

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting
at Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, Fairfield, PA
September 12, 2019**

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Final

Meeting called to order. 5:05 PM

Trustees Attending: Rich Carlson, Burt Compton, Tom Johnson

Trustees unable to attend: Ron Ridenour, Steve Dee

Advisors Attending: Bernald Smith, Russ Howard, Pat Costello (audio)

SSA Members Attending: None

Approve Minutes: Raleigh-Durham NC February 2019. TJ Motion, RC second. Carries.

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

brent@arrowheadim.com

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 Handout: "Train Like You Fly – A Guide to Scenario Based Training" by Arlynn McMahon (published by ASA.) Bob Wander has offered to purchase wholesale.

FIRC was renewed April 2018 with FAA, next due April 2020.

Review FIRC Training Course Outline (TCO) October 2019 per new FAA Advisory Circular with new topics / test questions.

Glenn Collins to take lead on reviewing / revising FIRC Training Course Outline.

Rich Carlson will place the test questions into a database for better updates, Generating the questions, especially for the new topics / test questions.

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.

Rich Carlson attended the OSTIV meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, March 2019.

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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.

SSA Board of Directors meeting report.

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

BC suggested SSF determine cost for 500 to 1,000 pins and set up charge.

TJ to design pin using SSF round logo.

Rich will contact 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.

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

RC to recommend to the SSA staff that there should be a 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. Inquire as to OSTIV TSP member national policies.

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Burt Compton

“Stop Crashing / Start Learning” Letters that describe the programs of the SSF.
In 2019, two mailings of 300 letters per mailing to all SSA Chapters, SSA Directors.

Suggestions for new format:

- “Is this You?” as a header.
- Image of man & woman looking at crashed glider in cornfield.

Bob Wander to work with Burt on content of the new letter.
Will include SSF products and online resources.

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: Oklahoma, Hobbs, Albuquerque, Virginia, Illinois, Nevada.

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.

Many comments from club members regarding that the SSF website needs updating.

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

Videos. Two produced in 2018.

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

Motion to approve N/A.

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Tom Johnson:

2 SSF Safety Seminars in 2020.
Request for March 2020 seminar at the Seniors Contest in Florida.
SSF programs advertising in SOARING.
Postcards for FIRC's in 2020.
Flight Time Data postcards to be mailed February 1, 2020.
SSF is invited to attend a working group of the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee on October 8-9-10 in Frederick, MD. Rich Carlson will attend.
SSF advise NTSB on analyzing flight recorder / FLARM data after accidents.

Steve Dee:

Wrote 3 articles for SOARING.
Assisted Rich at a FIRC.

Comments by SSF Advisors:

Bernald Smith: SSA Foundation receptive to suggestion to change percentage of investments to 90% equities and 10% fixed income.

Pat Costello: 60 Claims in 2018 to Sep 3.
53 Claims in 2019 to Sep 3.
Higher valued gliders represent a significant impact on losses.

Old Business:

RC: SSF Website updates. Brent Eigsti does updates: brent@arrowheadim.com

TJ: SSF Advertising and Fund-Raising Activities. Continuing, look for opportunities.

BW: Install a "Suggestion Box" on the SSF website for input / requests from SSA members, clubs, CFIG's.

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Bob Wander: Developing an advanced SSF Safety Seminar program that would include FIRC quality presentations to a larger population for glider pilots, glider-pilot wannabes, student pilots, CFG's, towpilots in order to educate and challenge participants to recognize / change / improve their behavior regarding risk management, with scenario - based training.

Q's. BW Asked what topics that would have real value?
Compile a list of active Designated Pilot Examiners to discover what deficiencies they observe. **BC**

1. Does the SSA have the "talent" to help with a program? (Zero responses.)
Whom ARE the new people coming into the Soaring Safety Foundation?
BC to inquire with Adam Kite & Tony Condon.
2. A method to measure changes in club procedures based on SSF products.
3. Should the sponsoring organization pay? Consensus is "yes."
4. Topics should include basic airmanship and also XC or "performance flying."
5. Content to be developed first, then identify the individuals.

Ron Ridenour was asked if the SSF would reimburse expenses for a mentor for travel, hotels, etc. Consensus was "yes."

New Business:

RC Motion that SSF reimburse M-ASA for TSP flying expenses.
TJ second. Passes.

BC Confirm SSF booth location at the SSA Convention in Little Rock FEB 19-21.

Wednesday night SSF Seminar.
Proposed Speakers. Henrik Svensson, Bob Wander
WINGS event - coordinate with LIT FSDO FAAS Team Manager.

Current Fatal Accident Situation as of August, 2019.

7 fatal accidents, 11 fatalities in 2018.

5 fatal accidents, 5 fatalities. (to be updated.)

Next SSF Trustees Meeting:

February 21, 2020 (Friday) at the SSA Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Adjourn: 7:02 PM. TJ. Moved. BC seconded. Carries.