

**Trinity County Pilots Association 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:** 9-10-16 George Loegering, Secretary

**General:** The TCPA annual meeting took place in front of the Library/Museum on Airport Road in Trinity Center (next to the Lions annual BBQ) at noon, September 4, 2016 to discuss TCPA reorganization & status, issues at the five Trinity County airports, Trinity County Airport Advisory Committee (TCAAC) activities, comments and questions from pilots/members, update addresses/e-mails and solicit TCPA officer volunteers/newsletter editor.

**Background:** Historically, TCPA has been supported by as many as 200 members. TCPA and individual pilots have helped the County fund ongoing airport projects. Hangar development over the past 32 years was financed 100% by local pilots and now, as planned, long term 25 & 30 year leases continue to expire and the County is receiving rental income that must be used solely for airport maintenance/improvements. Hangars that are coming into County possession are rented at reasonable rates; about \$170/month for a T hangar. I requested a status report on the hangars the county has for rent but have not received any input yet. If you need a hangar contact Rick Tippet, TCDOT Director, at 530-623-1365; assisted by VaLynn Crafford. At this time there does not seem to be a need for additional hangars but when/if there is, space is available but in the case of the Trinity Center airport it could be a long term project as the hangar sites need a substantial amount of fill dirt.

**Meeting Minutes and TCPA Status, Secretary George Loegering:** TCPA as an organization is still in limbo since our "charitable 501c3" status was cancelled by the IRS about 2013 and we have been unable to resolve our corporate status with the State of California - suffice to say that this is in process and simply takes time dealing with government. The main problem is that we have no volunteers interested in being an officer, a newsletter editor or doing the IRS/state paperwork. One of the main problems is that anyone donating to TCPA can't get a tax deduction for donations to the Trinity Scholarship Foundation but I checked with them and we do have \$2,634.00 on account available for the upcoming 2017 award program (we normally award \$1,500/year to a qualifying student going for an aviation education). We also have about \$10k (see Treasurer's report below) in our bank account for expenses, airport improvements and scholarships so there is no rush to act on our organizational status. Most problems/projects related to our airports are happening at a very slow pace. Lyn Scott, who is a TCAAC member, indicated that the county is generally slow to set meeting times/agendas and publish meeting reports due to changing regulations and lack of County staff time. I confirmed that there were no meeting minutes on the County website for the prior 12 months nor did I receive any notes from the TCAAC members. That said; there were no new airport problems or issues brought forth at the annual meeting

There were eight attendees at the annual meeting and Paul Osterman, who is Cal Pilots VP for Region 1 (basically most of NCA) was invited to give a discussion of his efforts to form a 501c3 pilots/owners organization called the North State Aviation Association (NSAA). He had planned to work locally with groups in Shasta county but expand to represent at least 10 counties in the north state - from what he said it seems that all the local north state county groups like the TCPA have had the same kind of problem as we have. Paul wrote an article on how to form a 501c3 cooperation in the May/June issue of the Airport Advocate which is the CalPilots newsletter. I met with him in Redding about 6 weeks ago and we discussed how he could provide within the NSAA organization "committees" for each county. The committees would have separate bank accounts and specifically work with their county airport authority on local airport issues. This would eliminate multiple organizations and have the advantage of the whole group backing up each other. Paul had not made much progress since our meeting and in fact was doing what we are doing; acting simply "as a non-incorporated volunteer group". He has put out a newsletter and is trying to organize "social" events like fly-ins but he has found some of the same problems we have found; lack of volunteer officers and paperwork problems. I will continue to work with Paul; I will give him

our pilots email list so past TCPA members can receive future NSAA newsletters and in hopes that we will eventually get the volunteers needed to complete a re-organization.

It was generally agreed that even though there is little apparent pilot interest compared to past years that we should continue to try to revitalize our group. Most importantly we should use the TCPA website to publish any significant local airport activities/projects. Since the TC Airport Advisory Committee is active and working with our local government reps we had agreed last year to post the quarterly meetings/agenda but this was not done - the TCAAC members are encouraged to do it this coming year.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Mazzei, who has been our Treasurer was unable to attend the annual meeting so Secretary George, also authorized to sign checks on our account, summarized the status. TCPA charges no dues nor had other income this past year except a few donations deposited from last year's meeting; the bank balance is about \$10,000 including the earmarked "Wolf Grant" of \$4,000 reserved for campground design at the airport. As noted above \$2,634 is on deposit with the TSF for future use. A new sealed bulletin board was purchased by TLRA for O86, partially funded with a \$300 donation from TCPA and installed about 6 weeks ago; note that Pam Augspurger (pamnerik@gmail.com) is the "posting" master; contact her to post your notices or info.

Your Trinity County Airport Advisory Committee members are: Jim Weddell , Chairman (Hyampom, H47), Lyn Scott (TC, O86), Tony Edwards (Weaverville, O54), John Kizziar (Hayfork, F62), Mike McHugh, Member-at-Large (O86) and Supervisor John Finley (Trinity County BOS).

Attendees:

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