

**Tracy Airport Association Meeting** 

**Date: October 12, 2021** 

Location: Skyview Aviation Lobby, 5749 S Tracy Blvd Tracy, CA 95377

Call to order: 1902

**In attendance:** Sunny Sethi, John Moore, Michael Thibodeau, Steve Bradford, Gary Harding, John Hollis, Richard and Conchita, Montek Sethi, Edward Frye, Julius Frank, Tony Gallien, Buddy, Amelia

(the cat), Alice

## **Monthly Treasurer's Report**

September 14, 2021

Treasurer's report submitted with various balances.

Sunny Sethi

Treasurer, Tracy Airport Association Treasurer's report approved.

**Old Business:** Reading of minutes of last minute which were approved.

**New Business**: Richard commented that Byron had contacted him about his progress at the airport and if they could assist in any way. Again the comment was made that the City of Tracy has no interest in improving the airport or providing any amenities. Also, the airport Manager is only here one day per week and seems to have no interest in improving the conditions at the airport. The comment was made that we are in an enterprise zone and with that we have to be self-supporting. The comment made by John Moore, said the available for scrutiny and the allocation of funds is a mystery as to what is paid to whom. We briefly discussed why there was not a budget available for the airport.

It was commented that half moon bay and Byron airports seem to be able to do work projects on the weekend and are always busy. John Moore stated that we have been dealing with the same issues since Rod Bucannon. We now have gotten restrooms that are not clean or stocked with the doors blowing off in the wind. We still do not have a wash rack or an oil dump! We did have an oil dump previously

which the city (Paula Jessup) had removed. It was commented that airport folks are no different that motor home, hot rod or whatever other hobby that folks may have and should not be perceived differently than others.

I commented that the infrastructure exists for the construction of hangars and restaurants. Also, I stated that going to the Transportation meeting is the same no matter when you attend even if it is once a year.

Dan commented

Sunny commented how much progress has been made at Byron Airport with over all major progress the last year despite covid etc. Hangars being built, fuel being added the glider operation increasing. Business minded people that know how to make money and develop and asset are what is happening at Byron.

The helicopter operation was again mentioned and the lack of revenue from their operations. They occupy a number of tie-downs and it is unclear if they are paying anything or what the arrangement might be.

Alice commented that we need to participate in the transportation meeting and the city council meetings. Dan commented that it is effective if several people always show up for these political meetings. He stated that it is effective over time if you are consistent.

Discussion about the Halloween event and why it has been created for Paula to deflect criticism of the airport due to the airbatics box existence.

Discussed young eagles program and the potential for introducing young people to aviation.

Discussed that Tracy city staff is part of the obstacle to progress at the airport in general.

Mentioned that we will embrace the Halloween event at the upcoming event. We will be in touch about the Halloween event.

Richard mentioned that Mountain House is having an aviation themed event and asked if anyone could bring an aircraft to display?

Motion that the meeting adjourn. 20??, April 13, 2021, Motion seconded.

Adjournment: 2024

Michael Thibodeau. Secretary TAA