

**MINUTES OF Twenty-Fourth MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR
BLUE PILOT FUND, INC.**

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Blue Pilot Fund (the "Corporation") was held by phone conference on 15 October 2011 at 1730 EST.

There were present at the meeting Jim Bigham, Dennis LeRoy, Rick Corbett, and Ken Cooper. All are members of the Board of Trustees.

Vice Chairman Rick Corbett called the meeting to order. It was moved and seconded by Jim Bigham.

Secretary Ken Cooper briefed the Board on the \$7800 in donations accumulated for this month already. He warned the Board, however, to not expect an equivalent month for November due to a plethora of annual lump sum donations this month made by new and current members alike. He also notified the Board that the active membership had increased to 928 and 92 have joined since the Treasurer's letter to non-members late last month. The Secretary also inquired about the newly filed Hardship Notification, the assigned Evaluator for that HN, and also about a recent non-donating membership request.

Chairman Jim Bigham indicated that Evaluator Brian Bell was assigned the latest HN and that Brian should be able to address the Distressed Pilot no later than Monday evening. Regarding the non-donating membership request, Jim stressed at length how the BPF needs to discern between unfortunate/involuntary financial stressors and voluntary logistical difficulties. Jim mentioned his anticipating of the upcoming Evaluator's Report and noted it would probably be one of the more difficult fund awards to adjudicate.

Vice-Chairman Rick Corbett announced that he would send username and passwords to the Chairman and Treasurer so they could review his "rack card" (a front and back flyer advertising the BPF to pilots) in order to make editorial suggestions. Rick then inquired about the current HN and how we would be able to handle difficult divorces now and in the future.

Treasurer Dennis LeRoy echoed that concern and noted that divorces are normally too commonplace, especially in a group as marital-challenged as airline pilots with our ever-changing schedules and extended time away from home. Dennis also agreed with Rick and Jim that the BPF cannot be "Divorce Court" and attempt to determine fault unless there is something obvious such as court-documented physical abuse, substance abuse issues on record, etc. However, Dennis also agreed with Ken that there can be abnormal issues within something as normal as a divorce. For instance, if a Judge determines grossly large child support payments off of what an airline pilot with "X" amount of years of experience could theoretically make vice what the pilot actually makes, then the

BPF can act in a way that contradicts such a lazy, ignorant, and irrelevant determination by a judge. More so, if other financial stressors such as a broken down vehicle occur and the pilot is making every possible attempt to adjust to his or her new financial reality, then a fund award is certainly possible.

Dennis then reiterated Jim's sentiments about non-donating memberships. Dennis ended by re-stating his desire for one individual Trustee per month to be responsible for website "*Contact Us*" and *admin@bluepilotfund.org* submissions. Dennis stated he would take from October 15th to November 15th and the Chairman concurred.

MOTIONED, SECONDED, CARRIED, AND RESOLVED, that the terms, covenants and conditions of Blue Pilot Fund Inc. between the Board of Trustees and the Corporation presented to the meeting remain hereby approved, and that a copy of our Charter be made available on www.bluepilotfund.org. All officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized to execute the Charter in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and its many members, and to take such actions as may be necessary or advisable to perform the provisions of said Charter.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1822 EDT.

Dated: 16 October 2011

Kenneth C. Cooper
Secretary