

From Bob Wander: Both the February 2005 (Ontario) and October 2005 (Memphis) SSF Minutes are contained within this doc.

Minutes of SSF Board meeting, February 2005, Ontario CA

Carlson, Carswell, Wright, Hammond, Compton, Smith, Wander present.

Bronze badge test book updated.

The need for CFI Compton report - multiple sites can train CFG and CFG add-on. Burt has printed report. Summary: CFG supply sufficient for FBO's; club situation is less rosy. Smaller clubs lack resources. Suggested to list training resources on the SSF Website.

CFG Wannabe as an add-on to scheduled SSF FIRC's should continue.

National CFG training camp report from Carswell. Conclusion: No demonstrated need for a subsidized national soaring camp. Carswell suggests review of potential need for national CFG training camp in one year's time.

SSF to provide answers for members who call the SSA re CFG training opportunities. Wander volunteers to take the calls; SSF website to list available resources.

SSA-SSF MoU: Hammond - history lesson re SSA-SSF. Review of the relationship of mingled Trust Fund monies of SSF and SSA. Hammond to provide financials to SSA for Board reports. SSF Chairman to resolve communication issues directly with Dennis Wright (corrected from Alan Gleason) re SSA financial reports.

SOARING, SSA, SSF and the Safety Corner Thelen articles. Wright/SOARING needs safety replacement material for Thelen. Should SSF provide safety material for SOARING in place of the Safety Corner Thelen articles? SSF to study. SSF to review safety-related articles, particularly Thelen articles, with Carlson serving as pointman for editorial review of material intended for publication in SOARING. Miles Coverdale "Safety Corner" reprints mentioned.

SSA financial check-off for SSF - checkbox is gone. Wright agrees round-up to larger donation will be included on SSA membership renewal forms.

Wright says SSA Staff gets nasty emails if the SSF-selected pointman for each local Clinic does not provide timely information to Clinic attendees. Wander agrees to review past practice and improve performance.

Carswell, Wright depart for other meetings.

Motion made and passed to approve minutes of previous meeting (Denver 2004 meeting).

SSF Webpage hits review and summary by Carlson. DVD and CD versions of training tapes are available.

Site survey Compton report. Tucson completed. Review of recent PGC safety survey, with discussion of complaint from Lacovara. Conclusion: Rich Carlson is to be the sole point of contact between PGC and SSF re safety survey issues raised by Lacovara.

New tapes or discs - new cost estimate. Video of the landing short accident storyboard. \$7500 cost estimate from Niche AV / Kevin May. Should video aim at Traffic pattern or goal-oriented approach to land? Storyline to be reviewed. Wander to check in with Sporty's re cost of computer animation. Compton suggests PowerPoint project to build the storyboard for the video. Compton and Wander agree to work on this together.

SSA Master Instructor Golf shirt with logo reviewed and decision is taken not to participate in this venture.

SSF Booth for 2006 SSA Convention Arlington, TX, 2006 approved.

Hammond financial report.

Review of calendar year 2004 income and expense. Review of trust fund; current balance approximately \$231,000. Trust fund target is \$250,000 endowment. Hammond submitted an expense reporting form as a guide for CFGs teaching FIRC.

Wander FIRC report

Brief history lesson on FIRC compensation. Report on volunteerism. Wander contends that FIRC will maintain current high level of satisfaction only by maintaining/developing a small staff of seasoned (multi-FIRC) presenters. Discusses intent to reimburse a small staff of loyal presenters. The motion was made that all presenters are entitled to compensation plus expenses. This motion was seconded and passed. 4 votes in favor, with Wander abstaining. Next motion was for the amount to be \$200 for presenters plus 15% for the clinic chief or coordinator + half -pay for travel days billed. Motion passed with three votes and two abstentions (Wander & Carlson).

Date of implementation: June 2005 moved and seconded. Three ayes, two abstentions (Wander & Carlson). Motion passed.

