

**Katama Airfield Commission Meeting**  
**Saturday August 31, 2024 9am**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am – present at the meeting were commissioners Hal Findlay, Peter Vincent, Patrick Bradley, David Halsey, Bill Brine – and Bella Murphy and Michael Nagle Managers

**Managers Report:**

Runway measurement – all runways should be 50' wide but most are not. We will put some stakes out to guide the mower to keep it 50' low cut. We also will ask Alan de Bettenourt to brush cut to 6" 25' either side of the runway' for safety.

New fuel calculation form: n #, gals pumped, how paid.

2 new QR codes – 1 for unipay for fuel and tiedowns, 1 for Pilot check in.

Hangar issues: inside beams need paint, outside beams need painting, floor needs painting. Outside and inside beams need priority followed by floor.

I will contact Ted Stanley and ask him about the correct way to paint the exterior and interior beams and the floor and I will ask him if he could be a consultant to make sure the work gets done properly. I will also ask Jeff Freeman what they did on their hangar.

Capitol Expenses: we are looking at a new mower deck, replacing the zero steer with a new larger zero steer with Ac cab and wider cut, and a lift to paint the beams - purchasing a gator. 80% cost picked up by the Mass Aero DOT and we need to get grants for 20% remainder. Also must have a maintenance contract for all of the equipment built into the budget.

Say Wx station ready to install – outside part on a pole – inside unit in the shack. Adam, Edgartown IT, is getting the extender to get wifi to the shack – and be able to plug the say wx into to broadcast the info. Also 2 cameras one looking down to the ocean and one looking to the new hangar.

Camping – Bill proposed camping on a limited scale: two tie down spots – 2 nights max per summer season – camping under the wing within the plane's footprint – no fires, no noise, no electrical connection, permission of manager. Patrick seconded and all voted in favor.

Keith's camping. Airfield policy is for \$800 you get a parking spot for the car and a parking spot for the plane. But they both can't be here at the same time. For Keith, no more camping in his camper after Sept 30. Camping is allowed 2 days a season under the plane wing. So the old camper must be gone – need a date – and his new camper can be used as a vehicle but not to be slept in. Bill proposed this motion, David seconded, and all voted in favor.

Bill proposed that there would only be camping at the 2 tie down spots. Patrick seconded and all voted in favor.

Hangar fees: 1 night \$50 for single, \$100 twin. One month \$500, 1 year \$5000 = for FY25 – to be reviewed every year or as often as the commission decides.

MN is preparing a budget for FY26 that is more reasonable taking into considerations the salaries and costs of operating.

Sept 10 the mandatory Stage 1 EVR and Fuel droptube and sensor upgrade will take place.

ESS came and fixed the alarm.

Pilot Lounge = for pilots use only – no non pilot use allowed.

Pilot but non aviation use = 2 hrs with manager's permission.

Patrick put together a hangar lease agreement and will send it to us.

Looking at the winds sock that was purchased by the Trust – where to put it and how to put it up. Do we want to cut a hole in the roof and have it welded to the beam? Or install it on a pole?

Peter asked about the plaque with select board names – we will ask Alyssa about it.

Next meeting before Sept 19