



*Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022*

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Dr. Bob Larkin called to order the Board of Directors meeting of the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 5:36pm on September 7, 2022, at Atlantic Aviation, 655 S. Rock Blvd, Reno, NV 89502.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was not conducted. The following officers and directors were present:

Dr. Bob Larkin – President

Karen Inda – Secretary

Michael Cleveland – Director

Trygve Inda – Director

Emma Justis – Director

Mark Stiving – Director

III. Old Business

KTMB

RTAG's second Adopt-a-Spot clean-up along Rock Blvd. through Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) is now scheduled for Saturday, October 15th. The reason for the change is that the High Sierra Fly-In at Dead Cow Lake will interfere with the Poker Run. (The Poker Run is now scheduled for Saturday, October 8th.) After this clean-up, KTMB will erect a sign with RTAG's name on it.

RTAG members are also encouraged to help clean up trash along the Truckee River on Saturday, September 24th. We have a fly-out scheduled that day. Members can choose which activity to participate in. Those interested in cleaning up trash along the river should contact Karen.

IV. New Business

Fundraising

Mark suggested organizing a photoshoot of RTAG members' planes doing low passes at Stead. Pilots could also pose on their wings and submit clever slogans. This could be turned into a calendar that we sell at the Celebration of Aviation Banquet (CAB). If we could get professional photographers to donate their time, RTAG's only expense would be food and drinks. The money raised would go to



the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. We plan to have a NOTAM for the event, which will likely take place early in the morning this autumn or winter.

Karen designed some t-shirts for RTAG with slogans such as “I like my coffee at 12,000 feet MSL” (or 11,500 for VFR pilots), “I love the smell of 100LL in the morning”, and “Make America Fly Again” or “Keep America Flying”. The shirts will be blue with the RTAG logo. Mark suggested that we use Canva to create the design and then sell it through a vendor he knows that produces high-quality custom shirts at reasonable prices, even at low volumes. Members should be able to order the size and quantity they need directly from the vendor. This will be a fundraiser for the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. We plan to have the shirts available for sale at CAB, or even sooner. Dr. Bob suggested that we create a special director’s version, which will likely be a polo shirt.

V. Committee Reports

Special Events Committee

Poker Run

The 4th Annual Poker Run is now scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, with the alternate on Saturday, October 22nd.

Celebration of Aviation Banquet (CAB)

There was a discussion about next year’s CAB, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th, 2023. As an alternative to a raffle, we could host Pilot Bingo or Pilot Jeopardy to benefit the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. We could add a few dollars to the ticket price and buy some gift cards for a special drawing at the end. There could also be Pilot Conversation Cards on each table. In addition, the directors have begun their search for a suitable speaker.

Liaison Committee

Michael gave a report on the effort to bring Civil Air Patrol back to the field, either to the old CAP building at 601 S. Rock, or to the new facility that Stellar Aviation is planning for the NE corner of KRNO. The old CAP building needs a lot of work, especially HVAC. The renovation costs must be in proportion to the terms of the lease offered by the RTAA.

The farmers’ fields at Rock and Mill are in the process of being turned into sports fields (for soccer, etc.). The sports fields could make a restaurant at the NE corner profitable, and all local aviation groups would be able to use the meeting facilities. RTAG is working with Stellar Aviation and the RTAA to make this facility a reality.

Outreach Committee

Dr. Bob and past-president Jim Rundle regularly meet with RTAA CEO Daren Griffin to discuss issues concerning GA at KRNO. They are currently working on gate access and badging issues. We discussed hosting a training event to clarify regulations, including the conditions under which you must call security.



Scholarship Committee

In year's past, applicants were not required to be paid members of RTAG. Based on how other groups, such as the 99s and Women in Aviation, conduct their scholarship application process, the committee has decided that all applicants must be paid RTAG members. We will accept a dues payment with the application.

Several of the directors who have read applications and conducted interviews in the past are no longer eligible because they work for flight schools. We are looking for members who are not financially connected to flight schools to help with the applicant selection process.

Fly-Out Committee

The next RTAG Fly-Out is to KLVK (Livermore) for breakfast at Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, followed by an optional flight through the SFO VFR Corridor. We are looking for someone (preferably a CFI) who has flown the corridor and is willing to give a pilot briefing.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Bob Larkin adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Inda.