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Soaring Safety Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting OCTOBER 24, 2023

Virtual Meeting via Bluejeans: https://bluejeans.com/476446229/5206?src=join_info

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM EDT by Chair Rich Carlson.

Trustees Attending: Rich Carlson (Chair), Burt Compton, Ron Ridenour (Treasurer), Steve Dee.

Trustees unable to attend: Tom Johnson

SSF Advisors Attending: Glenn Collins

SSF Advisor Tony Condon informed us he was unable to attend.

SSA Members Attending: Leon Zeug

Approve Previous Trustee Meeting Minutes: November 21, 2022 virtual meeting.

Motion to Approve by Rich Carlson. Second by Ron Ridenour. Approved.

The approved minutes to be transmitted by BC to SSF webmaster Brent Eigsti:

brent@arrowheadim.com

Trustee Reports:

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report

Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC):

FIRC's in 2023.

Updates on the FIRC Authorization and schedule.

2024 FIRC Schedule and Venues published on the SSF webpage.

Virtual FIRC's are an option.

Changes to FIRC test: Updated slide presentations.

Current FIRC Handout: To Be Determined.

Glenn Collins: WINGS authorization. 9 are SSF sponsored.

Wingrunner Course, New glider rating, Towpilot Endorsements,

ABC Badges.

Trustee Renewals: (RC Update list on SSF website.)

Burt Compton expires Dec 31, 2023, agrees to serve 3 more years.

Steve Dee and Ron Ridenour expire Dec 31, 2024

Rich Carlson and Tom Johnson expire Dec 31, 2026

RC Reports to the SSA Board of Directors / SOARING magazine submitted.

RC Engaging the Soaring magazine editor David Hart regarding
SSF pre-publication peer review of training and safety articles.

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Burt Compton

Report on Managing SSA Convention SSF Booth at Reno February 2023.

Next SSA Convention in October 2024 at Knoxville, TN.

BC to confirm SSF Booth location in the hall with SSA.

Condition of the SSF Booth display. Generously donated by Pat Costello years ago, it is challenging to assemble due to long-term use. Shipping boxes (2) in poor condition.

BC can research a new or used display and fiber type shipping boxes.

RR motion, RC seconded to explore availability and cost.

SSF Safety Seminar on opening night of the 2023 SSA Convention at Reno attracted 121 attendees. Reno FSDO WINGS manager received 79 request forms for credits.

Outreach Mailers: “Could This Be You?”

Mailers that describe the outreach programs of the SSF and SSF website resources.

2023. Two mailings of approximately 300 letters per mailing to all SSA Chapters (Clubs and Commercial Operators) and all SSA Directors and Governors.

2024. Two mailings as above.

500 Mailers and Envelopes w/ SSF logo and Hobbs address ordered October 2023.

Site Surveys in 2023. Ten. Alabama (2), Colorado, Illinois (2), Michigan (2), Ohio, Texas (2). 139 Site Surveys in 34 States conducted since 2001.

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

Observed Club CFGI proficiency can be marginal. Training syllabi inconsistent. In addition to the SSA wanting “more CFGI’s”, we need to cultivate “excellent CFGI’s.” Lack of “club management” regarding club pilots and visiting pilots’ pilot certificates, their currency and proficiency was also an issue.

BC: Added Scenario Training with Feedback from Students and MESA concept. Clubs encouraged to renew Flight Review specifically in Glider category. Discussion of Winch Launches “gone wrong.” “Kiting” of the glider on tow.

BC: Post Site Survey follow up by e-mail to the club contact person about specific issues observed and discussed in order to confirm implementation of changes. Lack of implementation will be noted. Repeat visits to sites necessary. Get commitments from club leadership for a follow-up Site Survey within 24 months.

BC contributed to Pat Costello’s powerpoint script on “Management and Insurance” based on the “Safety Officer Training Guide” and Site Survey observations. Presented at opening night seminar at the SSA Convention at Reno, February 2023.

BC Participation 2023: Organized SSF Safety Seminar at the SSA Convention, Reno. FAA Glider Webinar hosted by Stephen K. Brown (FAA.)

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

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

SSA financial reports to the SSF Treasurer – quality of data from SSA office.

Deposits from FIRC credit card fees.

Budget Approval for 2024. Motion by Steve Dee, Second by Rich Carlson. Approved.

1,000 Wing Runner Pins reorder for SSA HQ.

EGU Dues.

Approved reports to be transmitted by Ron Ridenour

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Tom Johnson:

Pins for SSF Wingrunner Course.

SSF Safety Seminars in 2023: 4.

Currently Planned Seminars in 2024:

Continuing advertising the SSF programs in SOARING magazine.

SSA Instructor (SSAI) 5 year Renewal reminder advert in SOARING.

Postcards mailed promoting FIRC's in 2024.

Flight Time Data Postcards for 2024.

Attending working group of the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee.

Involvement with NTSB on accident analysis.

Steve Dee: SSA Convention at Reno. Self-Launch / Motorglider Safety Seminar.

Two articles in 2023 SOARING magazine.

Reports / Comments by SSF Advisors:

Pat Costello: SSA Program.

Leon Zeug: Willing to serve (and work) as a SSF Advisor.

Tony Condon: Developing a Safety Management System (SMS)
for soaring operations.

Adam Kite: Planning a maintenance article.

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Old Business:

Movement by FAA on Exemption Request / Modification 61.56 FOR FLIGHT REVIEW REQUIREMENT for Transition Pilots for Glider Solo endorsement per 61.31(d).

MOSAIC proposal to extend Light Sport to heavier airplanes which may allow LSA and Experimental airplanes to be used as Towplanes.

Towpilots still need to meet the training and endorsements requirements of FAR 61.69.

Rich Carlson requests input from SSF Trustees and Advisors.

MESA. Minimum personal altitude limits. Pushback from the racing pilots. SSF wanted racing pilots to be the examples to the larger non-racing community.

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New Business:

Ron Ridenour reports discussions within the SSA Board of Directors considering intergrating the SSF and our www.soaringsafety.org website onto the www.ssa.org website. Discussion regarding maintaining current and future content.

OSTIV. Rich Carlson is co-chairman of OSTIV Training & Safety Panel with Sweden's Henrik Svensson. Upcoming TSP meeting to be virtual.

Burt Compton: Advisors involvement.

What do they think about the SSF missions and how they can actively participate.

Next SSF Trustees Meeting: Winter 2024,
Possibly in conjunction with the fall SSA Board meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Ron Ridenour. Second by Steve Dee.
Approved at 10:30 PM EDT.
MEETING ADJOURNED.