

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting at Raleigh-Durham, NC
February 22, 2019**

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Meeting called to order. 3:44 PM

Trustees Attending: Rich Carlson, Burt Compton

Trustees attending by video-conference: Ron Ridenour, Tom Johnson

Trustees unable to attend: Steve Dee

Advisors Attending: Bernald Smith, Pat Costello

Advisors Attending by video-conference: Bob Wander, Glenn Collins, Russ Howard

SSA Members Attending: None

Approve Minutes: Houston September 2018. TJ Motion to approve, RR second. Carries.
Approved Houston 2018 minutes to be transmitted by BC to SSF webmaster Brent Eigsti:
brent@arrowheadim.com

Trustee Reports:

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report

2019 FIRC Schedule Jan-March (Chicago, Houston, Elmira, Anchorage, Suffolk, VA.)
Requests include Etowah.

Current Handout: The Killing Zone book.

Future Handout: "Train Like You Fly – A Guide to Scenario Based Training"
by Arlynn McMahon (published by ASA.) Bob Wander 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 has placed 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 will attend the March 2019 OSTIV meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

OSTIV Training & Safety Panel (TSP) will meet in the fall of 2019
at Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association near Gettysburg, PA.

This is a both a flying meeting with TSP seminars with representatives from Europe.

Rich will contact Soaring magazine editor Eric Bick regarding SSF pre-publication
peer review of training and safety articles.

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Burt Compton

“Stop Crashing / Start Learning” Letters that describe the programs of the SSF.
In 2018, two mailings of 300 letters per mailing to all SSA Chapters, SSA Directors.
In 2019, two mailings are scheduled.
BC placing the “Stop Crashing / Start Learning” letter into April 2019 SOARING.

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.

Rich Carlson wants the content to include SSF products and online resources.

Site Surveys: 10 conducted in calendar year 2018.

Reimbursement of Expenses and Contract Fees totaled \$ 13,597.33 of which
\$6,200 was contract / travel fees.

BC plans 12 Site Surveys in calendar year 2019 (approved at Houston 2018 meeting.)

2019 site surveys formally invited and booked: Florida, Utah

2019 survey requests: Oklahoma, Hobbs, NM, Albuquerque, Connecticut,
Blairstown, NJ, Richmond, Virginia.

96 Site Surveys in 32 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 certification, 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 2018.

Videos. Two produced in 2018.

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

Motion to approved by XX, XX seconded. Carries.

Approved reports to be transmitted by RR to SSF webmaster Brent Eigsti:
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Steve Dee: (*Unable to attend, no report.*)

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Trustee Reports, *continued*:

Tom Johnson:

4 SSF Safety Seminars planned in 2019.
SSF programs advertising in SOARING.
Postcards for FIRC's.
Mailing Postcards for Flight Time data. Clarify method for responses.
Offer written or e-mail responses.

Comments by SSF Advisors:

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, 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.

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?
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."

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Comments by SSF Advisors, *continued*:

Bernald Smith: Suggestion that the SSF could take 5% of investments to fund annual SSF activities (approximately \$20,000 per year.)
Ron Ridenour: Current SSF budget includes a draw of \$20,000.

Pat Costello: Q: Does the SSA have an e-mail list of membership?

PC suggestion. 4 times a year an e-mail to all SSA members that includes an attachment that promotes SSF programs.

BC: E-mail is likely a better communication channel than articles in Soaring but keep submitting articles to Soaring for the archive value.

Old Business:

RC: Bronze Badge Study Guide update completed with great effort led by Rich Carlson. Access updated guide at: <http://soaringsafety.org/learning/bronzebadge.html>

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, CFG's.

New Business:

Current Fatal Accident Situation.
7 fatal accidents, 11 fatalities in 2018.

Tom Johnson: Will look into joining the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee and advising the NTSB.
Consult with Steve Northcraft, SSA Government Liaison Chair.

Next SSF Trustees Meeting:

September 6, 2019 (Friday) with the SSA Directors meeting at Denver.

Adjourn: 7:21 PM. RR moved to adjourn, BC seconded. Carries.