

PASCO Meeting Minutes Dec. 14, 2009

PASCO Board Meeting Minutes 12/14/09

Board Members Present:

- Peter Deane
- Joel Klein
- Jim Wallis
- Bruce Roberts
- Ramy Yanetz
- Marc Ramsey
- Mike Mayo
- Hans Van Weersch

Regional Directors/Governors present/FAA Liason present

- Jay McDaniels

Completed Action Items:

- Ramy: Consider changes to Sawyer Award rules to better adhere to the award's original intent to encourage new up and coming cross country pilots.
Status: Pilots now ineligible if they've won it twice
- Mike: Look into Survey Monkey or other on-line approaches
Status: Done. Survey tools are better suited for large multiple choice surveys, won't use

Rollover Action Items:

- Hans: Find out how to get Bruce as a signatory, and get him bank material & info.
Status: In progress. Electronic paperwork has been submitted.
- Rob / Karol: Create promotion strategy for PASCO with ASI (to get ASI members to join and be involved in PASCO
Status: Karol has received list from Ty of Air Sailing members who are NOT PASCO members, update: JOEL TO WRITE A LETTER
- Mike: Create second draft of general membership survey (What do members want: from the seminars, outside of the seminars, annual meeting, safety content, annual presentation of awards, other topics?).
Status: In progress.
- FRED/Rolf: Put together straw man plan on how best to approach NORCAL regarding glider ops out of Byron & Hollister.
Status: Open.
- Bruce/Jim: Put together a proposal for a bare minimum PASCO board general insurance proposal (& D&O insurance?)
Status: In progress
- Jay: Check with SSA about upcoming contests (perhaps their website is out of date?) and report back.
Status: Open
- Hans: Begin producing financial statements in 'proper format'
Status: Open

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- Larry: Web postings of meeting minutes can be in pdf format, not HTML
Status: Open
- Larry: Look into google ad words
Status: Open
- Fred: Propose what SoarNV and PASCO's roles should be for the January 2012 SSA convention in Reno. Talk with SSA and get their packet and see what they need by way of local support. Start promoting in Westwind.
Status: In progress

New Action Items

- Hans: Find out about reducing the fees on the checking and money market accounts
- Joel: Get Hans info on your Wells Fargo business account with no fees
- Peter: Write wrap-up of his presidency and intro of Bruce as new president.
- Peter: Send out email blast for t-shirts and hats.
- Jim: Contact SSA to see if there's a way to get contact info for all glider pilots in region.
- Fred: Send Jay a copy of your letter of agreement to use as a template for his situation in Jean, NV.

1. Treasure's report:

- Hans: Banquet & Seminars: cost to PASCO about \$1750. Silverware cost as much as the food (there was some lost silverwear that we were charged for.)

2. Awards:

- It was unanimously decided to change the rules for the Sawyer Award to make pilots ineligible after they've won it twice, so as to better encourage new cross country pilots.

3. PASCO Director positions - Board profile for 2010:

Voting for board members for 2010 resulted in the following:

- Unanimous: Bruce Roberts as President.
- Unanimous: Mike Mayo as Vice President
- Unanimous: Hans Van Weersch as Treasurer
- Unanimous: Joel Klein as Secretary
- Other Positions:
 - Fred Lasor Safety
 - Jim Wallis Communications & WestWind Editor
 - Larry Roberts Communications & Website
 - Ramy Yanetz Awards
 - Joel Klein Promotions
 - Ty White Membership
 - Rolf Peterson FAA Liason
 - Rick Walters Competition

4. Membership:

- No update.
- Discussion: How many glider pilots are in the region, beyond the 800 SSA members? How can we reach them? The SSA may have this information.

5. Safety:

1. Crazy Creek update.

Fred: Crazy Creek Midair summary: ASW 27 towing in strong wind, released at 3,000 feet, heavy sink, both he and the tow plane entered opposing bases to land at the same time. NTSB said towplane was not radio equipped.

Discussion: We need to emphasize situational awareness--keeping your head on a swivel. Two aircraft turning opposite patterns simultaneously are banking such that neither has a good view of the other. Perhaps radio use could have helped. Need to continue to foster a culture of safety in the region.

2. Meeting with Reno TRACON.

Fred: Three new approaches to Reno were presented and discussed at TRACON meeting. They've moved the Mustang fix to a RNAV fix three miles North East of Mustang, to deconflict Mustang. Two northern and one southern approach. Shouldn't conflict with soaring. Do wish that the Northern approach didn't come right over Air Sailing. Was impressed that the FAA included all the stakeholders. Peter: Karol started this effort with TRACON 3 years ago. Thanks Karol!

3. FAASTeam

The FAA has asked Fred to be the the Reno area Glider FAASTeam Representative. This means that they will touch base with him to be glider community liaison, and have him set up meetings with stakeholders. This is great to get the glider community's input to the FAA.

6. Contest Updates

• Regionals and Nationals

Peter: Rick Walters is still in hospital, but is doing well. No nationals in this region this year. Williams may want to try a 2 weekend regional in the spring. Avenal is on for this year. Rick is trying to get regionals to be a bigger, better publicized event. Truckee is interested in putting on a regionals as well, though haven't heard anything about this recently. Crazy Creek had one last year, but they lost their only towplane in the accident.

7. Communications:

1. **Website** (monthly update) Peter: Larry says that he's looking for news & updates for between Westwind issues to go on Website.
2. **WestWind** (status) Jim: Spoke with Karol and is ready to go. Will dive in and start putting it together. Would like to shoot for more than two issues per year. Will do brief summary of meeting minutes to go in Westwind and point to the website for complete minutes.
Discussion: Perhaps we have a promotional issue that goes out to the greater region once or twice/year to spread awareness and build membership.

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8. Winch activities progress

- Marc: nothing new

10. SSA updates

- Jay: Has contacted Cindy Brickner who will get the Reno PASCO procedures in Soaring. His club in Jean is working with TRACON to get a xponder code for the area, wants to open it up to a larger contingent as well so it's not just their club. Reno 2012 convention speakers are booked--should be a nice convention. If you have any info to present to the SSA board, please get it to me by the end of the year.

11. New Business

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Next Meeting: Monday January 18th, 2010 at 7:00pm