

Pittsburgh Soaring Club Annual Meeting

March 20, 2010, Two Gateway Center, Conf. Room 425

10:20 President Les Dutka called the meeting to order

Members present:

Twenty three were present (21 members). One proxy was presented and approved. (Thirty eight total members.)

President's Report: Les Dutka

Flying season will begin April 3, 2007. Because of the unprecedented snows, Bandel access roads are in poor shape. Gravel will need to be applied. Bandel field is still our best alternative in spite of its physical condition. Connellsville, Greene County (Waynesburg) and Grove City were re-evaluated as possibilities for a new location for the club. No hangars are more of a problem than old hangars. PSC may have access to part of the new renter's hangar for bathroom facilities.

Last season was a busy one. Our website and chat group have recorded much of that activity and many milestones were published in the SSA magazine. Al Bennett received an award from SSA for badge activity.

PSC needs to begin thinking about future purchase of another 2 place glider, especially if membership continues to increase.

Secretary's Report: Linda Sue Boehmer

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were presented (by Mike Purton). Motion to accept by Al Bennett. Second by Bill Geiger. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave (A.) Boehmer

Written report submitted. Unpaid members at an all-time low.

The Club phone line was disconnected due to new phone company rules regarding businesses. Discussion of whether we need to have a land line was lively. Cell phones and GoogleVoice services were discussed. Tom Stepleton volunteered to look into that option and present it to the members. Mike moved to retain the land line for this year, Chris seconded.

There was discussion about usability of gas leftover from last season.

Steve moved to accept the report. Bill seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Maintenance Committee: Ken Strack

Leo Miltenberger is not renewing his A&E for next year, so we have time to consider how we will arrange for future inspections and repairs.

There was extensive discussion regarding whether a ¼" tow rope is OK, particularly as it ages and becomes worn. Safety meetings Frank H. reviewed did not address this. 2002 annual meeting addressed it – 5/16" was the decision then. Does anyone remember a tow rope break at Bandel? Only 1 in last 18 months (it was actually a "weak link" – always ¼") – no other memory. Ropes used to break all the time when the club was at Connellsville. Discussion ensued regarding strengths, weights and cost. Ropes are replaced whenever inspections indicate wear. Group agreed to order 5/16 and use 1/4 if new.

Les summarized maintenance activities from ship log books. Dan Cole moved. Tom Stepleton seconded. Motion carried.

Flight Safety: Al Bennett

The safety committee is composed of the President (ex officio), all of the instructors and maintenance committee head. Use written checklists. We had several safety meetings during the season (formal meeting July 25 facilitated by Dick Proch in the club hangar, portions of the cross country workshop weekend by Dan Cole) and 2 off season (Dec 10 @ Gateway Center featuring Tom Knauff and Jan 12 discussing Landing Safety). Les emphasized careful inspections: battery box security and bulkhead, especially on the Astir. Les has a copy of the inspection list that includes the recommended inspections. Bill Geiger moved to accept the report, Dan Cole seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Club Library volunteer is Mark Wilson. Inventory of club resources has begun. It will be on the WebSite, along with who has each item. Donations of books and DVDs will be accepted.

Tom Stepleton met the artist who lives in the "house thermal". Look for art visible from the sky.

Dan announced the Memorial Day festivities at New Castle.

Last year we discussed (and tabled) subsidizing recertification for the club instructors up to \$250.00 each. Les proposes discussing this again. Bill G. proposed that the board be authorized to reimburse instructor currency expenses up to \$250 per instructor per year at board discretion. Tom Stewart seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.

Dave A. Boehmer announced the Sweitzer Homecoming July 2 – 5 in Elmira.

ELECTION RESULTS:

PRESIDENT	Chris Meskow
VICE PRESIDENT	Joel Hough
TREASURER	DAVE A. BOEHMER by acclamation
SECRETARY	Linda Sue Boehmer

Director- At -Large: Steve Boehmer

Appointed: Lyle Chamberlain is the new Maintenance head.

Proposed dates:

Picnic = September 11

Annual Dinner = Feb 19

Annual Meeting = March 26

Welcome to 2 new members joining after the meeting: **Karl Schneider** and **Jim Rosenkranz!**