

Yates County Airport Council Minutes

January 30, 2018

Present: Taylor Fitch, Bill Middlebrook (Penn Yan Aero) , Rich Leppert (Seneca Flight), Paul Middlebrook, Tim Dennis, Doug Marchionda Sr.(Penn Yan Flying Club) , Bryan Savage (Passero)

Guest: Frances Englund (Finger Lakes Chapter Ninety Nines)

Minutes of Nov. 28, 2017 were approved.

There was a moment of silence observed in memory of Daryl Middlebrook.

Financial Report of November 28, 2017 was accepted.

The council moved the appointment of officers for 2018. Doug Marchionda Sr., Chairman, Rich Leppert, Vice Chairman, Tim Dennis, Secretary. All were in agreement.

Frances Englund briefed the council on the Air Race Classic which will be stopping at Penn Yan the week of June 19-22. It is likely most racers will stop in Penn Yan the 20th or 21st. Rich Leppert is working closely with them on local arrangements. There will be a need for local volunteers to assist with the timing station, traffic control and refueling among other items.

There was discussion regarding concerns Matt Mitchell had expressed to the County Treasurer regarding access to the field. Doug M. and Tim D. will contact Matt to reinforce the previous agreement that any concerns would be discussed openly with members of the council.

FBO Report:

Rich reported that work continues on the Mothers Day 5K race. He and Sheriff Spike will work on sponsorship for the Sheriff Youth Camp. FAA has been notified.

Sports Car Club of America event is scheduled for June 23 -24. Final agreement will need attorney and Legislature approval.

There are six available T-hangars for rent. There was minimal response to the most recent promotional mailing to pilots in surrounding counties.

There was discussion on the airport being closed during the period of ice build up on all pavements. There are products available to mitigate this. Special equipment would be needed to apply either a granular or liquid product. The cost of the equipment would be about \$2,000. The granular product has a shelf life of about two years. The liquid product would have extended life. It would cost about \$1800 per event to apply product and hope it would mitigate

the ice buildup. In the past ten years, this situation has occurred twice. Rich will get more details and report to the council.

There are problems with the heating system in the North hangar. Replacement parts are hard to find due to the age of the system. To replace the entire system could cost \$15,000. We will look into a plan to replace a section at a time so we can spread out the cost.

There are issues with the gate to the T-hangars. Seneca will fix the gate.

The gate at Penn Yan Aero continues to not function. This creates problems for their access to the warehouse. Rich will bring a proposal on this.

Passero Report:

The T-hangar grant and project has been closed out. Chrisantha will complete the seeding on the slopes. Any issues will be handled under the performance bond.

The master plan has been completed and accepted by NYSDOT and FAA.

The airport was awarded the NYSDOT aviation grant for the sewer extension to the airport. Passero has seen no paper documentation yet. They will be working to represent the airport in working with Larson Engineers and the Town of Milo in the management of the grant as the system is designed and built. It is understood that the County or Airport are not responsible for any local match of funds in this project.

Passero will continue to work with the Town of Milo and their engineers in working for a grant to complete the water loop from Bath Rd. to Rte 14A. The airport sees this as a necessity due to the need to improve the water pressure and flow at the airport.

Passero will investigate the possibility of implementing friction measuring equipment on the runways.

The FCC radio License for the NDB needs to be renewed. Passero will contact Andy Siwak at the Yates County Highway Dept.

It was moved and passed to appoint Taylor Fitch as Chairman of the marketing committee.

It was moved and passed to recognize the many faithful years that Taylor Fitch has served the airport council.

The meeting was adjourned.

