

# **Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association Board meeting, 3/5/2024.**

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

Bob Lenox called the meeting to order at 19:31.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Gerald Barker reported an account balance of \$7118.10 and 14 paid members.

Bob Lenox pointed out that a larger member count would give the association more clout in discussions with the City and the public. There was a discussion on ways to increase our membership, including offering free non-voting membership, better explaining current membership benefits, creating new benefits such as a newsletter, soliciting the help from flight schools and instructors to attract members. Bob Lenox asked all participants for concrete proposals to be discussed at a later meeting.

Mike Luetgens presented the airport manager's report.

- An aircraft break-in was reported but the exact date of the event is unknown.
- There was a public long range planning meeting where 5 alternative runway improvement proposals were presented. These are available on the airport web site. There will be a 30 day comment period on the next refinement of the proposals.
- GAMI representatives have visited Palo Alto and suggested that 100UL may be available in California by June. There was general skepticism of this schedule.
- The proposed state-wide ban of 100LL would not impact Palo Alto since the law would not apply to airport subject to FAA grant assurances.
- There will be no noise abatement meeting this month. The next meeting will be in April.
- The AWOS will go to bid at the end of March but the FAA funding is still unclear. The night approach depends on the PAPI which is part of the AWOS project.
- A new administrative assistant will start in April.

Andrew Pollack stated that the DA is still investigating the stolen aircraft and no additional news is available at this time.

Ben Hochman suggested that the benefit of the airport be better explained to the public, e.g., on the City web site. Economic impact, disaster relief, and medical transport should be pointed out.

Ben Hochman agreed to lead the organization of the airport day. But he needs additional help. A tentative date of September 29th was proposed.

There was a discussion of the board meeting time. It was decided to start the next meeting at 7pm.

The meeting adjourned at 20:35.

Present:

Andrew Pollack, Ben Hochman, Bob Lenox, Bert Postma, Carol Munch, Chris Toeppen, Gerald Barker, Johanna Dolan, JM, Lloyd Stephens, Mike Luetgens, Michael Mashack, Orhan Baser, Rick Rairden, Tom Myers, Wolfgang Polak, Yaron Ekshtein, and Zack Lenox.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).