



***Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021***

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Dr. Bob Larkin called to order the Board of Directors meeting of the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 5:15pm on April 7, 2021 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

Francisco Magana – Vice-President

Trygve Inda – Treasurer

Karen Inda – Secretary

Michael Cleveland – Director

Tom Dyer – Director

Emma Justis Riek – Director

Bob Meurer - Director

III. Committee Workshop

Committee chairs submitted workplans, goals, and mission statements for this term.

Scholarship Committee

Emma presented ideas on increasing the role of the Scholarship Committee. One idea was to encourage members to bring student pilots along for fly-outs. The variety of airplanes owned by our members far exceeds that of any flight school. RTAG could even host a Share-a-Ride Day or an Intro to Flight Day, allowing student pilots or new private pilots to experience several different types of aircraft, all in one exciting day. Then these individuals would be invited to apply for the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship.



Offering several smaller scholarships for ratings and endorsements, such as tailwheel, complex, high-performance, glider, and sea plane, would encourage new private pilots to branch out into a greater variety of aircraft.

Aviation Banquet Committee

Karen reported that the **Celebration of Aviation Banquet** is still scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. The venue has removed minimum attendance requirements and extended the RSVP deadline to April 20th. Silent auction items include discovery flights, simulator sessions, and a BFR. Dr. Bob reminded everyone that silent auction items do not have to be aviation related. Last year, we auctioned restaurant gift cards, a RARA package, and a weeklong stay at a condo in Hawaii. One hundred percent of the money raised through the raffle and silent auction go directly to the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. Karen will be accepting raffle and silent auction donations until April 20th.

Karen is working with Larry Crăpo from AARI to plan the **Pancake Breakfast** for August. It will be held in the AARI hangar.

Dr. Bob suggested that the **Poker Run** could be improved by putting cards at 14 airports – seven on a north course and seven on a south course. The north course could include airports such as Chester and Nervino, while the south course could include airports such as Hawthorne and Yerington. Pilots could choose which course to take, and then everyone would meet at Minden for lunch and prizes. This will make the event more exciting, while distributing traffic over a larger area. Karen agreed to this plan.

Fly-Out Committee

Tom set a goal of having at least three fly-outs per year, as well as hosting recurring overnight fly-out events to campgrounds, air shows, and the SF Bay Tour. The next two fly-



outs are scheduled for May 15th and June 26th, with the destinations to be determined. Tom also mentioned that, since the Poker Run used to be listed under the Fly-Out Committee, but is being run by the Aviation Banquet Committee, the Poker Run section of the Fly-Out Committee Goals & Objectives should be deleted.

Membership Committee

Bob discussed his plan to increase RTAG membership. There was a discussion about inviting the line crews at Atlantic and Stellar to join RTAG and apply for scholarships. Each committee chair can increase participation among members by inviting 3 or 4 members to help on the committee. RTAG members should talk to their hangar neighbors and say, "The reason you're allowed to fly out of RNO is RTAG's hard work" and invite them to join RTAG. There was also a discussion about making RTAG cards. They would be the size of a business card and could easily be distributed to other airports and prospective members.

Educational Programs Committee

Francisco listed some ideas for future Wings credit programs, including inadvertent VFR into IMC and mechanical or electrical failures in flight. Emma mentioned that her dad is involved with Search & Rescue and could do a presentation at a future RTAG meeting. Michael offered CAP's help with that.

Liaison Committee

Michael is planning to meet with the 99s, the Stead Users Group, the EAA Chapter at Stead, Young Eagles, Operation Santa Claus, the Commemorative Air Force (at Stead), ALEX (The Aviation Learning Experience), the Junior Air Force ROTC at North Valleys High School, and more, in order to try to connect all of the area's aviation groups. He will also become involved with the selection process for new RTAA Trustees, as existing trustees are term limited out. Anyone who wants to represent RTAG or GA on the RTIA User Group is welcome to apply.



Michael also recently met with Brad Kost of Stellar Aviation. Brad has been extremely supportive of GA and is excited about building a permanent home for GA on the northeast corner of the airport. Construction will be done in phases, but we will eventually have new T-hangars, a wash rack, self-serve fuel, meeting rooms, and more.

Approval of Committee Workplans

Dr. Bob asked for approval by consent to approve these workplans, goals, and mission statements. The Board of Directors gave consent to approve these goals. Karen asked all committee chairs to email her their updated Goals & Objectives for the RTAG website.

IV. Calendar

The RTAG Board of Directors approved the following calendar for 2021:

Saturday, April 24th Celebration of Aviation Banquet

Saturday, May 15th Fly-Out (Destination TBD)

Wednesday, June 2nd RTAG General Meeting with Wings Program: VFR into IMC.

Francisco and Emma will present this together, in conjunction with Larry Cheek of the FAA.

Saturday, June 26th Fly-Out (Destination TBD)

A Saturday morning in August Pancake Breakfast, AARI Hangar (Date TBD)

Wednesday, September 8th RTAG Board of Directors Meeting



Wednesday, October 6th RTAG General Meeting with Wings Program: Mechanical Failures in Flight. Francisco and Trygve will present this together, in conjunction with Larry Cheek of the FAA. Emma will present the Poker Run Pilot Briefing following this general meeting.

Saturday, October 9th Poker Run, with the choice of a North Course or a South Course

Wednesday, November 3rd RTAG Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 1st RTAG General Meeting with Wings Program

OR

Saturday, December 4th (?) Operation Santa Claus

V. RTAG Website

Webmaster Karen proposed adding a page to the RTAG website to honor members who have “flown west.” Michael suggested expanding that idea into a Milestones page, which would also honor members who have achieved new aviation ratings and certificates. On that topic, Dr. Bob congratulated Trygve on earning his Commercial Pilot Certificate this week. This is an example of an item that should be included on the Milestones page. All members should send milestones submissions to Karen.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

Trygve gave a report of RTAG’s finances since the beginning of March. He is accepting membership dues and banquet payments, and will write reimbursement checks to our three scholarship winners.

Dr. Bob mentioned that any RTAG member can sponsor a student pilot at the Celebration of Aviation Banquet by paying for their ticket and bringing them along, and that 100% of corporate sponsorship money goes to the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund.



VII. Adjournment

Dr. Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Inda.