Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Yavapai County Sheriff's Air Group Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of
27 February 2013

CALL TO ORDER

- 1900hrs
- Meeting called to order by Bud Lathrop with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present included Mel Tiensvold, Noel Urban and Farrell Harris.

PLEADGE OF ALLEGIENACE

MEMBERS PRESENT Refer to sign in form

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

- Only 6 other group members were present and there were no guests or candidates present.
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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Noel Urban

- Approval of March2013 minutes moved and seconded

TREASURERS REPORT Mel Tiensvold

- Mel Tiensvold provided the complete Treasurer's Report including all current expenses and assets. Total value is $2,487.55. 4 membership dues are still outstanding. YCSAG Wings are in stock and available for $30 for active members. New Sheriff's Office arm patch and rocker are now available at no charge. Air Group arm patches are available at $5 each.

COMMANDERS REPORT Noel Urban

- Commander Bud Lathrop opened with comments regarding some major staffing changes in the Sheriff's Department resulting from recent resignations associated with the December Motorcycle Club incident on Whiskey Row. He indicated that this was an ongoing investigation and still more fallout may ensue. Bud felt management of the volunteer groups by the Sheriff's Office would be less active until these matters are resolved and the key positions involved with us have been filled. YCSO directed training is unlikely in the near term so Bud directed Farrell Harris to look into developing a Flight Training Mission in order to maintain Group currency.
- Bud called on the Nominating Committee to discuss upcoming elections for the board. Only Ray Johnson was available for comment. Farrell Harris was willing to continue as Safety Officer and is currently unchallenged for that position. Noel Urban, as Operation Officer, is in that same position. The Commanders position is not up for elections this year. We do have a critical opening for Adjutant and at this point, no one has expressed a willingness to accept that position. Bud

indicated that we would send out absentee ballots to assure all members would have the opportunity to vote. Three positions will be open for nominations from the floor at the next meeting. Anyone interested in any of these three positions should contact Ray Johnson or John Olsen.

OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT Noel Urban

- Noel Urban provided the Operations Report. He discussed two call outs to check for the presence of an aircraft on a strip near the Verdi River near Bloody Basin Road. Both missions located the aircraft on the strip. Chuck McCoy and Marge Matheny discussed their mission looking for a lost hiker on March 12th. Flying the Bulldog, they searched from Bloody Basin, Sheep's Crossing and all the way to Horseshoe with no luck. This was a time consuming mission and somewhat frustrating as they were unable to establish contact on 123.1 with the Deputy in the area. We have no follow-up information on this mission.
- On a 2nd matter, Noel pointed out that the Sheriff's Department was requesting an Air Group photo showing its members. After much discussion it was agreed that all members, in uniform (Dress or informal) meet on the North Ramp on April 20, 2013 at 11:00 AM. We would also like to have a few aircraft belonging to members as a backdrop. Contact Noel Urban for more information.

FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER REPORT Farrell Harris

- Farrell Harris provided the Flight Safety Report. He recapped Bud's earlier comments about the likely lack of department wide training in the near future and indicated he would be developing a Training Mission for the Group.

ADJUTANT REPORT Ray Pfeffer

- Ray Pfeffer not present at this meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Noel Urban

- None

NEW BUSINESS Bud Lathrop

- A question from the floor regarding the status of new members and changes in that process gave rise to issues and concerns from the membership. Bud read a letter from Air Group Member Larry Minch regarding the application process for his candidate. It was addressed to the Sheriff but has not been responded to yet. In general, those present found the application process outlined in the letter to be somewhat disturbing and expressed that it may affect future recruitment of volunteer members. Demands for more and more private information going to areas outside of your control is of growing concern for many of us. If Larry gets a response to his letter with their explanation, Bud will try to make that information available to the membership.

MEMBER COMMENTS Members

- None

NEXT MEETING DATE Bud Lathrop

- April 24, 2013

ADJOURNMENT
2000hrs