

Aero Club Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

Attendees:

Colin Doyle
Gary Engler
Tim Haeg
Wade Nelson
Bryan Pearson
Steve Reisdorf

Gjertine Snow
Dave Tannehill
Patricia Thiedek (via Zoom)
Sean Truax
Reuben Wagenius
Alyssa Windorski

Meeting called to order at 4:58 PM.

Minutes: The auto-generated Zoom summary of the January 20th meeting was not provided to Wade; Colin forwards the email containing the summary from Reuben for Wade's review.

Member Introductions: Wade welcomes Tim as our newest hangar tenant, members briefly discuss his recently acquisition of a 150 horsepower Cessna 150. Sean Traux is welcomed into the club; he plans to resume training toward his Sport Pilot certificate.

Sport Pilot Discussion: Wade confirms the club's insurance policy will provide coverage to Sport Pilot students without a medical certificate while flying solo in the club aircraft. Both the Cessna 152 and 172 are eligible to be operated under Sport Pilot privileges as defined by 2025's MOSAIC rules. Attendees discuss Sport Pilot privileges and limitations, medical certificate requirements, and the positive impacts MOSAIC stands to make on revitalizing general aviation.

Finances and Membership Growth: Reuben updates the board on club finances, stating that we are operating comfortably. He attributes our solvent status to increased aircraft utilization and the new unified pricing schedule for aircraft usage, as well as Tim becoming a tenant of the corporate hangar.

Wade leads a discussion on increasing club aircraft utilization, including the ways we are allowed to promote the club to EAA members and others. He identifies word-of-mouth as our primary means of inducting new club members, citing the recruitment of Sean and Alyssa by existing club members.

Gjertine suggests leveraging the August air show in St. Cloud as an outreach opportunity for the Aero Club, including the possibility of displaying club aircraft and posting informational materials about the Aero Club to coincide with the upcoming air show and future EAA Young Eagles rallies. Gjertine volunteers to serve as a liaison between the EAA 551 chapter and the Aero Club and to spearhead the club's outreach efforts.

Hangar Improvements and Insurance: Discussion ensues regarding the condensation off the cold hangar roof beams as the weather begins warming in the spring. Gary suggests the possibility of making hangar improvements such as insulation. He suggests the club could fund improvements by raising hangar rental rates, as well as shopping around for lower-cost insurance providers. Dave and Reuben discuss insurance providers and brokers who may offer us a more favorable rate.

Wade suggests forming an insurance committee to explore our options, nominates Dave and Gary, and offers to serve on the committee himself. Reuben volunteers to join this committee.

Maintenance Update: Bryan briefs attendees on recent maintenance events, including an annual inspection on N46308 and a pitot-static system check on N3517V.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will take place March 17th at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourns at 5:43 PM.