

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting
at Little Rock, Arkansas
February 21, 2020**

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Final Draft.

Meeting called to order: 3:44 PM

Trustees Attending: Rich Carlson, Tom Johnson, Ron Ridenour, Steve Dee, Burt Compton

Trustees unable to attend: None.

Advisors Attending: Bernald Smith, Pat Costello, Rus Howard,

Also attending: Mary Beth Schwaegel (AIG underwriter)

Other SSA Members Attending: None

Approve previous Trustee Meeting Minutes:

Pennsylvania 2019. RR moved, SD second, Approved

Approved minutes to be transmitted by BC to SSF webmaster Brent Eigsti:

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Trustee Reports:

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report

2020 FIRC Schedule:

Etowah, TN :	Nov 2-3, 2020
Moriarty, NM :	Jan 4-5, 2020
Washington, DC :	Jan 18-19, 2020 (Gainsville VA)
Ann Arbor, MI :	Feb 1-2, 2020
Seattle, WA :	Feb 8-9, 2020
Little Rock, AR :	Feb 18-19, 2020
Spartanburg, SC :	Mar 7-8, 2020
Tucson, AZ	Mar 14-15, 2020
Fitchburg, MA :	Mar 21-22, 2020
Long Beach, CA :	Apr 4-5, 2020

Current FIRC Handout: 120 copies of "Blue Threat - To Err is Inhuman" by Tony Kern.

FIRC renewal with FAA due April 2020, next due April 2022.

Review FIRC Training Course Outline (TCO)

TCO must include a module on Instrument Proficiency.

OSTIV. Rich Carlson is co-chairman of OSTIV Training & Safety Panel with Sweden's Henrik Svensson. Rich will serve on the OSTIV Board for 2 years.

RC organized the OSTIV Training & Safety Panel (TSP) met SEP 9-13, 2019 at Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association gliderport, Fairfield, PA.

This was a both a flying meeting and TSP seminars with representatives from Europe.

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RC Trustee Renewals:

Tom Johnson and Rich Carlson approved for 3 more years by SSA Board.

Burt Compton expires Dec 31, 2020

Steve Dee and Ron Ridenour expire Dec 31, 2021

RC SSA Board of Directors meeting report.

Status. SSA Board approved a SSA member suggestion to award pins for those members who take the SSF Wingrunner course.

Tom Johnson will research.

RC Engaging Soaring magazine editor Eric Bick regarding SSF pre-publication peer review of training and safety articles along with photos in the magazine such as “selfie” images taken out the canopy window.

RC Status. SSF engaging with the Executive Director Layton, Soaring magazine editor Eric Bick and the SSA Chair Lafford to develop a common understanding of the message that the SSA presents to the public regarding safety.

RC Status. SSA policy regarding private videos on the SSA Facebook or website pages with a SSF review panel to determine the effect on the safety culture of the SSA.

Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Burt Compton

“Could This Be You?” Mailers that describe the outreach programs of the SSF and SSF website resources. In 2020, two mailings of approximately 300 letters per mailing to all SSA Chapters (Clubs and Commercial Operators) and all SSA Directors.

Site Surveys: 11 conducted in calendar year 2019.

BC planned 12 Site Surveys in calendar year 2019 (approved at Houston 2018 meeting.)

2019: 11 Site surveys conducted (6 repeats): Florida, Utah, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia (2), Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Colorado.

2020 Site Survey requests: Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Hobbs, Nevada, Albuquerque, Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana.

107 Site Surveys in 33 States conducted since 2001.

Common observations include poor launch point organization, poor use of checklists, marginal operations for “convenience” such as intersection takeoffs and downwind landings towards aircraft at the launch point. Slow to clear gliders from the landing area.

Lack of “club management” regarding club pilots and visiting pilots’ pilot certificates, currency and proficiency. Inconsistent training technique by club CFIG’s.

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BC: Requests Site Survey protocol change regarding total confidentiality. E-mail follow up to contact person about specific issues documented and confirm implementation of changes. Lack of implementation will be noted. Repeat visits to sites may be necessary. Budget to be determined. BC requests SSF Trustees approval. RR move, RC second. Approved.

Articles. BC wrote one article for SOARING magazine in 2019.

Videos. "Aerotow Emergencies" in progress.

BRONZE BADGE:

RC to research online Badge Tests for SSAI's.

Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Ron Ridenour, Treasurer's Report & Budget (e-mailed to Trustees as separate files.)

Motion to approve: TJ, RC Second. Approved.

Approved reports to be transmitted by RR

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Tom Johnson:

2 SSF Safety Seminars in 2019 - 2020.

3 Seminars in 2020.

SSF programs advertising in SOARING.

SSAI 5 year Renewal reminder advert in SOARING.

Postcards for FIRC's in 2020.

Flight Time Data Postcards mailed February 2020.

Attended a working group of the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee.

Attending future meetings.

SSF advise NTSB on analyzing flight recorder / FLARM data after accidents.

Modification 61.56 and 61.23 Transition Pilots for Glider Solo per 61.31(d)
working with Noelle Mayes and Sean Elliot.

Steve Dee:

Wrote 3 articles for SOARING.

Assisted Rich at a FIRC.

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Comments by SSF Advisors:

Pat Costello: Site Surveys - follow up to confirm suggested changes.

BC: E-mail follow up to contact person about specific observations and confirm implementation. Lack of implementation to be noted and ask why.

Old Business:

New Business:

BC Report.

SSF display booth at the SSA Convention in Little Rock FEB 19-21.

Total Expense:

SSA vendor fee (\$275.), + shipping, handling, extra table, electric = **\$767.64**

(Note amount for budget for next convention.)

SSF Seminar (Wednesday evening Feb 19, 6 PM.)

Panel Discussion on Learning XC

by Matt Michael, Adam Kite, Tony Condon.

WINGS event - coordinated with LIT FSDO FAASTeam Manager.

Total attendees 121. 81 attendees signed the WINGS sign in sheets.

Next SSF Trustees Meeting:

Denver, CO on Friday, SEP 11. (Friday before the SEP 12 SSA Directors meeting.)

Adjourn: TJ motion, RR second. Passed.