

PASCO Board Meeting Minutes 5/17/2010

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Board Members Present:

- Bruce Roberts
- Joel Klein
- Jim Wallis
- Fred LaSor
- Hans Van Weersch
- Mike Mayo

Regional Directors/Governors present/FAA Liaison present

- Jay McDaniels

Completed Action Items:

- Bruce/Larry: AGM presentation should go on website in place of minutes for November 2009. Plus statement of the elections.
- Jim: Contact SSA to see if there's a way to get contact info for all glider pilots in region. Status: Open (Update: Jim: Spoke with Ty, who will contact SSA and get a current list. Perhaps send an extra 50 newsletters to SSA members who are not PASCO members. This will add just the cost of postage—20 or 30 dollars per issue. 800 SSA members in Region and 300 PASCO members.)
- Joel: Take photos of PASCO spiritwear and send to Larry for website and Jim for Westwind.
- Fred/Rolf: Put together straw man plan on how best to approach NORCAL regarding glider ops out of Byron & Hollister.
Status: Update: Fred approached Harlow Vorhees, who is willing to work as a liaison but not an advocate to avoid any conflict of interest with his responsibilities to the FAA—he will defer to FAA if any conflict arises. Harlow has met with NORCAL to broach with them the subject of making glider ops out of Hollister and Byron safer. However, Fred hasn't heard back on this yet. Fred will work as liaison on his side of the mountains.
- Bruce: Ask Peter about getting the original & PDF copies of the PASCO 501c3 documents. Forward the originals to the Secretary for safe-keeping.
Update: Jim has a PDF copy from Peter. Unknown if Hans or Peter has original. PDF copy should be fine for now, and Hans has a copy of the IRS recognition. If a need arises for an actual hard copy, we'll look into obtaining a new one then. Can also check with Peter again after Worlds are over.

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- Joel: Look into setting up page on Facebook for PASCO. Update: Has begun setup of page.
- Ramy: Write up changes to Sawyer Award for publication in West Wind. Status: Changes are detailed on website.

Rollover Action Items:

- Larry: Put PASCO spirit wear info up on the web site.
- Hans: Find out how to get Bruce as a signatory, and get him bank material & info. Status: In progress (They will meet some morning between 9 & 9:30.)
- Hans: Find out about reducing the fees on the checking & money market accounts. Status: In progress DO at same time as previous item.
- Bruce/Jim: Put together a proposal for a PASCO board insurance proposal. Status: In progress. Will put out summary this week.
- Bruce: Write an intro for yourself to the membership as new president, and send out with an email blast to promote sale of PASCO t-shirts and hats. Status: Open
- Bruce: Contact Darryl Ramm about getting his ADS-B presentation for the website. Status: Open – waiting on Darryl to finish his updates—he’s presenting again at the upcoming BASA meeting.
- Jim & Bruce: Determine how best to conduct upcoming elections. Make proposal to board. In process. Will do after insurance.
- Bruce & Mike: Work up draft of Member Survey: What do members want: from the seminars, outside of the seminars, annual meeting, safety content, annual presentation of awards, other topics? Iteration at next meeting.
- Joel & Jim: Come up with a proposal for new more basic awards, as opposed to cross country or competition activities. Such as taking people for rides, flying at multiple soaring sites, etc. Update: Jim will be checking at FBOs and clubs as he makes the rounds of Region 11 this summer.

New Action Items:

- Mike: Email Fred to see if Skype would be better for his call-in.
- Larry: Set up FTP site for Larry to load presentations from / to website

1. Banquet and Seminar Preparation:

- No update. Bruce: Was thinking that if we went to a hotel we wouldn’t need liquor insurance, but we may still need that even so. Mike: Please send

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suggestions for seminar and banquet speakers. Jim: Gerhard Waibel? He was great at SSA. Mike: SR 71 pilot? Bruce: Patriots formation flying team pilot, former Thunderbird pilot.

2. Treasure's report:

- Not much to report, no transactions in last month. Just received batch of checks from Ty (approx \$450), plus still needs to make payments for West Wind for Jim.

3. Membership:

- Jim: The current label list is 331, down by 16 from last mailing. Ty says he's constantly updating the list.

4. Communications – West Wind

- Jim: Next issue is at printer now.

5. Communications — Website:

- No update.

6. Safety

- Fred: During a ridge flight at Ridgesoaring in PA, someone got too low in an ASW 20 and went into trees, but walked out. Not hurt, but was found via PLB and SPOT. Locally at Air Sailing a 1-36 landed downwind and flew into a libelle trailer. Regarding Experimental Registered gliders, the Reno FSDO went through an internal audit, determined they need to tighten up on EXP cert gliders, so they're making the rounds and will want to see Letters of Operation when required by the glider's Airworthiness Certificate. Fred has a copy of what the letter is supposed to include. The FSDO nearest the owner's home address as opposed to where the glider is based is the one responsible. Jim will forward Cindy's letter to Fred to double check. (Airworthiness certificate would indicate that a program letter is required?)

7. Contest Updates

- Hollister League is currently on-going

8. Awards

- No update

9. FAA Airspace Liaison Report:

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10. Promotions

- Bruce & Jim at HMB. Most popular display in their area. Glider was a great point of interest.
- Static Displays:
Next at Palo Alto (Aug/Sept?); Livermore (Oct 2), and tentatively at California Capitol Airshow, Sacramento (Sept 11.) Jim will follow up on Sacto.
Still open on whether we attend: Wings Over Wine Country Santa Rosa (Aug 21, 22), Lake in the Sky South Lake Tahoe (Aug 28), Watsonville (Sept 4,5), Cal International Airshow (Oct 2,3).
- Facebook: Joel has started to set up a PASCO page on Facebook.

11. SSA updates

- Jay: Nationally, not much happening. He's written an article for Soaring about awards for July issue. Locally as the SSA representative he's been to the recent monthly meeting for Las Vegas airspace. TRACON very friendly and responsive for Jean's needs. Were able to move some lines in to give them an exit area for proposed new class Bravo airspace. Capped north of the field at 7 or 8,000' feet. Trying to get exit routes to mountains for long flights.

12. Winch Launch Update

- Bruce email from Mark: Currently negotiating purchase of a rebuilt operational winch from Black Forest Glider port, if that doesn't work will start building soon.

13. New Business

Bruce: On Friday June 11th we'll do a TRACON tour at Mather near Sacramento. Bruce has set this up as a test case for NCSA members, will then know how to do it for PASCO general membership.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM

Next Meeting: Monday June 14, 2010 at 7PM