

**Trinity County Pilots Association Meeting Minutes:** September 1, 2013 @Trinity Center G Loegering

The TCPA had a general meeting in front of the Library at 1:00pm as announced in the 2013 summer newsletter. The purpose was to discuss several Trinity County airport issues, update the status of the new Trinity County Airport Advisory Committee (AAC), thank the TCPA past officers and committee volunteers, get pilot comments and questions, update addresses and e-mails and solicit new TCPA officer volunteers and newsletter editor.

Secretary Geoge Loegering opened the meeting with a brief summary of the objectives and past accomplishments of the TCPA. TCPA, a chapter of the California Pilots Assn, has been incorporated for almost 30years. It has been supported by as many as 200 member/pilots that have and will continue to enable the County to fund ongoing airport projects. Hangar development, starting before incorporation, was financed 100% by the pilots. The initial pre-paid land lease fees provided the County with matching funds to qualify for large state and federal grants for airport improvements. The hangars, paid at construction by the lease holders are reverting back to the County as the 25 to 30 year leases expire. The County is now leasing the hangars at reasonable rates which will generate matching funds for future projects. See the 2012 summer newsletter for rent/lease options for renewals as well as vacant units; the County will work with you.

All agreed that even though we have an aging pilot population we should try to maintain the basic TCPA infrastructure; when the members are ready they can resume, regular meetings, organized fly-ins and social events as in the past. There is some evidence that younger pilots are migrating to our area for retirement because we do have a lot to offer. Moreover, all individual pilots as well as TCPA as a group can and do assist in County airport maintenance and development. The AAC, which Trinity County Department of Transportation head Rick Tippet organized last fall as a formal Board of Supervisors committee, includes pilot airport reps (Lyn Scott, Trinity Center; Anthony Edwards/Dennis HarmonTBD, Weaverville; John Kizziar, Hayfork and Jim Weddell, Ruth & Hyampom). We can contact them direct with comments and suggestions; they are aware of the Trinity Center NW trees & future hangar earth fill suggestions. Jim Weddell gave a quick summary of the AAC organization and meetings. He volunteered to make sure the AAC meeting agenda & minutes are put on the TCPA web site so anyone interested can see what is going on by just going on their computer. It was mentioned that the volunteer weed mowing, which was apparently stopped due to liability/insurance issues may be resumed (if there are volunteers) through the local fire department. Mike McHugh, who is the AAC director at large, will assist by getting these minutes and the past 2012 & 2013 TCPA newsletters posted to the TCPA web site, I will also pass on the updated pilots email data to Mike McHugh to post to the web site.

We have a stock of TCPA caps and shirts which were made available at the meeting for \$1.00 each; thanks to the generosity of those attending we raised \$188.00 and still have lots of stock. We have not charged dues for sometime so these donations can be used for operating expenses or added to our scholarship funds. I have requested a status report from our treasurer Bob Massei ; there is about \$10,000.00 in our account but some is grant funds and we need to plan out how that needs to be spent. I will post the treasures report ASAP.

No one volunteered to serve on the TCPA board but Bob Mazzei and Dave Forbes will continue and I will take over the secretary position from Don Mullen who has done a great job for many seasons! Thanks Don! Thanks everyone for coming and the updated contact information. If anyone has contact with a pilot or airplane owner who wants to join us please pass on my email geoloe@tds.net and of course have them review the Trinity County Pilots Association website which can be googled easily.

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