

Bennington Airport Committee Meeting Minutes
6/30/2016

Meeting called to order at 1633. In attendance are Alex Kelly, Rob Luther, Chris Wright, Dave Corey, Leik Myrabo, Chuck Suss, and John Likakis

BADC is moving along in the right direction. Chuck is working on a video package for the website, Dave Anderson and Leik are working on a build center for folks who want to build an aircraft but never had the resources to do so. John Shanahan, John Likakis, and Jonah Spivak are working on a list of day trips for visitors of the airport, also working on other reasons to fly into Bennington; people looking for second homes, the equine event in Manchester, and Garlicfest. John also mentioned that he is trying to make some headway with the aviation education side of things.

Leik is still working on the airport sign but it is very time consuming, he is also working in an LED lighting system for it, he hopes to have it done by August 13th, for the fly-in event.

Chris Wright no longer wants to work on events as he feels he is lacking external support and he said that events may be better suited for BADC. He mentioned how North Adams had put on a movie night last Sunday at 8:30 PM that was sponsored by Mass MoCa, and that the event had doubled in size from last year. Most of the committee members thought this would be a good idea for Bennington. John and Leik are trying to procure shuttle service for the event on August 13th, letting people from the fly-in go to other events in Bennington during Battle Day. Rob mentioned that he has sent emails and called Tricia Grande to have Hemmings be a part of the fly-in event, but has received no response. Leik said the Bennington International Motorcycle Club would be interested in participating. And that the event would be going out to around 1600 EAA members, Leik also said this may be the last event this year unless they have something in October.

Leik and Dave Anderson are working on the Andy Anderson Build Center to encourage the completion of homebuilt aircraft. Dave is currently moving tools the back of the State hangar and mentioned that they could probably work on up to 6 aircraft at a time. It will cost \$20 a month to rent the space and to be able to use the tools. An announcement has been put together with an opening of August 13th. The people who are going to use it will set it up. Restorations are another possibility as well as an A&P school.

Civil Air Patrol had nothing of note except that they had passed their SUI.

Green Mountain Skydiving has been rolling along and pick up more business as name recognition gets out there, customers seem to be from all over the place not just Bennington. For advertising they are doing card racks, along with increasing their online presence.

Meeting adjourned at 1732.