

Colorado Ninety-Nines Business Meeting
January 14, 2012
Denver Air – Avalanche Conference Room

Members in attendance: Stephanie Wells, Linda Horn, Margot Plummer, Marie Marschner, Sue Hughes, Bonita Ades, Stephanie Luongo, Jan McKenzie, Betty Jo Reed, Deb Price, Kara Gallas, Issra'a Sheikh, Gail Schipper, Gretchen Jahn, and Roxie Juul.

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 8:10 am.

November minutes not yet received.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking/Savings Balance	\$ 7,486.01
Allocated Funds	
Flight Without Fear	\$ 1,440.38
Scholarship/Donations	\$ 4,331.46
Available Funds	\$ 1,714.17

Current amounts don't include a reduction of \$2000 for the most recent scholarship payout. Need to increase fundraising efforts to cover 2012 scholarship(s).

Committee Reports

Chapter Scholarship – Sue Hughes

Kayla Graham and Katelyn Watson were both awarded Chapter scholarships. Lessons learned have been outlined. Some of those include:

- Need to advertise more extensively throughout the state and more in advance of the scholarship. Cannot be exclusive to only Chapter members.
- Cannot use Chapter funds to pay the recipient's membership dues
- Can consider alternative times of year for the application to be awarded, possibly 2 times/year, possibly award it in summer to catch more actively flying applicants
- Need more standardized definitions of some of the selection criteria (i.e. "financial need"), may want to consider the assistance of judges from sources outside the Chapter

The question was raised of whether or not the criteria is selective for the right traits - do recipients end up contributing to aviation and the Chapter in the long run? Winners will be mentored and their progress will be monitored.

Flight Without Fear – Deb Price

Next course offered will be Tuesday nights, March 6-April 24. Eight participants are required to hold the course, 3 are already identified. Recruiting for a new psychotherapist as the current one has moved out of state.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship – Gail Schipper

One applicant for the New Pilot Award - Kara Gallas.

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Membership – Marie Marschner

Preparations for the April Membership Open House are underway. Meeting to be held at Metro State and initial planning meeting/tour of the campus will occur on January 25 at 8:30 am with Tanya Gatlin and Dr. Forest. Four chapter members volunteered to accompany Marie. Options to obtain donated catering and donated assistance with printing of flyers is to be explored.

Facebook page update (Gail Schipper)

Page will be open (comments can be made and viewed by both members and non-members). To be determined whether the email address linked to the page will be the Chapter email, membership email, or a dummy email that forwards to both. Terry Fiala has volunteered to moderate the content. A suggestion was made to choose the option to block certain vulgar language if available upon setup of page. Members should expect to receive an invitation to join the group soon.

Old Business

Upcoming Programs/Meetings:

February 11	Julie Boatman Filucci presentation on DC-3 book
March 10	FAAST presentation
April 14	Membership Open House as above
April 27-29	South Central Section Meeting in Durant, OK
May	Dr. Penny Hamilton, topic options to be determined
June	Airmarking (tbd)
July 21	Picnic at Spirit of Flight Museum, Erie

Tower tours are happening today for all who signed up in advance in response to the email announcement.

New Business:

Nomination of Dean Jaros for award by Penny Hamilton - accepted

Donated items have been offered by a community member. Unclear if they have any historical value, said to be several E6B and older flight computers. Deb will collect items and assess for potential to donate to national vs. sell.

Fundraising opportunities:

Rockies games: 25 people must commit (including non-members, >25 years old). Group arrives 2-3 hrs before the game, receives items to hand out to the crowd, hands out the items, then may sit to watch the game after the 2nd inning. Group receives \$500. Board agreed to pursue signing up for some game dates, both a weekday and weekend game.

2012 Metro Airshow: End of August, volunteering opportunity. This will likely require that we sign up for a specific shift for all 3 days of the air show. First planning meeting will occur January 15 and a Chapter representative will attend to ensure

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that we get the best choice of task (for example, in the past we have checked IDs prior to beer being served).

Restaurant partnership: A day can be designated for The 99s. We advertise to family, friends, etc. to patronize the restaurant that day, mention The 99s and we receive 3-5% of the profits. Multiple restaurant choices exist, but only one location can be selected (if the restaurant is a chain). Suggestion was made to choose a location near to a meeting location (for example, the March Open House), so that the most people are in the area at the right time. Marie will research specific possibilities.

Hosting Seminar Series: FFAST vs. more nationally known speakers is being explored. We would be working closely with Susan Liebeler from the South West Section. She has been successful at hosting a series and has given us a list of speakers, how-to information, etc to Jan McKenzie, Jan Lonsdale and Stephanie Wells. A suggestion was made to trial a single course, but this is not recommended by Susan. Concerns were expressed about up-front cost and whether enough interest could be generated to cover the cost. More formal proposal is requested, as well as considering a partnership with another organization (EAA).

Aviation event for 2012

A void is present in Colorado for an air race, since the Mile High Air Derby and the Jackpot (Colorado Pilot Association) are not currently being offered.

Types of air races discussed -

- against a handicap, draws more out of town participants
- proficiency based, includes landmark identification, draws more local participation

Coordination with the Sport Air Racing League is recommended. Will include insurance but will need to be supplemented by The 99s insurance (relatively inexpensive). Voted on whether an air event would be of interest to the Chapter, as it would require significant effort to coordinate and require that preparation begin soon to enable a September event. Considerable support was expressed and volunteers signed up to be a coordinating board.

Recommendation made to assign a mentor to associate members to facilitate Chapter involvement and success in aviation.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40 am.

Minutes taken by Kara Gallas; edited and submitted by Issra'a Sheikh, Secretary.