

PASCO Board Minutes Mar. 22, 2011

PASCO Board Meeting Minutes 3/22/2011

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm

Board Members Present:

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

Regional Directors/Governors present/FAA Liaison present

- Jay McDaniels

Rollover Action Items:

- Hans: Find out how to get Bruce as a signatory, and get him bank material & info.
Status: Open
Update: Hans will check if it can be done by mail
- Hans: Find out about reducing the fees on the checking & money market accounts.
Status: In progress - DO at same time as previous item.
- Fred: Work with Jim to get started on goals & guidelines for new FAA Liaison, then will circulate out to board.
- Larry: Log-ins & passwords should be in multiple hands for all online PASCO resources, just in case. We should put together 'handover docs' with that info. (Peter Deane is administrator of Yahoo Region 11 group?)
- Larry: Work with Hans to get PASCO set up as 501c3 at web host
- Larry: Will check on suitability of google docs for our use.
- Bruce: Talk with NORCAL training people to see if there's a way to present glider ops info TO them when we come in for tours at NORCAL.

New Action Items:

- Bruce: Send cost breakdown for banquet at Hiller to board.
- Hans: Follow up on soaringnet.com bill with Brian Choate, and if anyone is still using that service.

1. Treasure's report:

- Hans: Not much to report. Sent out scans of bank statement to board. Has paid the scholarship to the applicant Connor Adams.

2. Membership:

- No update.

3. Communications – West Wind

- Jim: Plan going forward: Would like to scale back to 4 issues/year, but larger editions—go from 8 pages to 12 pages. Cost is about \$1,000 per issue, somewhat offset by about \$200/issue in advertising revenue. Total production cost for year estimated at about \$5K.
- Wants to supplement the West Wind with a blog-based newsletter on the PASCO site. Blog software will make it easier for multiple individuals to update the newsletter, so it all doesn't have to funnel through Larry.
- Motion approved to have Jim continue with his plans for the West Wind for this year.

4. Communications — Website:

- No update from Larry. Need to figure out what part of soaringnet.com needs to be maintained, and by whom. The PASCO website has been moved to a new host, but soaringnet.com still has some live content (forums?) and scheduling software. Brian Choate recently sent a bill to PASCO for this service—are we still using it?
- PASCO Board email list has been cleaned up. Did Larry take himself off of the list?

5. Safety

- Fred: There was a fatal accident in Colorado recently. An 82-year-old pilot crashed his Libelle after release from tow. Cause not yet known.
- The SoaringNV Wave Camp will be good for FAA Wings credits.
- Soar Minden has been closed by the Minden Airport.

6. Contest Updates

- No update.

7. Awards

- No update

8. FAA Airspace Liaison Report:

- Fred: Will check in with Rolf & Mark Montague.
Bruce: Perhaps both Rolf & Mark could do a joint visit to NORCAL to introduce Mark?
Fred: Excited to have the NORCAL front line manager coming to the first day of the SoaringNV wave camp.

9. Promotions

- **Facebook:**
Joel: Continuing to work on that. Everyone with a Facebook account should “Like” the Pacific Soaring Council page. Larry will add a Facebook “Like” button to the PASCO website.
- **Static Displays:**
None this year currently anticipated.
- **Collegiate Soaring:**
Jim: Given that we need to reach a younger demographic to ensure soaring into the future, proposes to start up a Collegiate Soaring Initiative. All of the soaring FBOs have at least one major campus within an hour’s drive. Examples: Minden – Univ Nevada Reno, Jean – Univ Nevada Las Vegas, Byron – UC Berkeley & Cal State East Bay, Hollister – UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State.
PASCO could help provide startup materials for collegiate soaring clubs. Many of them already have power flying clubs, so could ‘tag on’ to those perhaps. PASCO could set up some collegiate-oriented awards, provide speakers for meetings; help facilitate glider ground schools with local CFI-Gs.
Motion passed to have Jim explore this idea further.
- **Other Local Promotions:**
Fred: Had a meeting of a revived Minden Soaring Club and had over 40 people attend (after no activity in a couple of years). Very exciting interest!

10. SSA updates

- Jay: Nothing to report.

11. Winch Launch Update

- No update.

12. New Business

- For the next meeting we need to start discussing the upcoming election.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 19, 2011 at 8PM