



Gillespie Pilots Association Meeting Minutes

P.O. Box 711591
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6 November 2021
Membership Meeting

GPA President Captain Denis Breslin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 0900 hours. The meeting is open to all GPA members and those who are signing up at the present meeting. (There were approximately 42 in attendance)

- I. **President Breslin** - Presented the meeting agenda and welcomed potential new members. This is the third physical meeting held since Spring of 2020 when COVID restrictions were implemented. The use of the Airport Administration Building was conditional on all attendees wearing a facial covering, except for when they are eating or drinking, regardless of the person's vaccination status. All attending complied and were provided masks upon entry if they did not already have one.
- II. **Gillespie Pilots Association promotion and activity**
 - <https://www.gillespiepilotsassociation.org>;
 - **GPA membership dues** – still only \$10 for the whole year!
 - Check out the GPA on **Facebook**. Be sure to check out the GPA Facebook page.
 - **Socialflight.com** – What's happening in Aviation – GPA meetings are listed under 'Events'
 - The **KSEE camera** is still not working due to firewall issues between the camera and the computer system. GPA is looking into possibly replacing the computer system being used.
 - **Classic Aircraft Display** available 0900-1000 at the East transient ramp
- III. **GPA Board Nominating Committee:** GPA Nominating Committee Chairman Steve Geary presented the current Board members and opened the floor up to any additional nominations. No additional names were submitted. The current board is as follows:
 - Denny Breslin President
 - Leslie Day Vice President
 - Wes Morris Secretary
 - Doug Ferry Treasurer
 - Rick Fordem Immediate Past President
 - Steve Geary GPA Board
 - Tom D'Amico GPA Board
 - Chris Van Stelle GPA Board/Webmaster
- IV. **Fly-In:** The GPA scheduled a "Fly-In" for Saturday October 23rd at Borrego Air Ranch. Rick Fordem, past president and current GPA Board Member, opened up his residence to an exciting afternoon to all who could attend. Unfortunately, the coastal morning layer was increasingly thick and reluctant to break up while the winds in the desert increased to a high of 37mph at one point. Out of an abundance of caution, the "Fly-In" was cancelled and plans for a future one will be explored.
- V. **The crash of N7022P:** On October 11th at 1214 hours, a Cessna 340 on an IFR flight plan crashed into a Santee neighborhood killing the single pilot and a delivery driver on the ground, as well as injuring at least two residents of the community. President Breslin discussed some of the early analysis as well as played a video from the AOPA, with Richard McFadden, which gives a lot of the preliminary details based on the flight track and ATC audio. Though the investigation is still very early, and no specific cause has been determined, a lot of the discussion was on the dangers of spatial disorientation and how pilots need to focus on their situational awareness, especially as they transition back and forth between VMC and IMC conditions.



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VI. Gillespie Field Driver Training Program: Airport Manager Cathe Johnson was not able to make this month's meeting, but President Breslin discussed the new Gillespie Field Driver Training program. Recently KSEE has seen an increase in Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (VPD) even when total operations had declined. These were caused primarily by allowing those unfamiliar with the airport environment to enter the gated areas. Some examples were delivery drivers looking for a "short-cut" to another business, friends of aviators who simply "wandered" into the operating areas, and even some pilots who did not use the correct procedures. As a result, the FAA required KSEE to implement a program to address the VPDs and standardize its procedures. Anyone accessing the Movement Areas, Non-Movement Areas, or Vehicle Service Roads will need to have an appropriately identified vehicle, a legitimate business reason, and prior training in operating in these areas.

This new process has raised some concerns by the users and there were several questions by those attending. The need for each lease holder to possibly maintain the files or currency of each person they sign off, the need to have a sign-off for each access point, the potential requirement for insuring golfcarts, and the specific level of personal information needed for each applicant were just some of the questions being asked. President Breslin and several members present will be discussing these and other issues at the November GALA meeting, which will likely be followed by a meeting with the Airport Administration in the near future.

This new requirement will be fully implemented by Jan 1st, 2022. KSEE has published a 5-step process, to include recurrent training, for anyone to access. For additional information on the program, please see the attached PowerPoint presentation, or for more specific information, to include the required forms, visit the KSEE Airport Driver Training website at:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/airports/gillespie/drivertraining.html>

VII. SD County Ordinance: Board of Supervisors Proposed Ordinance – "Fair Employment Standards on County Owned Leased Property": The SD Board of Supervisors has proposed an ordinance, authored by Supervisor Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Fletcher which they claim will provide for the working families who are in need. The ordinance will, in reality, mandate unionized labor on all building projects and require all lessees to pay their workers a "prevailing wage" in addition to benefits. There are multiple issues, but the overall impact is multiple business on and around Gillespie Field will not be able to absorb the increased costs, thereby reducing their workforce and/or moving their business, if not closing altogether.

This ordinance was one of several items discussed at the SD Board of Supervisors meeting on Oct. 5th, 2021. The item was later in the agenda and not brought up until after 2100 hours that night. GPA President Denny Breslin, GPA VP Leslie Day, as well as GPA members Phyllis Trombi and Barry Bardack gave presentations to the Board against the ordinance. They were joined by Chesnut Properties representative Josh Rosenbaum and multiple additional call-in speakers and "e-comments" on the issue. President Breslin provided video of the mentioned speakers, all of whom articulated strong points as to why this ordinance is harmful to not just Gillespie Field, but all the neighboring businesses.



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Ultimately the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) to:

- 1) Accept the staff-developed impact report that summarizes stakeholder feedback regarding potential impacts of the ordinance; and;
- 2) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to engage a consultant to develop a regional economic analysis and impact report and return to the Board in February 2022 with a draft ordinance for the Board's consideration.

VIII. GPA Nominating Committee Chairman Steve Geary returned and again asked if there were any additions to be considered for the GPA Board. Seeing none, he entertained a motion, made by Bill Allen and 2nd by Barry Bardack, to re-elect the listed Board Members to another term. The vote was unanimous in favor. The terms are effective January 2022.

IX. Raffle winners: A special recognition was made to Richard Essery, co-owner of Golden State Flying Club and active at Gillespie Field for over 52 years. It was good to see Richard present and he was asked to draw the raffle winner names.

Golden State 10 gal of gas: Bill Allen
Red Bird simulator flight: Bob Antebi

Meeting adjourned at 1006 by GPA President Breslin.

Next GPA meeting 9:00 AM Saturday, December 4th at the County Administration building.

Gillespie Field Development Council meeting Wednesday November 17 @ 6pm at the El Cajon City Council Chambers

Respectfully submitted,
J. Wes Morris, GPA Secretary