

**Owosso Airport Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
June 8, 2008

**Opening time:** 3:28pm.

**Present:** *Officers:* Brent Wesley (Pres.), Mary Moylan (Sec.), Tim McGregor (Treas.);  
*Members:* Marcy McGregor, Rita Wesley, Steve Wesley.

**Minutes:** Rita motioned that the minutes from the April 13, 2008, meeting be approved; Marcy seconded. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report::** Tim reported that there is \$1216.51 in the bank after all the expenses for the May Fly-in were deducted. Total profit from the event came out to \$63.88. Bad weather was the main culprit along with a mix-up in communication (many thought it to be a breakfast event instead of a lunch one). Mary motioned that the report be accepted and Rita seconded. Motion passed.

**Café Report:** Rita had no report other than that it's getting very warm in the Café and Bob Hoschner will be donating an air conditioner to cool things down. She said business has been slow, but the weather hasn't been good on weekends so far, and fuel prices are discouraging flyers.

**Old Business:**

- Spring Cleanup was felt to be a success with much being done and the airport looking good. The number of volunteers was down, however;
- Aviation Day was also a great success. The weather was wonderful, the kids were plentiful and well-behaved, and it seemed like they all had a great time. Many thanks to all who helped teach and organize and who opened their hangars to the children;
- Food License cost: Rita reported that the cost for the OAA to purchase a single event food license would be \$60. Since the OAA is providing food for the two fly-in events under the legal cover of the Café, Marcy motioned and Mary seconded that the OAA reimburse the Café \$120. The motion passed, and Tim wrote out the check for the Café and handed it to Rita;
- The billboard advertising the Airport, Winds Air, and the Crosswinds Café is up on Rt. 71;
- The status of the banners to go across M-21 is unknown at this time.
- Flyers to advertise the Café were discussed, and Mary will go ahead and produce them. They will be mailed out to all the airports in the State.
- Non-Profit Status: Mary inquired as to where the OAA was in this process. Lance Little was handling this, so he will be contacted for a status report. One of the current officers or members will continue the process if he was too busy to finish it.

### **New Business:**

- Boy Scouts: Brent has been contacted by someone from the Shiawassee Council about the OAA becoming the charter organization of a local Boy Scout Troop. He will email the contact info to Mary who will follow up on this.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party: the Café would like to host this airport wide event again this year.
  - Much discussion ensued about how to use this to reach out to all the airport people and foster a sense of community.
  - Aviation events such as target dropping and landing contests were also discussed as adding to the fun.
  - The Café would also like to sell hot dogs and refreshments to the crowd that gathers in the evening.
  - Marcy mentioned that we could possibly get food donations from Kroger;
  - More planning and discussion will be held on this topic.
- Community Events: the following events were mentioned as things that the OAA should consider participating in:
  - County Fair (August): Rita will check out the cost of a booth in the Commercial building with the purpose of promoting both aviation and the airport (update: Winds Air is already checking into this)
  - North Pole Express (1225) (Thanksgiving on): it could be publicized to airports throughout the state as a reason to fly in during these early winter weeks;
  - Red Cross Camel Races (Feb): buying a camel and dressing it up with an aviation theme;
  - Curwood Festival Parade & River Raft race: aviation themed float & raft would do much to promote the airport among the community;

**Mary made the motion and Tim seconded that the OAA should enter community events as they are feasible, doable, and affordable.** Instead of waiting for the community to come to us, we need to go to the community and make ourselves known. The motion passed.

### **September Fly-In:**

- Much discussion went on about improving the outcome of the September Fly-in, and future fly-in's afterwards. No concrete plans were made, but planning, organization, communication and publicity were all discussed and will be factored into future meetings.

### **Other Business:**

- Spring Fly-In: After discussion, it was decided that it would be better to move the first fly-in of the year back into June. This would have two benefits: better weather, and it could be aligned with the major festival going on in town at that time. It was also decided to change it to a breakfast event, with the Café providing logistical support. Coordination with SATA would provide transportation into town as needed. Brent then made the motion

that the first fly-in of the year should be held on the first full weekend of June, and Rita seconded it. The motion passed.

- Ways to encourage membership in the OAA was discussed, as well as the need to reach out to all the airport members to encourage a community attitude. Mary will pursue this with Tim Harwood. She will also develop an official OAA letterhead, and possibly also a brochure that will clearly state the mission statement of the OAA, and its aim to encourage the spirit and pursuit of aviation.

**Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

**Next Meeting:** August 17th, 2008, in the Terminal Building at the Airport.