

SAC Board Meeting Minutes - November 7 – 9, 2014

Sylvain Bourques – SB – Meeting Chair
Stephen Szikora – SS
David Collard – DC
Jay Allardyce – JA – Recording Secretary
Al Hoar – AH
George Domaradzki – GD

Friday, November 7th, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:17 pm

1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
 - Motion: that the proposed agenda be adopted for this meeting, moved by SB, seconded by AH, all in favor
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion: that the minutes from the previous meeting by phone on September 8th be adopted, moved by SB, seconded by DC, all in favor
3. Safety
 - Major incident involving controls not connected, no long term injuries from this incident, glider totaled
 - Incident involving aborted takeoff by tow pilot, glider collided with tow plane, glider totaled
 - Fortunately no fatalities this season
 - Full report by flight training and safety committee at AGM
 - Reminder to clubs to submit their accident and incident reports by the FTSC now that flying has largely concluded for the season
 - Discussion regarding how to effectively cascade down safety information, consensus was that sending information to presidents and club safety officers and/or chief flying instructors to get information to the members, also a reminder to directors to regularly contact clubs to ensure key club contacts are correct
 - AH to discuss with Dan Cook regarding Safety Officer position
 - AH to discuss OSTIV representation with Dan Cook
4. AGM Planning
 - Saskatoon Soaring Club has volunteered to host the AGM in Saskatoon, SK
 - Tentative dates March 14 & 15, venue TBA
 - Safety seminar/presentation will be a priority for the AGM
 - DC to discuss further with John Toles who is spearheading the planning
 - Member proposals for consideration at the AGM are required to be submitted to the board by December 1st
 - Zone Directors should start working on getting information for their zone reports
5. SAC Treasurer Position
 - David to stay on as treasurer until the AGM and step down following AGM
6. Members Attending Board Meetings
 - Board reconsidered the position stated in the March 2012 meeting minutes related to members attending board meetings

- Consensus was that having members attend board meetings may inhibit discussion and have an impact on the function & effectiveness of the meetings

7. 2015 Elections

- Southern Ontario, Eastern & Pacific Zones have elections in 2015
- For clarification, Prairie, Alberta and Eastern Ontario Zones have elections in 2016
- Notice of election to be distributed in early 2015
- Nominations in by December 31st, election completed by January 31st
- AH to be appointed as the Returning Officer for the election

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Saturday, November 8th, 2014

Meeting called to order at 8:53 am

8. Financial Report

- At this point in 2014, the paid membership is identical to the level in 2013
- Discussion around member clubs not having 100% of their membership as members of SAC, need to have discussion with clubs where all members of the club are not members of SAC
- Reviewed the financials to date for the year, expenses lower than budget and revenue is fairly close to expense, some expenses not yet captured or some large expenditures still to come
- Website redesign costs captured twice, expenses should be \$13,204 less
- Gain of investments year to date is 7.94%
- Trust deeds for investments are very specific and don't address capital gains or dividends, discussion around changing the trust deed to recognize capital gains or dividends as income, can change trust deeds by vote at a meeting of the members
- 7 clubs and 23 youth participated in the youth bursary program with total support of \$9,737
- Support provided to the World Team for 2014 was \$13,824 from the World Contest Fund and \$8,860 from the SAC membership

9. Free Flight Editor Replacement

- Discussion around replacement for Tony Burton who is stepping down from his post as free flight editor
- Priorities article in free flight regarding search for new editor yielded quite a few interested candidates which is positive
- Meeting with two potential candidates Sunday morning to discuss the project, discussion around a teaming approach on free flight if we cannot find one person with all the required skills and knowledge

10. Website

- Discussion around current support agreement for the website, JA to discuss with contractor to determine if level of hours for website support is adequate
- Discussion around the need for a web editor to manage content on the website, this will be an item for on-going discussion

11. Sporting Committee

- Met with Joerg Stieber, chair of the Sporting Committee, to discuss on-going activities of the Sport Committee
- Joerg gave us an interim report of the sporting committee activities in 2014

- Joerg attended the IGC Plenary Meeting March 7/8 in Italy, a number of rule changes were approved during this meeting
- Canadian Nationals were successful with 4 competition days, contest was extended by one day in order to get an official contest in by secret ballot and the decision to extend was unanimous, rules will be changed in the future to allow for a one day extension
- 2015 Canadian Nationals will be held in Olds, Alberta from June 10 – 19 with practice days on June 8 & 9
- Contest hosting grant has been effective in securing future Nationals locations
- 1st Panamerican Gliding Championships in April 2015, a number of Canadian pilots are interested in attending, the Sporting Committee has asked SAC to consider providing financial support to pilots that are chosen to attend, the board is supportive of providing some level of financial support for pilots attending this events, SAC to consider this funding in the 2015 budget
- Junior Worlds are to be held in December 2015 in Australia, three pilots may be interested in attending, need to make decision soon on how many pilots to support and who to support
- Ongoing projects include an overhaul of the seeding list rules and an update of the Nationals Rules for 2015

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Sunday, November 9th, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am

12. Future AGM Dates

- 2015: Saskatoon
- 2016: Montreal
- 2017: Winnipeg

13. SAC Funds

- Discussion regarding new possible funding model for the National Team by moving some of the current unrestricted funds into the Wolf Mix Fund to generate new funding mechanism for the National Team
- Discussion regarding need to adjust the fund deeds in order to change the formula used to withdraw funds from the Wolf Mix and Pioneer Funds
- SS to work on proposal for revision of the trust deeds

14. Discussion with Potential free flight Editors

- The board met with two potential new editors for free flight

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm