

1-26 Association Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 15, 2012 TSA, Midlothian, TX

Introduction and Welcome

1-26 Association Sec/Tr Bill Vickland called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM CDT and introduced the Central Division VP, Charles Shaw and Jo Shaw. Jo has been a valuable aid to Bill Vickland in conducting the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer. Association President, Eastern VP and Western VP were unable to attend. Approximately thirty members were in attendance.

Bob Hurni read the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes. They were approved as read.

Bill Vickland announced that the duties of the Sec/Tr have been streamlined by the combined efforts of Bill and President/webmaster Mike Havener. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer can now be performed by any member with a modicum of computer skills.

Current funds available for Association operation are about \$24,586, an increase of approximately \$2,000 from last year largely because of reduced number of *Newsletter* issues and savings from members who get issues from the Association website instead of mailed copies.

Current membership is 378, up from 348 at the start of the year. However, this difference is probably the result of renewal schedules which are greater in the first three months of the year. Membership seems to be stable over the past few years at about this current level.

Bob Spielman Grant Funds

Bob Spielman's generous donation to SSA on behalf of the Association was explained. Through the efforts of Phil Umphres, TSA member and legal advisor to SSA, SSA has provided grants from the Spielman funds to four first time competitors to cover entry fees for the 2012 1-26 Championships. Grants were provided to the following:

Junior Members:

Glenn Fisher from Blairstown, NJ.

Daniel Sazhin from Blairstown

Jacob Fairbairn from TSA

Senior Member:

Mel Donahoo from the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, MD.

Each said a few words of appreciation.

Old Business – Spielman Grant (Moved from original order)

Bill Vickland urged early promotion of the grants for 2013 for first time participants to the Championships and youth entrants. The Association should set a maximum amount allotted each year so as not to deplete funds too rapidly. Selection criteria should also be established. Early written requests should be sent to 1-26 Association President Mike Havener.

Additional Note; Since the 2012 annual meeting, SSA has acknowledged that additional tax free contributions can be made to the fund. However, Bob Spielman has requested that the fund name should not include his name. The Executive Board now needs to assign an appropriate name to the fund and to promote direct tax free contributions.

Division Activities

Ron Schwartz recapped the Eastern Division's recent events which included some really nice ridge flights but no new records. Daniel Sazhin earned both his 1-26 distance diamond and his diamond goal

this last April. Jason Arnold earned his altitude diamond this spring. Weekend regattas were conducted at Wurtsboro NY and Blairstown NJ.

Charles Shaw cited Central Division's Andrew Askwith's 1-26 Diamond Goal and Diamond distance flights in July, 2011. He commended increased 1-26 participation in Sweepstakes and OLC and hoped all members would advertise their 1-26 accomplishments to the soaring community as a whole. He hoped there would be more members volunteering to further promote 1-26 soaring, camaraderie and fun. The Association can use more volunteers, leaders, pushers and shovers.

Record Keeper, Ron Schwartz, acknowledged outstanding new records he has just approved for Kevin Ford. Jim Hard in Central Division has recently made distance flights from Minnesota in frigid spring conditions. Ron has several more record claims awaiting approval when he returns from the Championships. Members may request FREE Badge Certificates from Ron.

Bob Hurni recounted the Aguila Eagle Rendezvous 2012 event with eleven 1-26s attending, including superbly-restored #016 & #147. This is to be an annual event for the first weekend in May that follows Mother's Day. Bob also encourages 1-26 pilots to check with George Powell about its schedule and join the Skid Row gang for their events. He also encourages 1-26 pilots to participate in Vintage Sailplane activities.

Announcements

New member Wick Wilkinson was introduced. Wick is restoring three 1-26s and is looking for more. Additional Note: Wick is hoping to restore four 1-26s in time for the 1-26 Championships at Moriarty, bringing three more pilots from the Memphis Soaring Club. Since the Annual meeting, Wick has purchase his fourth, the salvaged C model #259, from Ken Miller in Birmingham Alabama

Bill Vickland opened the floor for general comments. Kevin Anderson told how he became hooked on 1-26s; and Jacob Larsen told of his impressions crewing for his grandmother, Cathy Williams. Joan Moos announced that her newly published book of poems acknowledges the 1-26 Association. She is the author of "To Soar."

National Soaring Museum – Schweizer Gallery.

Bill Vickland recapped the ongoing project to inaugurate an interactive video monitor with clips of 1-26 activities. This has been funded and just needs input! Help Bill out with suggestions you can implement!

New Business –Use of Unapproved Data Loggers for 1-26 regional records.

Informal discussions conducted by pilots during the contest questioned the requirement that 1-26 regional records must be recorded by FAI approved data loggers. Therefore, the issue was presented and discussion was conducted at the annual meeting that included the following pro and con arguments:

-In favor:

The requirement simplifies the process for including the flights in state and national records.

-Opposed:

1. The requirement discourages youth and others who may not own the expensive data loggers.
2. If the pilot seeks only to obtain a 1-26 Association record, he/she should not be required to use an expensive logger.
3. The 1-26 Association does not require the use of FAI loggers for our competition, so why do we require it for regional records.

A vote was taken to determine the sense of the membership. Fourteen members voted in favor of allowing non FAI approved data loggers for 1-26 regional records. Four voted to retain the requirement to use only FAI approved data loggers for 1-26 regional records.

2013 Championships at Moriarty

Scheduled Wed, Aug. 28 thru Wed., Sept. 4 This includes the Labor Day Weekend.

Pete Vredenburg presented Albuquerque Soaring's proposal, pointing out the excellent soaring conditions expected this time of year and new improvements to the Moriarty airport. Bob Hudson hopes to attract at least 25 1-26s. He plans to promote the event and indicated that it will be an all-out endeavor on ASA's part. Pete also discussed that realistic depiction of the Estancia Valley on Condor is in the works so that pilots may view the terrain in preparation for the contest.

Pete hoped for support from the Association for promotion and advertising. Bill Vickland suggested that the 1-26 Association should assist Bob Hudson in advertising and promoting the event.

Some members expressed disappointment that the proposed dates will preclude members with conflicts with the opening of schools. Members with jobs in school systems in some parts of the country and youth participation may be affected.

2013 Officer Nominations

Bill Vickland indicated that he would accept the nomination to continue as **Sec/Tr** for only one more year

Additional Note; A member should step forward now to accept the nomination next year. The system is greatly simplified with the Quicken accounting system, and anyone with a computer can easily do the job. It will come with a complete set of instructions. With the support of Jo Shaw writing letters to renewals, the job requires about one hour per week.

Wick Wilkinson accepted the nomination for **Eastern Division VP**, nominated by Cathy Williams.

Charles Shaw accepted the nomination for **Central Division VP**, nominated by Pete Vredenburg.

There were no nominations for **Western Division VP**. Additional Note: Del Blomquist was contacted and nominated by Bill Vickland. He has agreed to continue as Western VP, if elected.

Mike Havener accepted **Jo Shaw's** nomination for 2013 Presidency.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted 7/28/2012:

Original Draft by Jo Shaw

Edited, changes and additional Notes by Bill Vickland