

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 18, 2016 Greenville, SC**

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(Draft 3, updated SEP 4, 2016)

Meeting called to order at 1:40 PM in the TD Convention Hall conference room.

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

Advisors Attending: Pat Costello, Bernald Smith, Bob Wander

Agenda Bashing: Missing Items: None
 Minutes from Phoenix, SEP 11, 2015
 SD motion to approve minutes. TJ second. Passed.

Bernald Smith. Comments on UAS activities in the USA.
 IGC Dues. RR to send BS e-mail to reimburse payment.

Pat Costello: Trend in towplane accidents from 2010 to 2015.
 Towplane losses as percentages:
 25% takeoff / 36% landing / 36% taxi.
 3% flight away from airport.
 Suggests an article in SOARING regarding taxi accidents.

Bob Wander: Complimented the FIRC topics and format.

Trustee Reports:

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report.

FAA letter ruling that transition pilot must have a current flight review to solo glider per 61.31(d). Medical also required per 61.23 (exemptions.) RC spoke with the FAA attorney who realizes the problem and re-evaluating the rules which are not in the spirit of the rule for certificated transition pilots being endorsed for solo flights in gliders.

Change in issuance of Student Pilot certificate. 8710 certificate applications to be submitted (paper or IACRA) to the FAA which will then send the application to Transportation Security Administration for vetting before the FAA issues a "plastic" Student Pilot certificate to the applicant.

SSF Flight Instructor Refresher Course Training Course Outline has been extensively revised to comply with the new FAA Advisory Circular.

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Rich Carlson, continued.

SSF website: www.soaringsafety.org

Incident Reporting Data Base. RC to encourage SSA Directors (at the Board meeting) to make SSA members aware of the SSF website Incident Reporting Data Base.

Per PC suggestion a mailing to draw more people to the SSF website. Direct mail survey presented to be mailed to all SSA members.
Link on SSF website to complete the survey online.

SOARING articles. Ongoing.

Website. Brent Eigsti does day to day updates to the website (articles, minutes.)

Winch Operator Guide being reviewed by Dave Bullock of the BGA and Chief Winch Operator at the BGA.

Burt Compton.

Videos (Maneuvers from the Commercial Glider PTS): Ongoing.

Managed SSF Display Booth at the SSA Convention at Greenville, SC, Feb 2016.
Shipping and related expenses to be reimbursed.

Organized the SSF Wednesday evening Training and Safety Seminar at the SSA Convention. 112 attendees.

Coordinated with the local area FSDO to have the SSF seminar promoted as a FAASTeam "Wings" event.

BC proposal for the future convention seminars: Safety Seminar (Wednesday evening) should use in the in-house AV to supply the powerpoint projector and sound system to assure quality projection and sound. BC requested that this extra expense be budgeted.
BC motion, TJ second. Passed.

Site Surveys: Two this year, two in near future.

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Tom Johnson.

Safety Seminar requested at El Tiro gliderport near Tucson, AZ.
April 2, 2016. TJ will ask the club for topics and request SSF
advisors Adam Kite and Tony Condon to handle.

Steve Dee. Accomplished seminar in Washington state.
Articles for SOARING.

Ron Ridenour, Treasurer's Report & Budget.
Preparing report and budget. Will submit to Trustees.

Old Business:

Outstanding Action Items from Phoenix meeting SEP 2015.

BC "Stop Crashing" Letter. September 2015 mailing.
Costello needs 750 letters, 750 SSF envelopes for spring 2016.

BC Continue production of Practical Test Videos. *In progress*.

Flight Instructor Refresher Course

Expected Requests: 8 FIRC's scheduled in 2016.

Handouts for FIRC's. 'Stick & Rudder" and "Desperate to Fly" (Kai Gersten)

Renewal Process.

RC reports that the FAA TCO to be renewed FEB 2016.

FAASite website listings of SSF FIRC locations and dates.
RC has new information on how to get the FIRC's listed.

Safety Seminars

Tom Johnson managing SSF Seminar requests.

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2016 Convention, Greenville, SC

Training Session Friday FEB 19 at 4 to 5 PM (72 attendees.)
Topics: Scenario Based Training. Guided discussion.
Presenters Ron Ridenour / Tom Johnson / Stephen Dee
Presenters will handle Q & A / audience discussions.

Towpilot / SSA Instructor Breakfast. Hosted by Tom Johnson.
Good attendance (42 attendees.)
Powerpoint presentation and guided discussion.

SSF Booth. BC managed.
Set up assisted by advisor Tony Condon.

SSF Advertising and Fund Raising Activities.

RR. Notice in SOARING that donations from the SSS membership support the
SSF programs, and SSF will thank the SSA members for donations

SSF / OSTIV-TSP (Training & Safety Panel) Activities

RC attended in Sweden, August 2015.

SOARING Magazine

Reprint old training articles. SSF must review for currency.
SSF to vet training and safety articles.

New Business:

SSF Logo

TJ to research a standard SSF logo template for SSF Powerpoints.

Trustee Terms

3 year terms renewed by SSA Directors for Ron Ridenour and Steve Dee.

Next SSF Trustees Meeting:

At the SSA 2016 fall meeting (date and venue to be announced.)

Adjourn: BC moved. SD second. Meeting ended at 4:40 PM.