

## Montana Seaplane Pilots Association

Meeting held at the Montana Aviation Conference in Billings, MT

Meeting Minutes by Perry Brown

3/3/17

In attendance was Perry Brown-President, Peter Gross-Vice-President, Ry Keller-web manager, Wade Cebalski-Mt Aeronautics, Warren Hendrickson-AOPA NW representative, Dr. Blue, and I believe one more individual but I apologize that I did not get his name. I believe that is all that was there. Next meeting we will have a sign in sheet.

Meeting brought to order at 2:45 p.m.

### Old Business

- Last falls bbq did not get put together. Time snuck up on us and we apologize it didn't get organized.
- May need a volunteer to help with Secretary/Treasurer. Not sure. We will check with JoAnn. Ry stated he would be willing to step in and help out.

### New Business

- Question about the Flathead Lake beach fly-in that has been done in the spring in the past. All dependent on the lake levels and there is some question about land ownership and getting permission for that. We will do some follow up.
- Plans are in the process for a Flathead River fly-in and possibly one to Middle Thompson Lake. We will keep you posted on dates.
- Stillwater Lake Fly-in. Not sure what Bill Montgomery's plans are for a fly-in there this year. Ry stated he will check with Bill.
- Seeley Lake Fly-in. MTSPA could plan a fly in the same time the airport has their fly in and Wade said they would organize a shuttle to bring folks to and from the airport and lake.
- AIS issue. We want to stay educated on this subject and will follow guidelines. We as pilots need to help educate out of state fliers also along with our fellow MT pilots. Maybe have some kind of training certification and possibly a decal. We can also work in conjunction of how the National Seaplane organization is on this issue. Let's be proactive and not spread invasive species. We may want to consider keeping a landing log of the lakes we have been in and when. Questions on putting bleach in floats and what may kill these invasive species and what is corrosive to our floats.
- Charts. Wade talked about updating the aeronautics chart. A seaplane base can be registered on the chart. A 5010 form needs filled out and an airstrip/lake needs to be registered. Contact Wade about specifics.
- We need to update MT Aeronautics airport supplement with new information on seaplane bases and contacts.

- Longtime member and friend Hank Sollman passed away. Questions on what the association can do in his memory. Suggestions include a plaque on a dock or a pier, or a memorial fly in. Also, our friend Bert Paulson should be included. Maybe a memorial stone or plaque that we can add the names of our seaplane friends that have passed put at a memorable location. Please contact us on suggestions on this important subject.
- Website suggestion. It was asked if we all could put together information for our website. We all know our local lakes and rivers and the area. It would be nice if our website could gather all that information for others to use. Such as amenities to certain lakes, docking, hazards, restaurants, etc.
- Currently we have about 65 members. It was suggested that a list of Mt pilots with seaplane ratings can be requested and from that list we could solicit membership. A place to start.

Motion to adjourn at 3:45p.m. by Wade and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ry. Carried.