



*Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
Board of Directors Meeting
9/6/23*

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Karen Inda called to order a Board of Directors meeting of the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 5:30pm on September 6, 2023, at Atlantic Aviation, 655 S Rock Blvd. Reno, NV 89502. Some attendees joined via Google Meet.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was not conducted. The following officers, directors, and special guests were present.

Karen Inda – President
Mark Stiving – Vice-President
Sue Moon-West – Secretary
Jordan West – Treasurer
Karla Werning – Director
Trygve Inda – Director
Michael Cleveland – Director
Jack Woods – Official Photographer
Jim Dudzinski – RTAG Representative to the RTAA
Joe Rajacic – Prospective Director

III. Old Business

The attendees voted unanimously to make Joe Rajacic the newest member of the board. Due to the maximum number of board members allowed by the RTAG bylaws, Joe will be replacing Francisco Magana. The board also voted unanimously to make Joe the Educational Programs Director in place of Trygve Inda.

Going forward, RTAG General Meetings will be referred to as Aviation Safety Seminars or other titles that better reflect the content of the meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Fly-Outs:** The next fly-out will be to Susanville KSVE on 9/23. Participants will meet on the ramp and drive crew cars to Lumberjacks for brunch. (NOTE: This event may be postponed.)



- B. Educational Programs:** The next RTAG General Meeting will be an Aviation Safety Seminar led by Joe Rajacic on 10/4. Joe will be continuing his AQP content, as well as answering questions from the audience. The RTAG board is looking for speakers for 12/6 and 2/7. Joe will reach out to area DPEs to see if they would like to participate in a “Meet the DPEs” panel discussion.
- C. Special Events:** The Poker Run will be 10/14 with 10/21 as the alternate date. This year, pilots will be required to show proof of insurance and registration to be eligible to participate and win prizes. We’ve also added Dayton A34 to this year’s line-up.
- D. Scholarship:** The RTAG board continues to explore 501c3 designation for the scholarship fund to increase donations. RTAG members Elizabeth Fielder and Jim Dudzinski will help the board accomplish this.

The RTAG board voted unanimously to offer two scholarships for 2024: \$4000 for Private Pilot and \$2500 for Advanced Rating. This is an increase of \$1500 for the Private Pilot scholarship over previous years, thanks to the generosity of our members and sponsors.

- E. Fundraising:** Jack Woods will work with Jordan West to implement the online store for RTAG merchandise.
- F. Membership:** Sue had an idea to bring in more members by making RTAG flyers with QR codes that scan directly to our website and bringing the flyers to local events to help spread the word. Sue, Jordan, and Karen will hand out flyers out at the Reno Air Races this week.
- G. Liaison to Outside Groups:** RTAG is looking for volunteers to help set up & tear down Operation Santa Claus on 12/8 and 12/9. We also need volunteer pilots and a marshaller for the Parade of Planes on 12/9. Mark Stiving agreed to be the emcee for the Parade of Planes.
- H. Outreach:** The next RTIA User Group Meeting is Tuesday 10/10 at 5:30pm. Location TBD. All airport users are welcome to attend.

RTAA has imposed a credit card fee on GA east hangar tenants. This was imposed by staff, rather than the RTAA board. Jim Rundle has reached out to



RTAA to express RTAG's disappointment with this change and the lack of a board vote. RTAG will be closely monitoring developments on this subject.

I. Standing Finance: RTAG has paid out the 2023 scholarships and has no debt.

V. New Business

The next KTMB Adopt-a-Spot cleanup will be 11/4 along Rock Blvd.

The RTAG board voted unanimously to collect money for Susan Hartley for the sale of her book honoring Bob Meurer's life. The book is titled "Forever Flying: Bob's Story". The book costs \$9 (cash or check) or \$11 online. All funds raised will go to Susan, minus credit card fees.

VI. Directors' Comments

The next RTAG Board of Directors meeting will be 11/1. The RTAG board will start planning the annual Celebration of Aviation Banquet. All directors are requested to help find potential guest speakers.

VII. Adjournment

Karen adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.
Minutes submitted by Sue Moon-West.