RECESS

Motion made and seconded to raise FIRC fees to \$150 per head per FIRC. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeppesen Report: Bernald Smith

SSA Flight manual negotiations regarding cost of SSA Flight Manual. \$1,000 offered to Jeppesen for the rights. Trustees discussed possibility of low-cost or no-cost distribution via electronic methods such as Adobe PDF file distribution via the World Wide Web or via CD-ROM. SSF to recommend that SSA purchase Soaring Flight Manual rights for \$1,000 from Jeppesen. Alternatively, SSF to recommend that SSA seek donation from Jeppesen in return for a tax document describing the value of the donation as perhaps \$30,000. Carlson, Smith to consult with SSA re this publication.

Bernald Smith Further Reports

TSP bid hosting from New Zealand, Lithuania, and others.

New Advisory Circular AC 150-5200-18c Airport Safety Self-Inspection was discussed. No action taken.

Electronic display usage in cockpit, reference FAA Advisory Circular. Seek proper training in the use of cockpit electronic equipment. Heads-down use of electronic equipment is undesirable. Possible training course on www.soaringsafety.org on this topic.

European Gliding Union. SSF pays SSA fees for entrance. EGU meeting in Vienna 2005.

European aircraft maintenance practices available, with country-by-country breakdown. .

Insurance data was presented. Confidential info; no notes taken.

SSA Blue Book 2004 needs change: SSF is concentrating on increasing its endowment and continue its program funding at its budgeted level. Carlson will alert SSA Board re recent activities and goals.

Brief discussion of next meeting opportunity. One possibility is to co-locate with the SSA Board meeting in approximately six months; e.g. August or September 2005.

ADJOURN

Recorder: R. Wander

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SSF BOARD MEETING Memphis, TN October 2, 2005.

Present: Rich Carlson (Chair, SSF Trustee) Burt Compton (SSF Trustee) Gene Hammond (SSF Trustee), Bernald Smith (SSF Trustee) Bob Wander (SSF Trustee)

Non-Trustees Present:

Dean Carswell, Pat Costello, Jim Skydell, Dennis Wright, Rick Sheppe, Cindy Brickner

Meeting called to order by Richard Carlson. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting from Ontario CA. Tabled the motion; minutes to be approved at next meeting.

SKYDELL: EXPANDED SAFETY SEMINAR IDEA

Jim Skydell discussed region 12 success with safety meetings. SSF penetration of market with safety issues. THE FIRC product is excellent; how can we get this message to more members? Is it possible to do safety seminars outside of the FIRC umbrella? Have just one presenter come out and do a one-day seminar? Increase penetration; something like the SSF Safety Meeting as done at the Convention. Five or six hours of presentations in each market. Add a THEME to each annual road show of SSF presentations. \$60 per head for a half-day seminar with a meal served. SSA regional directors ought to help make the thing go. Hammond and Smith reviewed past practice. Compton: SSF Needs to be INVITED to come on in and do a seminar. HAMMOND: Finding good speakers to ride the range has been a problem. SMITH: More than one guy is a necessity. Developing content is no problem. Logistics: local sparkplug + presenter to come and stay over on a Saturday night. WHO would be responsible to spark the demand for an SSF safety seminar? COSTELLO: Safety seminars are worthwhile claims prevention programs. WRIGHT: he gets calls all the time for club safety seminars. COSTELLO: Let's take a few risks with new programs because money is available in the SSF account. CARLSON calls for a list of action items. WRIGHT: SSA will partner with SSF in promoting this product, including publicity, credit card registration, e-news announcement, and so on. Identify six markets, and develop - 6000 bucks, COMPTON AND WANDER TO DO. SKYDELL AND CARLSON to be the SSA Board liaison.

COMMUNICATING WITH COBMs

COBM e-news and hardcopy newsletter offered by WRIGHT. Could we send PowerPoint shows to COBMs to get them in the program of managing better? ACTION ITEMS: COMPTON and BRICKNER to get with it; WRIGHT will offer the info as a newsletter to COBM.

