

Boone County Airport Association

Association Meeting

January 21, 2006, 3:00 p.m.

Boone County Airport

1600 E 250 S

Lebanon, IN 46052

In Attendance:

Roy Dawes
Don Deckard
Wayne Deckard
Gene Hollingsworth
Mark Hyten
John Kochmer
John Komnick
Chuck Leucht
Chuck Long
Michael Mossman
John Mullenax
Dennis Paradise
Dick Patterson
Gary Rogers
Jack Snyder
Arvel Turner
Charlie Westerfield

Also Present:

Jon Byrum
Dave Kopeschka
Bryan Rubenson
Gayla Rogers
Zach Rogers
Jesse Rogers



Association President Wayne Deckard brought the meeting to order at about 3 p.m.

Wayne Deckard: The Hendersons do not intend to lease any property to the skydiving operation. As a public access airport we cannot stop him (Chappell) from taking off and landing but we can stop them from operating onto the field.

There is an easement from the road to Chappell's property but no official easement from Chappell's property to the airport.

Chappell could park his aircraft on the apron and load his jumpers there. There is a lot of controversy on this operation. The only things we don't have at the airport right now are sailplanes or larger commercial aviation. We need to advise him (Chappell) what he can and cannot do.

- We need to impose rules.
- We need to keep him and jumpers off of the grass.
- We can charge a reasonable fee for commercial operations

Mark Hyten: What were the results of the polls?

Wayne Deckard: Some definitely against, some "no, but if," some OK with the jump school, but most were indifferent.

The DOT inspects the runway twice per year and says the runway is OK. This is required for our insurance coverage. This inspection gets us off of the hook if someone crashes and claims that the runway was unsafe.

The board of directors needs to get together to decide the rules and get with the FAA to determine the exact rules. Larry Poe knows Doug Tate at the FAA and will ask him to find about the skydiving approval process.

Mark Hyten: Does anyone have a problem with the board handling it?

Roy Dawes: We cannot prohibit the skydiving operations.

Wayne Deckard: If the airport ever closed or went private it would never be able to reopen as a public airport; the runway is too narrow. This runway is only one of three in the country that is narrow, and was grandfathered in.

John Snyder motioned, Gene Hollingsworth seconded, for the Board of Directors to investigate further into how the association should proceed with the skydiving operation. All voted in favor.

Gene Hollingsworth: We need to talk to a lawyer. We are a privately owned, public access airport. What are the legalities?

Michael Mossman: Mark Sullivan researched the existing case law and found only two cases where a skydiving club and airport were in conflict. In both cases the airports were municipally owned; there is no known case law involving a public access, privately owned airport.

Wayne Deckard asked that anyone with any information or concerns about the skydiving organization or the investigation pass it on to Michael Mossman.

Wayne Deckard: Our second annual Affordable Flying open house is the third Saturday of June, which is June 17. We will need more ramp help, need more boarding assistance. Last year Bill Wilson contacted the media.

Mark Hyten: We need sign-ups for volunteers.

Topics: Food prep, food serving, food purchasing, security, traffic control (air/ground), clean up, grass and grounds, aircraft.

We can NOTAM the airfield closed except for our activities (no commercial use)

Also a suggestion sheet: put on pop machine door. Michael Mossman will post a sign-up list.

Wayne Deckard: If the club wants to go to the Small Business Association, maybe there is a chance that we could get a loan to buy the airport. A committee could do it. Andy and his father would entertain such a proposal, selling 40 acres as an airport. The original FAA plat is for 40 acres.

Wayne Deckard: Be sure to get your skydiving concerns in writing to a board of committee member.

Following the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting Roy Dawes spoke about his recent aircraft accident in Phenix City, AL.

After the presentation the meeting was concluded by Wayne Deckard.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Mossman, Association Secretary