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CSPA 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting: May 17, 2009 --- McKinnon Air Park

For the second year in a row, the annual meeting of the Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association was favored with a perfect warm, sunny day for flying, mingling, meeting, and picnicking. Close to 50 members and guests - human and canine, 15 itinerant aircraft, and several drive-in vehicles took advantage of the fine weather to assemble at McKinnon Air Park to mark the beginning of the 2009 summer float season.



1. President Aron Faegre called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. What normally would have been the first orders of business, the distribution of the meeting agenda and reading of the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting, did not progress as smoothly as expected due in large part to the incomplete breaking-in process of the recently elected CSPA Secretary from last year. Having previously approved the minutes as submitted, President Aron Faegre summarized his best recollection of our 2008 meeting and moved that the minutes be accepted by the group as recalled and that the incident never be spoken of again. It was so agreed by members present.

2. Aron then reported on the recent oral arguments heard in Salem regarding the Waldo Lake access battle. Aron relayed that the judge appeared to favor our position with regard to continued use of the lake by float planes. A final ruling at this time had not been issued, but Aron felt confident that our argument for access had a good chance of prevailing in the final ruling due out soon.

3. Vice-President Bill Wainwright had nothing to add with respect to the Waldo Lake issue, but did report that the Missouri Breaks situation remained as had been previously set forth, which allows for emergency landings only. Bill expressed some frustration at the lack of support the CSPA and Montana Pilots Association had received from the national organization, and noted that the battles for access had been led by the regional pilot organizations of Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon.

4. Bill reported that the published information regarding "managing partners" contained much inaccurate and outdated information for pilots seeking permission to use BOR facilities, lands and water bodies. Bill noted that the proper procedure for using BOR areas stipulated that the "managing partner" be notified of intended use, and he had devoted considerable time and effort in documenting and correcting contact information, along with Jim McManus, and we should have a usable list soon. Aron noted the many hours of



work that Bill put into collecting and correcting the contact information, and there was a generous round of applause and barking as all assembled showed their appreciation and support for Bill's efforts in this area.

Bill noted further that the costs of the Missouri Breaks legal battle were too high for the CSPA to play a more active role, and noted that the majority of the legal fees for the Waldo Lake battle had actually been paid by another interested party in the suit.

5. Jamie Greene produced yet another spellbinding treasurer's report for the year. He noted that the legal costs for the Waldo Lake issue had not been reimbursed to the degree that had been expected and pledged by the SPA. After some discussion, it was decided that the CSPA dues would remain at \$20 yearly, but to hold open the option to contribute an additional sum to the legal fund by any member eager to contribute any extra amount.

6. Aron opened the floor for members with topics of interest or business to discuss.

- Ted Millar made note of the Midnight Sun Floatplane Fly-In which was scheduled for July 24, 25, and 26, in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories of Canada. Ted noted that a group of pilots were planning a trip north for the event and welcomed pilots interested in making the trip to join their group.
- Ted also made note of a GPS-based satellite tracking system (SPOT), which allows the traveler to mark his progress along a flying route and keep family or friends at home updated on their progress via Google Earth. There is also a safety feature whereby the pilot can send out a message indicating that all is well, that they are in need of mechanical assistance, or a 911 alert for emergency assistance. Ted mentioned there was a 10% discount if purchased through the BC Floatplane Assn., which also offered the first year of operation free.

7. Aron then opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacant board position for treasurer to replace the departing Jamie Greene. A motion was made and seconded to nominate recent CSPA member, Cliff Gerber. There being no other nominees for the post, another motion was made to close the nominations and Cliff Gerber was elected unanimously, again with a hearty round of applause and barking from the assembled group. At this point, the newly liberated Jamie Greene beat a hasty retreat away from his position at the command table to find a seat in the audience. Aron called for a round of applause for the many years of service and fine treasury skills donated by the departing Mr. Greene who basked in the glow of everyone's appreciation for a job well done.



Cliff Gerber(left) dues wrangler, Dave Minor (right), wrangler



Mike and Jeff Reese - hosts and BBQ chefs

Aron then opened the floor for nominations to fill the remaining positions on the board, and there being no new nominations, a motion was made and seconded to continue with the current members, which was unanimously approved.



8. Aron then recognized guest Chuck Jarecki, Western Director of Montana Pilots Association and RAF Director who reported on his experiences in access to waterways issues.



Aron and Chuck Jarecki - strategizing.

9. Bill Wainwright discussed a couple of potential fly-out options for the summer season, including a trip to Priest Lake (Cavanaugh Bay) with a side trip to the Byrd Museum, possibly the Owyhee Reservoir. No firm date was set for the trip, but an August departure was suggested. Bill will send out further details via e-mail as the plans firm up.

10. An abbreviated fund-raising session was held to auction off donated items for the occasion. Tom Lehman had donated a pair of super-cub-sized wing covers which were purchased by Bill Gough for \$200. The WAAM Museum donated a pair of memberships which were purchased by Aron Faegre for \$70.

- 11: Mike Reese and his son Jeff were once again recognized for all their hard work in preparing yet another wonderful feast.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Mary Chlopek
Undersecretary