

Aero Club Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025

Attendees:

Steve Anderson
Greg Bednark
Hallie Craft
Colin Doyle
Gary Engler
Joe Mullin
Wade Nelson

Bryan Pearson
Len Pintok
Tim Porter
Heidi Schimnich
Reuben Wagenius
Nick Witte
Alyssa Windorski

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Introductions: Attendees state their names, credentials, and their history with the Aero Club. Wade prompts members to offer an idea for the club or a goal they'd like to see the club accomplish. The suggestions include: expanding our social media presence, acquiring a Technically Advanced Airplane or upgrading a current asset to meet TAA criteria, making a clearer delineation between board and general membership meetings, and promoting a greater sense of community between club members by organizing social gatherings and educational events.

Minutes: Board members approve the written summary of the August 19, 2025 board meeting.

Bylaws Update: Wade updates members on proposed changes to the bylaws made by the committee consisting of himself, Steve, and Colin. Wade asks for volunteers to review the operations manual in a similar manner; Steve, Bryan, Colin, and Tim volunteer to take part.

Gary asks Reuben to obtain a copy of the existing charter and bylaws currently on file with the state, and points out that we should ensure we're applying the proposed changes to the versions of the documents that are currently on file. After some discussion, Reuben agrees to request copies of the documents from the Secretary of State's office.

Future Meetings: Wade probes the group for their opinions on uncoupling the club's board meetings from the EAA meeting schedule.

Tim acknowledges that while 5:00 PM is likely a good time for most attendees to meet, beginning a board meeting one hour prior to the EAA meeting puts a time constraint on the board meeting which may hinder the board's ability to finish its business. There is discussion of meeting on another day or week at the same time to remove this time constraint.

Joe and Nick point out that the club should work to differentiate between board meetings and general membership meetings, which will likely reduce the length of meetings by virtue of discussions having fewer participants. The board's discussions will continue to be summarized

in these Minutes, which could be presented to members at general membership meetings or via email.

In light of these discussions, Wade proposes we continue to hold board meetings at 5:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month, preceding the EAA Chapter 551 monthly meeting by one hour. Additionally, he suggested we schedule a separate general membership meeting no less frequently than once per quarter. Wade suggests we delay the next upcoming general membership meeting until we have obtained copies of our charter and bylaws from the Secretary of State's office, compared them to the proposed revisions to the bylaws, and feel prepared to present the changes to general membership for a vote of adoption.

Tim asks if there is a mechanism in place to call special board meetings, asserting that it will take a very long time to achieve the changes we're currently trying to accomplish if the board is only meeting once per month.

Gary voices his opposition to separating board and general membership meetings until club is at "some critical mass" to justify such.

Nick proposes we push back the bylaws adoption until November meeting, and hold a general meeting next month with a less focused agenda.

MOSAIC: With the MOSAIC rules taking effect, both club aircraft will soon meet the expanded criteria established by the FAA which allows Sport Pilots to operate Standard category legacy aircraft. Steve acknowledges we need to consider the possibility of Sport Pilots and Sport Pilot students operating club aircraft without an FAA medical certificate. Gary and Steve discuss insurance ramifications of such operations.

Wade makes the motion that the Aero Club will not yet allow pilots to operate club aircraft without an FAA medical certificate until the board has reviewed its current rules and insurance coverage and made any changes it deems necessary. The motion is seconded and passed by voice vote.

Hangar Space Available: Reuben announces that hangar bay no. 7 is available for short- or long-term rental in the wake of Gary Evans' move away from St. Cloud. Wade volunteers to mention its availability at the EAA Chapter 551 meeting following our board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will take place in the Aero Club hangar meeting room at 5:00 PM on October 21, 2025.

Meeting adjourns at 5:53 PM.