

EAA Chapter 493
Minutes of January 16, 2018 Meeting
7:00pm

These are the minutes of the January 16, 2018 EAA Chapter 493 meeting. The meeting, held on the normal EAA Ch 493 meeting day (third Tuesday each month), was held to discuss and determine whether there was enough interest to continue the Chapter.

Attendees:

LeRoy Anderson
Doug & Eva O'Connor
Don Smucker
Don & Nancy Treadwell
Ron Lentz
Gerry Hatch
Nancy York & Tim McTaggart
Bob Reece
Andy Spinks
Lawrence Wright

After some general unorganized discussion on the topic of terminating or continuing the Chapter, and recognition that there were no officers of the Chapter (terms were all expired and no volunteers), upon motion made by Bob Reece, it was agreed that we conduct the meeting under more formal rules of order. Whereupon, Don Smucker nominated Gerry Hatch to chair the meeting. After a second and closure of the motion, Gerry Hatch was elected chair of the meeting. Gerry started a discussion on the topic, then everyone present was invited to comment. All were in favor of continuing the Chapter if we could get officers, enough interest, and some commitment from those present to attend whenever possible. Additional comments discussed were that while Joe's Restaurant had been very accommodating, holding a meeting where everyone sat at a long table was not conducive to the meeting's purposes. There was also discussion on changing the meeting dates and times, programs (what kind, how many a year, locations), more orientation of Chapter meeting towards aviation projects, finding ways to recruit new members, and the need to commit to keeping the Chapter a viable organization. It was also noted that Bob Reece and Lawrence Wright were the only two founding members of EAA Ch 493 still active and that it would be a shame to fold the chapter during their tenure after so many years. After full discussion, it became clear that all present were in favor of continuing the Chapter. It was also discussed and agreed to keep past members on the EAA Chapter Reflector rather than purge them if non-paying.

Gerry Hatch then opened the discussion on the need for Chapter officers. Gerry pointed out that Bob Reece had agreed to fill any needed officer position, should the need arise. Andy Spinks agreed to be Treasurer, and even volunteered to serve a three year term. However, our by-laws call for two year terms, and staggered terms. Accordingly, on motion from Don Smucker, seconded, and nominations closed, upon unanimous vote Andy Spinks was elected Treasurer for a term of two years. Don Smucker stated that although he could not attend every meeting, he

would attend when he could, and would be willing to accept the Secretary position, provided that when absent someone else would be needed to act as Secretary in his absence. Nancy Treadwell volunteered to fill in when needed. It was noted that Don Smucker also files the Chapter IRS annual report, Texas Sec of State filing, and would undertake the EAA National filing paperwork. Upon motion by Gerry Hatch, seconded, and nominations closed, Don Smucker was elected Secretary for a one year term. Bob Reece's name was floated as President, and upon motion made by Gerry Hatch, seconded, and nominations closed, Bob Reece was elected President for a two year term. New member Ron Lentz (had been a member in past years) agreed to be Vice President, whereupon on motion made by Don Smucker, seconded, and nominations closed, Ron Lentz was elected Vice President for a one year term.

Gerry Hatch noted that based on the election of officers, the commitment of members, the payment of dues for 2018 by all present (including family members, bringing the total to 18 paid members of the Chapter), the decision had been formally made to continue the Chapter. Accordingly, Don Smucker was authorized to file the necessary paperwork with the Tex Sec of State, IRS, and EAA National organization to continue the Chapter for at least another year.

It was generally agreed that the next meeting of the Chapter will be held at Skyline Aviation, Mathis Field, on the third Tuesday of February, February 20 at 6pm, in the Skyline break room.

There being no further business, chair Gerry Hatch received a nomination to close the meeting, which was seconded and approved by acclamation, whereupon the meeting was ended.

Don Smucker, Secretary, EAA Ch 493.