

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting
(Virtual Online)
September 10, 2020**

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Final Draft.

Virtual Meeting called to order: 7:07 PM CDT

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

Trustees unable to attend: None.

Advisors Attending: Glenn Collins, Adam Kite, Pat Costello, Bob Wander

Other SSA Members Attending: None

Approve previous Trustee Meeting Minutes:

Little Rock, FEB 2020. RR moved, TJ second, Approved

Approved minutes to be transmitted by BC to SSF webmaster Brent Eigsti:
brent@arrowheadim.com

Trustee Reports:

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report

2021 FIRC Schedule: (see SSF webpage)

Thanks to Glenn for work on new TCO per Allan Kash at FAA

Major changes:

Realign lessons, slides and tests with the new TCO topics.

Printing supplement materials.

Online stage tests.

Virtual class possibilities in spring 2021.

FIRC renewal with FAA due April 2022.

Current FIRC Handout: "Blue Threat - To Err is Inhuman" by Tony Kern.

OSTIV. Rich Carlson is co-chairman of OSTIV Training & Safety Panel with Sweden's Henrik Svensson. Rich will serve on the OSTIV Board through 2021.

Trustee Renewals:

Tom Johnson and Rich Carlson expire Dec 31, 2022

Burt Compton expires Dec 31, 2020

(BC on consent agenda per Denise Layton for the SEP 11 SSA Board virtual meeting.

Steve Dee and Ron Ridenour expire Dec 31, 2021

RC SSA Board of Directors meeting report submitted.

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

Tom Johnson will research.

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RC Engaging 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.

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

RC Status. SSA 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.

BRONZE BADGE:

RC updated online Badge Tests for SSAI’s. RC has system to e-mail expiring SSAI’s. 340 questions in the database.

Need more questions in Medical (Dan Johnson) and Navigation (Steve Dee.)

Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Burt Compton

“Could This Be You?” Mailers that describe the outreach programs of the SSF and SSF website resources. In 2020, two mailings of approximately 300 letters per mailing to all SSA Chapters (Clubs and Commercial Operators) and all SSA Directors and Governors.

Site Surveys:

2020: 7 Site Surveys conducted (5 repeats): Utah, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,
2021 Survey requests: Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Hobbs, Nevada, Albuquerque,
Virginia, Illinois

114 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.

BC: Site Survey protocol change regarding total confidentiality.

E-mail follow up to contact person about specific issues documented and confirm implementation of changes. Lack of implementation will be noted. Repeat visits to sites may be necessary. Budget to be determined.

Articles. BC wrote one article for SOARING magazine in 2020.

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

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

Motion to approve: SD, BC Second. Approved.

Approved reports to be transmitted by RR

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Tom Johnson:

Pins for SSF Wingrunner Course.

1 SSF Safety Seminars in spring 2020.

SSF programs advertising in SOARING, pause until 2021.

SSAI 5 year Renewal reminder advert in SOARING.

Postcards for FIRC's in 2021.

Flight Time Data Postcards mailed February 2020.

Attending working group of the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee.

Involvement with NTSB on accident analysis.

Steve Dee:

Wrote 2 articles for SOARING.

Assisted Rich at a FIRC.

Comments by SSF Advisors:

Pat Costello:

- Site Surveys - follow up to confirm suggested changes.
- ASK CLUBS to send BC a written report on what improvements will be made.
- Claims frequency in 2020 down but severity (payouts) much higher.
- Single seat glider checkouts via Condor specific to the glider type.

Bob Wander: Re. Site Surveys. Written report in follow up. E-mail follow up to contact person about specific observations and confirm implementation.

Lack of implementation to be noted and ask why.

Adam Kite: Can assist with Bronze Badge question database and NTSB data analysis on structural fatigue.

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Old Business:

Exemption Request / Modification 61.56 Transition Pilots for Glider Solo per 61.31(d)
working with Noelle Mayes and Sean Elliot.

New Business:

Bob Wander: "I Learned About Flying From That"
"Flying" magazine type articles in Soaring.

Next SSF Trustees Meeting:

TBA. (Friday before the Winter 2021 SSA Directors meeting.)

Adjourn: SD motion, TJ second. Passed.