

# **EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION**



## **CHAPTER 99**

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### ***Minutes of the General Membership Meeting August 9, 2011, by Alex W.***

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. There were 16 members and 4 guests present. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Secretary's report was given by Alex W. He reported that the minutes to last month's meeting were published and distributed to the membership by email and if anyone missed them to let him know and he would get them a copy. He also asked all present to sign-in.

Treasurer Steve F. then gave his Treasurer's report which included the costs of new equipment for the meeting room.

Vice President Keith G. reported that the Vital Flight project is nearing the painting stage with a lot of sanding taking place. The aircraft will probably go to the paint shop in the next two weeks and that will be pretty much his part of the project.

Member Phillip M. thanked Alex W. for his work in getting the meeting room back into shape and those present responded with a round of applause.

Webmaster Sylvia P. reported that we currently have 52 active members including two trial memberships. In addition we have ten other individuals currently receiving our newsletter, six guests and four neighboring chapters.

Mike D. then welcomed the visitors to our Chapter and gave them the opportunity to introduce themselves. They were each welcomed with a round of applause.

Mike D. then asked for builders reports. Ken M. reported that his new Velocity project is now in Sebastian and progressing slowly. He is also involved in re-engineing a client's Velocity from a V-8 auto conversion to a Lycoming after the initial engine suffered from reliability issues. Ernie S., who is building a Barracuda, said that he had nothing new to report on his project. Doug E. reported that he has finished the whole set of wing ribs for his Pitts SC-1. He has purchased a sailplane and his attention has been diverted to it at present.

Todd S. announced to the membership that the date of March 17, 2012, has been selected as the date for our next Aviation Day at the Vero Beach Airport. It is hoped that we will see better weather than we have experienced when held on the previous February dates. Todd also reported that the recent FAA shutdown had little effect on KVRB. There are currently no areas of the airport closed or under construction. Projects on the drawing board are all awaiting studies and funding for now.

Mike D. asked for reports from any members who attended Oshkosh. Frank H. reported that he had pictures from the event but we did not have the computer available to show them. Ken M. said that Oshkosh 365 had great coverage of the air show each day streaming live over the internet.

A discussion of the possibilities of resuming a "Learn to Fly" program ensued. There was a consensus that we would work toward an October date for the next event and possibly we can hold quarterly events in the future rather than monthly as in the past.

Alex W. brought to the attention of those present an article about the Naples Airport having built an observation deck where the public can sit and watch the activity on the field. A discussion about the feasibility of committing time and money towards such a project here at KVRB followed. It was pointed out that we already have an area where the public can view the flight line from in front of the terminal building and that perhaps we could find a way to enhance and publicize that area. It was suggested that any members that could, take the time to look at the area and bring their ideas to the next meeting for further discussion.

Since there was no speaker for this month's meeting and there was no further business, the formal meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM and all present enjoyed refreshments and much hangar talk and simulator flying before the lights were finally extinguished.