

1-26 Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2013; Moriarty, NM

Bill Vickland, 1-26 Association Secretary/Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM MDT. All three regional vice-presidents and approximately thirty members were in attendance which was less than the required 50 to constitute a quorum.

The reading of the 2012 minutes of the 1-26 Association annual meeting at Midlothian, TX, was dispensed with because they had been published on the Association's Web site.

Bill Vickland and Bob Hurni gave the financial accounting. Trust fund contains \$55,478.11. The Marion Cruce Educational Fund contains \$6,115.52. The current operating funds available for normal operation expenses include \$29,771. This is an increase from 2012 by about \$3,000, and is primarily the result of the reduced number of *Newsletter* issues this year; as well as the savings from 121 members (32%) who get the *Newsletter* from the Association website rather than mailed copies. Bill Vickland noted that the current financial status of the Association eliminates the need to increase the \$15 regular membership fee at this time. Appreciation was expressed to the 80 Sustaining members who make this possible.

Current membership is 375, down slightly from 378 last year at this time.

Bill Vickland encouraged members to download the *Newsletter*, instead of receiving a mailed copy. The web version is in full color, and the Association appreciates the savings.

Bill Vickland introduced the featured entertainment "**Casey at the Nats**" a very clever and entertaining poem written and narrated by Anthony (Tony) Burton (The Bald Eagle). Tony also edits a Canadian soaring newsletter. Tony was a 13.5 Meter contest competitor.

A discussion ensued concerning the need for a special award of thanks to Dr. Tom Pressley for his help in scoring the 1-26 Championships for more than 13 years. Attendees recommended that the Executive Board prepare and present a suitable award as soon as possible. While the Association's dependence on Dr. Pressley is greatly appreciated, the Association needs to develop the scoring skills from within, in order to ensure that we are able to continue to conduct great competition events. The Championships have had significant scoring problems for the past two years where Dr. Pressley was unavailable to do the scoring.

Bill Vickland announced that the **2014 1-26 Championships** are scheduled to be held at Caesar Creek Soaring Club beginning on Friday, June 13, 2014. Several pilots requested that future Championship commitments adhere to the traditional beginning on a Wednesday with practice days on Monday and Tuesday. The Friday start day was unavoidable at CCSC for the 2014 Championships because it is to be held in conjunction

with a Regional Sports Class contest. Fifteen of the pilots present showed hands that they plan to attend. Four junior pilots also hope to attend, according to Daniel Sazhin.

Charles Shaw made an appeal for pilots to send all qualifying flights to the **SWEEPSTAKES**, as well as to OLC. There have been **1-26 SWEEPSTAKES** since 1970, well before the OLC.

A discussion followed concerning in-flight task changes followed. Final consensus seemed to be to leave them as the currently are: allowed for safety reasons. (Rules Committee Chairman comment: “Actually, the CD can currently change the task after launch within the current rules. We should council the CD not to change the task except under serious weather or other safety reasons. “)

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the issue of retiring the perpetual “traveling” trophies to the National Soaring Museum, to be replaced by appropriate keeper trophies. Arguments for and against are as follows:

For retiring the traveling trophies:

1. The trophies would represent a significant loss if stolen or damaged. Some are irreplaceable. The Cruce Trophy is too valuable to afford insurance either by the winner or the Association..
2. The principle objection comes from pilots who would like to have the trophy long enough to be displayed with the names of previous winners. This objection might be overcome with the design of a plaque to be awarded with the keeper trophy which displays the names of all prior winners.
3. Providing appropriate permanent trophies would eliminate the burden, expense, and hassle of shipping the trophies to next contest.
4. The current trophies would be displayed in the Schweizer Gallery of the NSM in sealed cases adjacent to 1-26 #700. The display also currently includes plaques identifying the winners of the Marian Cruce trophy, Winners of the Clayborn Trophy, and 1-26 pilots who have achieved all three diamonds in a 1-26.

Against retiring the trophies:

1. Greater prestige is displayed with a traveling trophy which contains the names of all former winners. Tradition is extremely important. We need to continue our unique culture.
2. Incentive to compete in the Championships might be reduced.
3. The trophies provide the joy and pride of one year’s display and care- takership.

5. Concern that the National Soaring Museum would not keep the silver polished.

Division Activity Reports

Eastern Vice-President's report by Wick Wilkinson: Wick has traveled extensively this year, visiting soaring sites across the USA, and will continue to get to know his constituents, promoting increased memberships, competitors (especially youth) and competitions. Special emphasis needs to be focused on clubs promoting upgrading and use of club 1-26s for cross-country experience. He personally has and is restoring a significant number of "unloved and neglected" 1-26s – the quintessential American glider.

Central VP, Charles Shaw, noted it was hard to get together with other Central 1-26ers because Central region has the fewest, with the farthest distances between them. Weather this year has not been characteristically great for distance thermal flights.

Western VP, Del Blomquist, explained the name of the "Skid Row Gang.." Approximately ten 1-26s are tied down at Warner Springs with their skids all in a row, hence "Skid row".. He enumerated three or four safaris that the club conducts each year. This year's outstanding safari flight of 410 miles was made by Garry Dixon.

Bob Hurni recalled this year's Aguila (Arizona) 1-26 **Eagle Rendezvous**, with 10 unusually nice 1-26s participating the first weekend after Mother's Day. It is an annual 1-26 event held in excellent soaring weather in a valley with great landing places. Plan to attend next year!

Goal Strike has reserved the Parowan (Utah) airport exclusively for 1-26s on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Come earlier and stay later.

Record Keeper, Ron Schwartz gave an impressive report of 20 new 1-26 records approved during the last year. Heading the list were seven earned by Daniel Sazhin in one flight. Daniel and #563 also won two days in the Regional Sports Class contest at Mifflen.

Bill Vickland explained **The Spielman Grant** to SSA which is intended to promote the 1-26 Association goals. Almost \$9000 is available to promote 1-26 flying. These funds have very few, if any, restrictions imposed by Bob Spielman, the donor. Members can make proposals to the Executive Board of the 1-26 Association for use of these funds to promote the goals of the 1-26 Association.

Nominations

Bill Vickland opened the floor for 2014 Officer Nominations. He noted that additional nominations can be made by email to the Secretary/Treasurer any time before October 1, 2013.

Irn Jousma accepted the nomination **for President**, nominated by Jo Shaw. (Irn subsequently notified the Secretary Treasurer that he was declining the nomination)

Wick Wilkinson accepted the nomination for **President**, nominated by Bob Hurni.

Ridge Moreland accepted the nomination for **Eastern Division VP**, nominated by Wick Wilkinson.

Cathy Williams accepted the nomination for **Central Division VP**, nominated by Charles Shaw.

Tony Condon accepted the nomination for **Central Division VP**, nominated by Pete Vredenberg, by email on October 1, 2013.

Del Blomquist accepted the renomination for **Western Division VP**.

Wayne Walker accepted the nomination for **Secretary-Treasurer**, nominated by Bill Vickland.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Vickland
Secretary Treasurer 1-26 Association
Original Draft prepared by Jo Shaw
Acting Secretary
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