

## MONTANA SEAPLANE PILOTS ASSOCIATION MEETING --SEPTEMBER 23,2012

The fall meeting was called to order at 12:50 by Acting President, Peter Gross, following a super steak B-B-Q. We were reintroduced to Gene Lee, our host at Lee's Landing on the Flathead River, an awesome location. There was sunshine here but one of our Missoula members, Scott Wolff, had to leave Missoula via special VFR due to fog, welcome to fall!!!!

Congratulations Ry Keller!!!!--our newest seaplane pilot as he just has gotten his rating!!!!

### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Invasive species-- It was discussed in our latest newsletter and it included a check list to be sure that we are checking our floats properly. Ry Keller has also included information on our website about invasive species also, be sure to check it out.
- 2) Also be sure to check out the calendar on our website for all of the known seaplane activities and let Ry know of anything to add.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mark Evanoff was thanked for the latest newsletter, great job and he has agreed to be our newsletter editor for the next term. Any and all stories and/or contributions will be appreciated.
- 2) Elections were held. Our new member from Calgary, Canada had agreed to be our new President, thank you Nick Mason; Peter Gross is our Vice-President; Joanne Kembel is our Secretary/Treasurer; and Ry Keller will continue to do our website coordinator. All members present voted yes to the above personnel.
- 3) Perry Brown asked about the aviation conference, he stated that it is very important for our association to attend. It is to be held in March, 2013 in Butte and Peter Gross has already volunteered to help put it together and therefore we will be paid to attend instead of paying to attend. Perry Brown stated that he will help with the booth at the conference and suggested a slide show as we have had one in the past and a lot of people stop to watch. ANYONE who has some photos to add to the show please be sure to share them and get them to Peter Gross by the end of January. Thanks for the photos in advance.
- 4) The only company in Montana that give seaplane ratings is Peter Gross's business on the Flathead River. Peter can be contacted through the website for Montana Seaplane Pilots Association.
- 5) Ry Keller gave us a report on the Stillwater Splash at Stillwater Lake. EAA sponsored the event and Ry coordinated the food for the event. There were about 15 float planes there and 25 pilots total. They had a super fly out to Seeley Lake for lunch on Saturday. Lunches and dinners were sold at the event, Ry spent \$2,400 and collected \$3,700 for EAA. Montana Seaplane Pilots Association donated \$1,000.00 to the event and it was spent for the tent (\$750.00) and port-a potties and water distribution (\$250.00). Bill Montgomery was at our meeting and thanked Ry for all of his hard work.
- 6) There will be a spring meeting and it is scheduled for Sat., June 8 or June 15, 2013. Our new president, Nick, will advise of the actual date before May, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15, special thanks to all who attended.

Joanne Kembel, Secretary /Treasurer