

Aero Club Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026

Attendees:

Steve Anderson
Colin Doyle
Gary Engler
Joe Mullen

Wade Nelson
Bryan Pearson
Steve Reisdorf
Heidi Schimnich

Gjertine Snow
Reuben Wagenius

Meeting called to order at 4:59 PM.

Minutes: Board members approve the minutes from the August 18 meeting.

Operations Update: Bryan notes the Cessna 152 (N46308) has been flying frequently, but recent weather cancellations have made it difficult to anticipate how quickly it will accrue hours of usage. This makes it challenging to schedule maintenance. N46308 will receive a 100-hour inspection in the coming week, and both club airplanes will be ready for members to utilize during the Young Eagles rally on Saturday (9/19.) Steve Anderson and Wade acknowledge Bryan's diligence in monitoring and maintaining the club aircraft and thank him for his effort.

Treasurer Update: Income from aircraft usage in July and August was \$6,700 and \$7,800, respectively. Citing poor weather, Reuben mentions September usage and income are lower than previous years. Noting that club expenses are heavily weighted toward the beginning of the fiscal year, Gary asks if our insurance premiums can be paid in twelve installments rather than a lump sum. Reuben says it's possible, but a convenience fee of approximately \$500 per year would be assessed.

Memorial: Wade announces the death of longtime Aero Club member and former faculty advisor Ken Raiber and inquires whether the board would like to act on behalf of the club to memorialize him. Following a discussion, the board approves a \$125 budget for a floral arrangement and authorizes a \$250 donation to be made to the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund on behalf of Mr. Raiber. Steve Anderson will present our gift when he attends the memorial service on Saturday.

Additionally, Wade shares that Ken had expressed disappointment that he had not yet been nominated for induction into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. Steve Anderson notes that Ken's aviation experience and contributions are comparable to those of other inductees - Ken was an active instructor, built a crop spraying business, played an instrumental role in shaping SCSU's aviation program, and served as a pilot examiner. There is a consensus by board members that Ken is deserving of a nomination and that a letter of recommendation shall be submitted on behalf of the SCSU Aero Club board.

Wade has researched the nomination process and passes out information packets detailing the process. He suggests we reference former letters of recommendation to use as a style guideline, and we solicit additional letters of support from people familiar with Ken's contributions to Minnesota aviation. Wade mentions Dale Field and Angie Olson from EAA Chapter 551 may be helpful resources, as they were involved in the nomination of inductee Bob Leaders.

Website Update: Colin updates the board on recent changes he made to the website, including fixing broken links, updating aircraft information, uploading PDF copies of meeting minutes, and pruning unused and outdated files from the archives. He invites suggestions from members regarding website improvements.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place October 20th at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourns at 5:32 PM.