

IAHA Board Meeting

July 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kelly. Present were: John Horn, Robert English, Kelly Wilson, Craig Cowles, Ed Conn, and Keith Moes. Guests present: Carole Gabel, Andy Andersen, Harry Bladow, Mark and Kelly Matthews, and Bill Ester.

SECRETARY: The April meeting lacked a quorum, and minutes were not taken.

TREASURER: Keith passed out a report for the six month period ending June 30. There's a slight decrease over last year's bottom-line figure. The taxiway maintenance hasn't been finished yet so the bill is not reflected in the balance. One lot owner has not paid their homeowner's dues so a lien has been placed on that property for the amount owed.

ARCHITECTURE: Dave Martin could not attend this evening, but wrote up a summary of the committee's decisions since the last meeting. Two projects, one on Cessna and the other on Aeronca, were detailed in the report. Some questions came up about the lot on Cessna being over the center-line of the taxiway, and it was explained that the lot lines were drawn when Cessna was the furthest street north.

OLD BUSINESS: Craig described the mowing and spraying that he and Lynn have been doing for the last few months. Some weed whacking around the hangars, even though that is on state property, has also been done to eliminate the obvious fire hazard. The state crews are supposed to mow the grass around the rented hangars, but no one is doing the work. The new ODA representative has been told but the state crews haven't started their work yet. Craig and Lynn have kept the grass short in the meantime. Some gravel has been spread in troublesome areas where wheelpants could get stuck should a plane veer off of the taxiway. This Saturday, at 9:00 AM, there will be IAHA work party to take care of the multiple problems with the main drainage ditch including the buildup of silt at various places. Craig also thanked Keith Moes for the timely reimbursements of the expenses incurred while maintaining the grounds.

Ed asked if there had been any further discussion about combining efforts with the North End. Kelly answered that there needed to be a steering committee formed to look into it. Despite the inevitable personality conflicts that crop up when this issue is raised, meeting future challenges with one voice instead of two or three separate groups is the primary reason that such a union would be a good idea.

Kelly passed around a letter that he had written to enforce various aspects of the CC&Rs. The responses were cordial from each of the three property owners to whom he had sent letters. Two have said they will comply, and one had said they will not. There was much discussion as to what the actual requirements are in this case, specifically a tie-down area in back for an aircraft, and the answer was that this cement pad needs to be there when the house changes hands. John Horn made the motion that those homeowners not in compliance be told what they need to do, and if they refuse then a lien can be placed on their property in order to make sure that the work be performed when the property changes hands. Ed Conn seconded. All approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS: Radio controlled model planes are being flown around and some residents are concerned about the legal ramifications if there is a collision between a real plane and a model; i.e. could the airport be sued? Kelly told the concerned parties to check the state law to see what the actual liability issues are.

Some residents have received letters stating that their grass needs to be kept at a certain height or a fine would be levied against the property owner. Keith said that it sounded like the City of Independence had sent the letters, and he saw an enforcement vehicle going up and down the streets recently. In years past, the City has left the enforcement of ordinances like this to the Homeowner's Association, but there appears to be a new guy holding the office who may not be aware of the old arrangement.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Andy passed around copies of a draft of a letter suggesting the possibility of a Cessna factory built on the 40 acres to the west (to build their new "Skycatcher") to take advantage of the planned expansion of the urban growth boundary. Craig asked what kind of increased traffic and noise would result from having a factory to the west, and Andy explained that this would be better than high-density housing. Lots of discussion ensued on this point. All agreed it was a long shot but a good idea. Andy also passed around a bulletin concerning the Flying Farmers' draft of a bill for an Airport Planning Area (the new, more PC, name for boundary) to shield airports from urban sprawl. He also passed around copies of the City's "2020 Vision Plan," i.e. what the City should look like in the year 2020. Andy suggested that these forms be used to tell the City what we would like to see around the airport in order to keep it an airport in perpetuity. A golf course along the north end was suggested, and while nothing is definite that was also greeted positively.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. The next meeting will be on October 23rd.

Respectfully submitted by Robert English, secretary.