

Oregon State Flying Club
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Board of Directors

Position	Name	Present
President	Bob Parrott	X
Secretary	Andrew Dassonville	X
Treasurer	Brandon Drivon	
Director of Flight Ops	Ryan Van Why	X
Director of Information Services	Chris White	
Director of Maintenance	Ryan Hansen	X
Director of Promotional Activities	Bethany Gilbert	X
Faculty Advisor	John Schlipf	X
Student Club President	Devin Rounseville	
Student Club Vice-President	Sean Spoerhase	X
Student Club Secretary	Noah Simonich	
Student Club Treasurer	Shale Sabee-Paulson	

Other attendees: Gary Bell, Kaidyn Milani, Owen Bergman, Judah Bacho

Location and time: Video call Jan 22, 2026 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order: Jan 22, 2026 6:34 PM

Last month's minutes (November board meeting + December board meeting + all-members meeting): Approved.

Routine reports:

1) Maintenance — Ryan H.

- Purchased 2 cases of oil.
- Expecting relatively expensive January.

- Used Kyle Deckard for 100hr inspection over the weekend, and Rick only did a few items. Reduced total downtime to ~4 days. Hoping to continue this in the future.

2) Flight Ops — Ryan V.

- No members flying out of currency.
- Member violated 91.209, caught by an instructor who spoke with the student.
- Instructor hours (Dec. 14 - Jan. 21):
 - Andrew Becker: 27.6
 - Ryan Hansen: 1.6
 - Kaidyn Milani: 1.4
 - Owen Bergman: 1.0
- Andrew to send updated Flight Rules and Bylaws documents to Chris White.
- Bob and John Schlipf to install electric winch in new hangars.
- Judah applied to be club CFI. Need to schedule an evaluation flight.

3) Treasurer — Brandon, update provided by Bob

- \$26,268 in checking
- Bob added a “Closed Account” flag to FlightCircle, planning to wipe old recurring charges.
 - Will try to get a hold of people first and see if they’ve moved without canceling.

4) Secretary — Andrew

- Worked with Brandon on advertising plans.
- Put together demographics of who is flying.
- Discussed a monthly newsletter at the all-member meeting. I put together an email template for that. That is also moving forward.

5) Student Flying Club — John and Sean

- Devin produced list of ideas for student club. Sean to talk with Devin about next steps after settling in for the term.

6) President — Bob

- Planning to do an interview with a club member for advertising and promotional videos. Possible also getting new CFIs involved.

New Items

- [N73146 upgrade recommendation](#)

- Avionics Upgrade committee recommending performing immediate upgrades of N73146.
 - Requirements:
 - Remove vacuum system.
 - Add engine monitoring.
 - Replace audio panel.
 - Replace GPS.
 - Install G3X or GI275.
 - (optional) GFC 500
 - Tried to get quotes from 4 companies. Only 2 were responsive: Corvallis Avionics and Precision.
 - Corvallis Avionics is local, has club members working there (which should help with communication). Estimated work time is significantly longer (late May/early June vs. March).
 - Estimate from Corvallis Avionics is \$98,363. Labor rates are fixed. Only way price would go up is if additional things need to be fixed.
 - Ryan H: Why AP?
 - Ryan V: Given the amount of time we expect this upgrade to last (~20 hours/8000 hrs), the additional cost is minimal. Makes the airplane a TAA and makes it more compatible with N73063.
 - Ryan H: Concerned about additional downtime from the AP. We don't get a lot from having a second AP.
 - Sean: Not installing the AP would save us about a month of downtime during high volume flying period (May).
 - John: Agrees with not installing AP given additional expense and downtime.
 - Owen: If you are going to do an autopilot, now is the time to do it. It will cost more down the road to install.
- AP decision poll
 - Andrew: Slight preference is no AP in order to save the down-time in May. Would be amenable to AP if that's the Board's decision.
 - Ryan H: No autopilot but I support either option and would be happy to have the autopilot. I think it would be good for the club but not quite worth the cost.
 - Ryan V: Slight preference for AP, makes airplanes more similar.
 - John: No autopilot, but okay if Board decides to move forward without.
 - Bob: In favor of AP.
 - Sean: No preference.
 - Kaidyn: Preference for no autopilot.
 - Bethany: Preference for no autopilot.
 - Gary: In favor of AP. Prefers two identical aircraft.
 - Owen: In favor of AP.
- Ryan V. motions to approve quote 3.1 minus the autopilot and start work as soon as Corvallis Avionics can.

- Andrew: Second-guessing no autopilot guess. Thinking about 20 year lifetime, 1 month of extra downtime is nothing.
- Ryan H: More on the fence than I was
- John Schlipf: Not sure if these will last 20 years, not sure 25k is wise.
- Sean: More on board with autopilot.
- Andrew: changing to prefer autopilot
- Ryan H: Slight prefer autopilot
- Ryan V: Amending motion to approve quote 3.1 including autopilot and start work as soon as Corvallis Avionics can.
- Minor upgrades to N73063.

Motions

- Ryan V. motions to approve quote 3.1 (including autopilot) and begin work as soon as possible. Andrew seconds.
 - In favor: 5 - Ryan H, Ryan V, Bob, Andrew, Sean
 - Opposed: 2 - Bethany, John
 - Abstention: 0
 - Motion passes.

Next board meeting: Feb 26, 2026 6:30 PM via video call

Adjourned: Jan 22, 2026 7:34 PM