CARLSON: Should SSF be seeking info from the field to re-distribute, along the lines of "I Learned About Flying From That?" Advantages: May reduce claims. disadvantage: editorial burden, bad feelings rejected authors may have. ACTION ITEM: CARLSON will write the proposal for a call to the troops to get literature/articles from the field.

SMITH: ACCIDENT REDUCTION PLAN. SSA directors and SSF trustees to make first seasonal flights with evaluator, preferably CFIG. Are sufficient CFIGs available? Costello: Follow up by querying COBMs to see if they comply, and they can supply details of compliance.

MOTION: ALL TRUSTEES TO COMPLY WITH CFIG-CONDUCTED CHECKOUT FOR FIRST FLIGHT IN 2006. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ACTION ITEM: SMITH to write announcement for SOARING magazine.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. CARLSON

Compton term expiring, but renewed by SSA board in Memphis. SSF/SSA interactions much improved. SSF submits financial reports to SSA.

HAMMOND FINANCIAL REPORT

SSF has no unpaid bills except possibly SSA. All SSF financial reports now to be submitted directly to Dennis Wright. Review of history of SSF endowment. Endowment has now reached the original goal of \$250,000.00. WANDER thanks donors, Costello, Hammond, and Smith for envisioning this goal and making it happen

COMPTON:

Site survey Tucson soaring site survey with Burt and Rich Carlson. Coming are Black Forest Soaring Society, then USAFA. Modifications to the checklist recently re PIC of guests in Club-operated gliders. TSA requirements added to the checklist for site surveys. Review of TSA check requirements for an aviation school. Burt has revised the follow-up handout from the site survey. Discussion of required attendance of site survey results. Should we re-visit after one year to review discrepancies? Program not expected to recover costs.

SSAI Program: \$25 per head for new SSAI's and for renewing SSAI's for pins, mailing etc. This adds up. In the old days it was \$10 per CFI; now much more expensive. Should SSA or SSF pay for the badges? There are approximately 450 SSAIs around the country. WRIGHT to send CARLSON the current SSAI package for review.

MOTION: The SSAI issue to be settled between Rich Carlson and Dennis Wright in separate negotiations. Motion passes unanimously.

LUNCH RECESS

RECONVENE AFTER LUNCH BREAK

SMITH REPORT: Insurance (we need data from clubs and COBMs re number of launches etc). SFM and training manuals: negotiations still in progress but no breakthroughs due to changes in personnel at Jeppesen-Sanderson. Age census versus accident data. OSTIV TSP review. ICAO SARPS standards and practices. FLARM experiences in Europe; liability issues in the USA. Frequencies may not be legal for FLARM use but low power output may sidestep this issue. FLARM not appropriate for competition because it allows pilots to see where the other pilots are. OSTIV TSP meeting in 2006 June 5-6-7 during world championships.

WANDER REPORT: on FIRCs. Dates for 2005-2006 in hand; attendance very good, reviews very good; new fee is \$150 per person. FIRC handout materials will be revised and reprinted as needed by Wander. Wander mentions failure to penetrate sunbelt markets with large gliding FBO's such as Phoenix, North Florida, and so on. Costello offers to help Wander arrange a FIRC in PHX. COMPTON leaves meeting to make flight home.

HAMMOND on fees: What options are there for remunerating FIRC assistant CFGs?

MOTION: Wander to decide the pay for FIRC assistants on case by case basis. Seconded. PASSED unanimously. (Carlson recused himself).

Wander to prepare bronze badge test errata sheet and mail to SSA.

REVIEW OLD BUSINESS

Carlson.

i. prepare draft for fundraising mailing via SSA.

j. Bibliography nearly done (Wander)

k. club flight activity statistics - can we get them?

l. No CFG national camp; no mention of need by SSA Board.

m. Training syllabus - no action.

n. New training material (posters, videos, books). Wander to talk to Jurgens re using the landing

part of the DVD for SSF distribution.

MOTION: To adjourn. Moved, seconded, approved
R. Wander, recorder