

Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association Board meeting, 12/5/2023.

The meeting was held in-person at the airport and by simultaneous teleconference.

Bob Lenox called the meeting to order at 19:33.

Bob Lenox moved and Gerald Barker seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gerald Barker reported an account balance of \$6804 and a member count of 31. All but one of the airport day food vendors have made a payment.

Andrew Swanson presented the airport manager's report:

- 94UL is now in the tank farm. West Valley flying club is in the process of leasing a fuel truck for 94UL. Purchasing 94UL will require a \$10/month "fuel" membership at West Valley FC. Currently the price is \$7.79/gal. There was a brief discussion of the need for a WVFC membership due to IRS rules.
- Reconditioning the tank for 94UL cost \$500,000. It should be usable for 100UL when this becomes available. This is expected to take one year or more.
- The next public planning meeting will be in February. The exact date is still to be determined. There will be an update to the City council in January.
- The airport has acquired an electric van funded by an FAA grant.
- FAA wants to tie the ASOS and night approach projects. Planning is 60% complete and a grant application is expected in March.
- The replacement of the terminal building is supported by a 95% FAA grant. The project is expected to take more than 3 years. But the terminal building is not contingent on the planning process.
- There will be a short-notice meeting on noise abatement on Wednesday 12/6. PAAA will distribute a link to the meeting to members.
- There will be a Reno airshow next year on October 4 - 6.
- The focus of this year's California Aviation Day, Friday 27th, will be on schools and STEM education.
- There now is a pilot shop at the Palo Alto airport.

There was a brief discussion of web cams at Palo Alto. There was general agreement that a web cam would be useful but there are limitations due to City privacy policies.

Michael Mashack reported on a successful virtual ground school for East Palo Alto youths.

The next board meeting will again be in-person and via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 20:35.

Present:

Andrew Swanson, Bert Postma, Bob Lenox, Carol Munch, Chris Toeppen, Eli Pasternak, Gerald Barker, Jim Gotterba, Johanna Dolan, Lloyd Stephens, Louise Mateos, Marcie Smith, Michael Mashack, Or Cohen, Rick Rairden, Tom Myers, Wolfgang Polak, and Yaron Ekshtein.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).