

## **SAC Board Meeting Minutes – November 4 & 5, 2016**

*Toronto, ON*

Sylvain Bourque – SB - Chair  
Stephen Szikora – SS  
Jay Allardyce – JA – Recording Secretary  
Bruce Friesen - BF  
George Domaradzki – GD  
Jordan Lewis - JL

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:09 pm

1. Adoption of Minutes from last meeting
  - Moved by BF, seconded by JL, all in favor
  - Motion carried
2. 2017 Zone Elections
  - Pacific, Southern Ontario & Eastern Zones will have elections in 2017
  - BF (Pacific), SS (Southern Ontario) & SB (Eastern) are willing to stand for re-election
  - JA to act as returning officer for this election
3. 2017 SAC AGM
  - BF approached the Vancouver Soaring Association but they weren't interested in hosting in 2017
  - The last time the AGM was in Southern Ontario was in 2012
  - SS to discuss with the Southern Ontario clubs about hosting the AGM at a location in the GTA
  - Joerg Stieber brought up the idea of inviting the creator of the OLC to the AGM to speak about the OLC
  - Call for member proposals for the AGM needs to be communicated to the members and timeframe needs to be established
4. Meeting with Sporting Committee Chair
  - Joerg Stieber joined us to discuss matters relating to the Sporting Committee
  - Jarek Twardowski who has acted as Team Captain for several competitions also attended (2015 Pan Americans in the US & 2014 Worlds in Poland)
  - Joerg presented an overview of the various competition types with a particular emphasis on the competitions that SAC supports directly
  - Joerg suggested that SAC provide some financial support in the future if a Canadian pilot wins a grand prix qualifier in the future and is invited to attend the grand prix final
  - Joerg suggested that SAC no longer fund Canadian participation in the Junior Worlds and reallocate this financial support to send more young pilots to attend US Regional Contests instead in order to build junior pilot's competition skills
  - The Sporting Committee has placed a bid for the 2019 FAI Pan American Championships to be held in Southern Ontario
  - Joerg suggested that SAC continue to support pilots attending the Pan American Championships in the future (2017 competition is in Argentina)
  - 4 Canadian pilots are attending the Worlds in Australia in January 2017
  - Motion: SS moved that SAC should advance \$7,627.25 to each of the 4 pilots of the

Canadian team (represents allocation from Wolf Mix, World Contest & annual budgeted amount less entry fees that have already been paid) – Canadian team to provide reconciliation of expenses and fundraising upon return, seconded by BF, all in favor, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am

5. Funding Model for World Contests

- The Board discussed the funding model for World Contests and the fact that the model is very restrictive in that it doesn't necessarily allow the funding for participation various contests (Continental Championships, Sailplane Grand Prix finals, junior participation in regional contests, etc)
- The Board discussed the concept of rescinding the current funding model for World Contests and allocating a similar yearly amount to the budget and the Sporting Committee making a recommendation for this budget to the Board for approval by the Board
- The Board to work towards a motion to the membership to be voted on by the membership at the next AGM
- JA to discuss with the Sporting Committee chair the concept and draft a motion and guidelines
- JA to discuss budget for 2017 with Sporting Committee chair

6. Membership Report

- SAC membership is relatively stable relative to other years
- One club is below 5 members which is the minimum number of members required to be considered a SAC club – JL to discuss with the club in question
- SB mentioned that there might be someone interested in forming a club in Val d'Or

7. Budget Review

- Membership fees are in line with what was budgeted
- FAI & Aeroclub of Canada budget line item about \$3,000 higher than budgeted due to European Gliding Commission fees
- Use of the club marketing program has been quite low to date
- Disbursements for the Safety Improvement Grant have been low to date

8. Safety Improvement Grant

- Year to date expenditures have been \$9,000
- Directors to reach out to clubs to remind them of the requirements to receive the Safety Improvement Grant and how much in funds they have remaining
- Clubs to have their incident reports completed and submitted to the SAC Safety Officer (David Donaldson) by December 1, 2016
- Clubs to have their safety audits completed and submitted to the FTSC by December 31, 2016

9. Financials Update

- SAC has just over \$1.6M in assets at the moment
- Only \$500K is currently invested so the Board needs to establish an investment policy

statement in order to provide guidance with to our financial advisor on how to invest the funds going forward

10. Web Editor Follow Up

- The Board has identified a number of issues the current website that need to be addressed
- JA to work with the Web Editor to ensure that work is appropriately prioritized and issues are addressed

11. Committees

- The Board discussed reviewing the committees in the new year and discussing the health of the committees and succession planning with the committee chairs

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm

Next meeting by phone in January

Next in-person board meeting in March during the AGM weekend