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MINUTES JANUARY 2005 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 14, 2005 - Bethany Connecticut

President Bruce Stein called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and spent the next hour bringing the membership up to date on just about every item of business that is of current concern.

Item #1: The Grob stabilizer has become a problem dollar wise. Fed. Ex. at present is only offering a settlement of \$6,600. The estimated cost of repair is \$13,000. Dave Jackson has been handed the problem of attempting to reconcile this rather large disparity.

Item #2: Blanik L-13s may have a 2000 hour limit due to a new A.D. alleged to be out. Randol Webb is going to check into this situation.

Item #3: Freehold Airport 115 is closed – completely closed! The PPR required a contact phone number which had no practical answer.

Item #4: The Pawnee project is moving along. The ribs, repair or replace, is still the unpredictable item. Current expenses are running at approximately \$5,000. Help is still needed and we still need an exhaust fan.

Item #5: The 2004 annual financial report indicates that 2004 was an expensive year. The new lawn mower and the Nutmeg hangar were the major unexpected expenses. However, we are still solvent and the 2005 budget was accepted as read.

Item #6: Grants for runway improvements have been applied for and are now in the hands of the political machine.

Item #7: Construction projects on the airport require a long process of plans, permits and approval from the Club, the town, the county, etc.

There was also a discussion on forming a committee to work up overall plans for future building at Freehold airport..

Item #8: The question of who should control the airport was raised. Freehold LLC is the major shareholder but Nutmeg Soaring Association through the Board of Directors and the membership dictate what will or won't be done. It was the consensus of those present that this was the agreement we entered into and that Freehold LLC was only the mechanism that made the airport purchase possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Donald K. McKinlay - Secretary/Treasurer

All members of the Nutmeg Soaring Association have received this 'hard copy' version of the February 2005 Nutmeg News (one per household). It had been brought to my attention that several members had been signed up for electronic delivery but due to erroneous e-mail addresses associated with their membership record or because of issues with their home computers they have not been receiving their newsletters. Note: electronic subscribers will have received this issue electronically as well.

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Jim Sidway, Editor/Publisher of the Nutmeg News

NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BANQUET 2005

Saturday, February 19, 2005

(snow date Sunday, February 20)

THE SOUTHBURY HILTON

Southbury, CT

Reception & Cash Bar 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Cheese & Fruit Platter Crudite of Farm Fresh Vegetables Assorted Mini Quiche
Sesame Chicken w/honey mustard Stuffed Mushroom Caps Bruschetta

Dinner Buffet 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Tossed Garden Salad Chicken Florentine Sirloin Steak w/Mushroom Ragout
Poached Atlantic Salmon w/Citrus Butter Sauce Garlic Basil Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetable Medley Rolls & Butter

Heavenly Dessert Display

Assorted Cakes Homemade Pies Mini Italian Pastries and Cookies
Flavored Mousse Brownies and Blondies
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

ONLY \$45.00 per person includes tax and gratuity!

***** KUDOS AWARDS & MULTI-MEDIA SLIDE SHOW FROM 2004 SOARING SEASON *****

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Names: _____ **No. of attendees:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Total Enclosed @ \$45.00 per person: _____ (checks payable to Nutmeg Soaring Association)

NOTE: All banquet reservations must be prepaid and received no later than February 12, 2005. Tickets will be held for pick up at the door. NO phone reservations accepted. NO refunds.

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Southbury, CT 06488**