

**ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**October 11, 2022**

PLACE OF MEETING: Zoom Meeting 669-900-6833 I.D. #882 2401 5796

IN ATTENDANCE: President, Brian Schober  
Vice President (South), Mark Spencer (Backcountry)  
Treasurer, Stefanie Spencer (Webmaster)  
Secretary, Kit McCloud-Murphy (Get-Away & Memberships)  
Executive Director, Jim Timm  
BOD, Chris Nugent (Scholarship Committee)  
BOD, Trent Heidtke  
BOD, Tommy Thomason

Brian Schober convened the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:02 p.m. Put to the BOD were:

***LAST MEETING MINUTES:*** From previous meeting were taken by Kit McCloud-Murphy and emailed to the Board for review prior to distribution and publication. Note: As there were no elections or motions put before the membership and/or Board at the annual meeting, no minutes were taken. A video of the proceedings is available for anyone interested. Motion for approval by Tommy Thomason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Nugent. All in favor, unanimously approved.

Current Officers and Directors are as follows:

President, Brian Schober  
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Vice President (North), Tommy Thomason  
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BOD, Rick Bosshardt (Marketing & Backcountry Committee)

***TREASURER REPORT:*** The previous month's financial statements were compiled by Stef Spencer and emailed to the Board for review prior to distribution of publication. Motion for approval by Kit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. All in favor, unanimously approved.

*Executive Director Report:* Jim Timm advised the Board that he had been attending the usual meetings. He continued that he was not aware of any air space issues at present. Flight safety deviation information for the past period would not be ready until Thursday. In the last report published there were 16 Pilot Deviations. Jim feels we should not have this many and pilots need to pay more attention to what they are doing and not be creative without first speaking with ATC. The accidents and incidents information was not good. There were 11

accidents of which there were 5 fatalities. The details of these will be published in the next newsletter.

Jim reminded us that we need to choose a Ruth Reinhold Safety Award recipient. He will check with the FAA FSDO FAAST team for a suggestion.

Tommy offered Jim Pittman as a possible candidate. Brian advised that Jim does safety podcasts. A General discussion ensued regarding other possibilities.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Backcountry Report:* Mark Spencer spoke to the District Ranger at Double Circle, Vince Volker. Vince made an introduction to Sarah at the HistoriCorp Volunteer group. These individuals restore and maintain historic sites. Sarah will be out with a team for a week to access Double Circle. Though the Supervisors are not thrilled with aviation, Double Circle is over 50 years old and has been declared a historical site, including the airstrip. It has been suggested we “lay low” with work and/or suggestions as the current Supervisor is retiring. The USFS Ranger has seen the pictures of the grading that has been done and says it “looks great”. Tommy voiced concern about the construction equipment that has been parked on the Vulture Mine strip. He suggested that Jeff Wilson could cut a new airstrip. Kit has called the District Manager, Irena, at the BLM and Irena said they would endeavor to keep equipment of the runway in the future.

There was a general discussion about the work needed at the east end of the runway at Red Creek.

Tommy has 5 windsocks on order and told Chris that as he has the volunteers, to come get paint supplies stored at Sky ranch for Grapevine. Tommy also relayed that he will speak with the AF group about the damage they did to the Grapevine runway.

The lack of a windsock at Pleasant Valley Young was discussed, again.

Kit advised about an accident at Forepaugh which is not yet reported. There were no injuries.

*Scholarship Report:* Chris allowed that the automated application process has been open for a while and closes on October 31. They have received 4 applications thus far. Most come in in the last two weeks of the application window. Brian wrote a nice article for the newsletter regarding the program from Chris’ information and included pictures taken by Stef at the annual meeting. Pat Lynch called Stef. Stef passed the contact details to Chris, who returned the call regarding to “Operation Freedom Birds”. They are in a position to make a sizeable donation to the Scholarship Program.

Brian advised that the City of Douglas may also contribute. As together these donations would be substantial, they could be distributed over more time (vs 1 year).

*Passport Program:* Trent advised that 49 passport program signs have already gone up at the airports. The restaurants will be the next push when he receives those signs next week. He has sent a “mockup” page for the website with details, contacts etc. to Stef who has started working

with Cathy. Trent offered the volunteer help of his wife. Trent asked if we have any contacts with local news media. This sparked a conversation that included that the Arizona Tourism Bureau was of no help, we might try posting to the EAA and/or AOPA sites, Department of Transportation is not interested... Chris suggested contacting Meg at Flying magazine's daily update site. Brian asked Trent to send a possible blurb to the Board. Trent advised that he has checked with other states with these programs for information too.

**EVENTS:** Brian voiced that the EVIT venue for the annual meeting was a bit far out but, couldn't suggest anything closer that you could fly to. Tommy said the meeting held at Scottsdale had the most attendees. A general discussion continued regarding pros and cons, EVIT gets a plug with our scholarship program...

There will approximately 40 Young Eagles out for the donation ceremony on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The APA is bringing flyers etc. to the Payson fly-in on October 21. Kit will look into restarting the Getaways with a possible Passport Program destination.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** Was made by Kit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trent. All in favor, unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kit McCloud-Murphy as Secretary and submitted via email on October 25, 2022, to the APA Board of Directors for review prior to distribution and publication. Be advised that this paragraph serves as an electronic signature of the Secretary.

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