. Stan also said to be a “good neighbor” and do anything possible to minimize the noise for local residents. He said that if you are approached by an irate resident, don’t get into an argument, just try to defuse the person and then contact Stan or the AOPA and they will address the issue. Stan also gave Bob a handout on how to deal with people who complain about the airport. Don stated we should try to educate the people who complain. It was suggested to have an announcement made when we will be holding events so the public is aware. Stan suggested contacting the AOPA and see what they suggest doing about the announcement. Another important issue Stan made was that if there is ever an accident, don’t try to diagnose what happened to the press. Just say it was unfortunate and leave it at that.

**Next meeting will be held February 15, 2007 at 6:30.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58.**