

**AUBURN AVIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 27th, 2021**

Attendees: Randy Leys, Doug McDougall, Joanie Mooneyham, Don Wolfe, Doug Fee, MacMcElroy, Peggy Dwelle, Chris Haven, Wayne Mooneyham, Bob Snyder

President, Randy Leys, called the meeting to order. Following committee reports, the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 5AC and its roll with specific regard to relationships with the City of Auburn and the local community.

Don Wolfe reported that he, Doug Fee and Randy Leys are reviewing the monthly status of our scholarship recipients to follow how the recipients are doing in reaching their aviation goals. An effort will be made for AAA to participate in the EAA program which awards \$10,000/year to organizations for distribution to aviation candidates. Additionally, Don asked Board members to send ideas on how funds would be distributed if AAA was to receive a major donation. A presentation to potential donors will be developed based on the ideas set forth. Bob Snyder suggested researching how other organizations recruit candidates and possibly developing a symposium on how our organization developed an endowment program which then could be used to solicit sponsors.

Joanie Mooneyham reported that another brick purchase is in the pipeline. Also, all the documentation and supplies used for past Air Fairs is now stored in the Barnstormer storage room.

Randy opened discussion about the 5AC and thanked Mac for his outstanding efforts. Prior to this discussion Mac updated the group on insurance for our organization. Don Wolfe made a motion with a second from Doug McDougall that we purchase the \$1M policy offered by Farmer's Insurance at a cost of \$662.

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MOTION PASSED. Mac reminded the Board that the policy does not include coverage for D & O (Directors and Officers).

5AC Discussion - Structure, Support and Community Input were the main topics.

Structure - It isn't a "committee" but rather there is a Chairman and volunteers. Mac became a volunteer for the group and soon became Chairman. Because of Mac's prior business experience he engaged in projects covering a wide range of interest which frequently included airport operations. One major project involved determining who the aircraft owners were regarding non-payment/delinquent tiedown fees. It ultimately became obvious that the 5AC was doing much of the work that should be done by the City of Auburn and specifically an Airport Manager. The controversy of the MOS was significant as well as the issue of fencing and a situation involving Doug LaMalfa's office. As a result of some folks having inaccurate information and incomplete research being done, administrative errors were made. These issues have caused hard feelings within various groups in the community. Mac suggested that the 5AC should consist of static members including the City, AAA and EAA as well as active members of the community. One major concern is that AAA's involvement of controversial subjects will have a negative impact on the ability of AAA to generate funds for our endowment program. The consensus is that Dave Spencer is not able to support the airport sufficiently due to the other responsibilities.

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Peggy explained how AAA was formed and reminded members the function of 5AC. Mac has done an amazing job - much of which is the responsibility of the City of Auburn. Wayne agreed with Peggy and reiterated the need for getting an official Airport Manager. Dave Spencer, Ken Dwelle and Mac may have a meeting in the future to discuss how a group could be structured that would separate AAA from 5AC — establish static members and bylaws as well as an Airport Manager.

Bob Snyder, past Mayor of the City of Auburn: The 5AC is the voice of AAA and if the City establishes a new committee it is possible that members will come from various areas not relative to aviation. Pressing for the City to hire an Airport Manager is vital. Don brought up that establishing a new committee from the community isn't wise and that AAA needs to encourage members to step up and participate. Bob suggested that we press the City Council members to hire an Airport Manager and not accept excuses for the delay. He reminded the group that airport funds are used by the City and we should not lose sight of that fact. He also suggested that Auburn consider hiring Airport Managers from other local airports to support Auburn part-time.

Randy thanked members for their ideas and suggested we discuss it again at the next meeting. Next general membership meeting will be at Wing's patio with our potluck format returning.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Joanie Mooneyham, Secretary