

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 11, 2015  
Phoenix, AZ**

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*(Draft 3)*

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM in the office of Costello Insurance.

Trustees Attending: Rich Carlson, Burt Compton, Tom Johnson  
Attending via speakerphone: Ron Ridenour  
Absent: Steve Dee.

Advisors Attending: Pat Costello, Bernald Smith

Agenda Bashing: Missing Items: None  
Minutes from Greenville, SC FEB 2015  
*BC motion to approve minutes. TJ second. Passed.*

**Trustee Reports:**

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report.

SSF website: [www.soaringsafety.org](http://www.soaringsafety.org)

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

PC suggested 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.

Person needed for day to day updates to the websites (articles, minutes.)

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

Burt Compton.

Videos (PTS): Ongoing.

RR suggests vetting of future videos by RR and SD.

Specific discussion regarding low altitude rope break (200' agl is not specified by FAA training requirements nor in the PTS for any rating) and developing consistent training techniques to be considered by the US CFIG's.

Manage SSF Booth at the Convention (Greenville, SC, Feb 2016.)  
Towpilot Breakfast (Thursday morning)

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

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Tom Johnson.

Safety Seminars advert in SOARING.

Ron Ridenour, Treasurer's Report & Budget. (Need attached files.)

BC Motion to approve Treasurer's report and Draft Budget.

TJ Second.

Steve Dee. No report.

**Old Business:**

Outstanding Action Items from Greenville meeting FEB 2015.

BC "Stop Crashing" Letter. September 2015.

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: \_\_\_ FIRC's in 2016.

Handouts for FIRC's. "Stick & Rudder" suggested.

Renewal Process.

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

FAASTeam website listing of SSF FIRC locations and dates.

Safety Seminars

Tom Johnson managing SSF Seminar requests.

2016 Convention, Greenville, SC

Safety Stand Down. RC to confirm with SSA Board.

Format and Topics.

Presenters Ron Ridenour and Tom Johnson/

Presenters Handling Q & A / audience discussions.

SSF Booth. BC will ship the unit / manage.

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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

RN to draft article / test for box in SOARING.

**New Business:**

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

RC attended in *Sweden, August 2015.*

SOARING Magazine

Reprint old training articles. SSF must review for currency.

SOARING Magazine

TJ to develop new SSF logo with "Safety Through Training."

Trustee Terms.

**Renew terms for Ron Ridenour and Steve Dee.**

RC to discuss with Steve Dee regarding serving.

**Next SSF Trustees Meeting:**

At the SSA Convention in Greenville, SC, FEB 16-20, 2016.

RC: SSF Trustees meeting tentatively Thursday, FEB 18.

**Adjourn:** RR moved. TJ second. Meeting ended at 6:32 PM.