

Aero Club Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026

Attendees:

Steve Anderson
Colin Doyle
Gary Engler
Joe Mullen
Wade Nelson
Steve Reisdorf

Bryan Pearson (via Zoom)
Len Pintok
Heidi Schimnich
Patricia Thiedek (via zoom)
Reuben Wagenius
Alyssa Windorski

Meeting called to order at 4:59 PM.

Insurance Update: Reuben has submitted insurance applications to providers using data from the recent member survey, and we are awaiting quotes for coverage.

Summer Social: Wade suggests we organize a summer social for Aero Club members; Reuben suggests it occur in July since our local EAA chapter does not meet due to Airventure.

Member Roster: Citing an apparent uptick in new members, Gary requests the board be provided a list of club members. The recent email dispatch was sent to 20 club members who Reuben and Wade expected to be active pilots flying the aircraft in the coming year; however, it was not an exhaustive list of members in good standing.

SCTC Outreach: Gary suggests the possibility of reaching out to students enrolled in the new St. Cloud Technical College aviation maintenance program, making them aware of their eligibility to join the Aero Club. Members discuss ways we may offer introduction flights to these students, and Wade notes that a nearby flight school has specifically asked that we not offer free intro flights.

Investment Fund: Steve Anderson and Wade agree to reengage with their previous task of diversifying the club's investment fund. Wade offers to take the lead.

According to Steve, the fund began when a gift of approximately \$50k was willed to the club with guidelines for its use. Steve offers to research these guidelines and deliver an update to club members. The fund is managed by Lord Abbett, and is valued at approximately \$350,000; its annual dividend (approximately \$1,500 last year, according to Reuben) is credited to the club's general checking account.

Maintenance Updates: Steve Anderson notes that N3517V has a tear on the left front seat, which is patched with duct tape. Gary suggests contacting Wentworth Aircraft to source a used seat skin. Another option is to have the seat reupholstered or buy a new seat skin kit. Bryan is tasked with researching our options.

The display panel on the KX155A radio in N46308 is inoperative, but the radio still functions. Colin suggests it may have a faulty dimmer photocell; however, testing with a flashlight reveals no change to display brightness. Bryan will coordinate with St. Cloud Aviation's avionics shop to repair or replace the radio.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place August 18th at 5:00 PM

Meeting adjourns at 5:34 PM.