

1-26 Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 3th, 2016; Moriarty, NM

Wick Wilkinson, 1-26 Association President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM MDT. All three regional vice-presidents and approximately twenty members were in attendance which was less than the required 50 to constitute a quorum.

The reading of the 2015 minutes of the 1-26 Association annual meeting at Minden, NV, was dispensed with because they had been published on the Association's Web site.

Wayne Walker and Bob Hurni gave the financial accounting. Trust fund contains \$55,478 (reported at original cost). The Marion Cruce Educational Fund contains \$6,115. The current operating funds available for normal operation expenses is \$19,611. This is a decrease from 2015 by about \$1,815, and is primarily due to the purchase of the Pelican Cases for Trophies. Appreciation was expressed to the Sustaining members who make this possible.

Current membership is 338, down from 360 last year at this time.

Wick 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.

Wick thanked our volunteer staff of Irn Josma, Kristen Farry, Jay Murphy, and especially Tom Pressley for his continued efforts of scoring the 1-26 Championships, and for his future efforts of scoring our Champs.

Vice Presidents Reports; Dan Ernst reports he has been visiting clubs in the East Division talking up the 1-26 Association to them, Ridge Moreland reported on the Central Division he is new to the area and making contacts with 1-26 owners and clubs that have 1-26 available for pilots, Gary Swift reported on the West Division that he was getting to know his area as he has returned to soaring after a long hiatus, he is also the **Newsletter Editor** and reports that the regular mail delivery time is about one month vs. the online is available the next day after uploading it the web site, a strong incentive to do online Newsletter delivery.

Merchandizing Manager Jay Murphy reports he is selling all the old shirts in inventory at \$10/ea. And is working on having online ordering of custom printed shirts and other merchandize available in the future.

Record Keeper, Ron Schwartz gave a report on the 628 mile flight of Daniel Sazhin, it is a world's first 750km Diplome for any 1-26 in the world! Many congratulations a 'Atta Boy's' to Daniel from all around.

President's Report: Wick Wilkinson reports: Most everything I have set out to accomplish has been done or is in progress of getting done. Sweepstakes trophies

upgraded back to actual trophies, we are well underway with the repackaging of our valuable traveling trophies. An excellent redo of our booth for the SSA convention, both an updated logo and signage behind our booth and logo'd tablecloth for the 10-foot display table. I have used our free advertising in Soaring magazine to some effect, informing 1-26r's and the rest of the soaring world about our activities.

My biggest push was to increase the participation in the Championships by younger and newer pilots. It has been totally unsuccessful. We can't even BUY participation. We will continue to try, however and a new approach involving Clubs and commercial operations that have and use 1-26s is underway thanks to Ridge & Kristen. We need to engage these pilots who do not own 1-26s, but fly them in a club or commercial environment. That and get them in as new members.

My next project, currently being finalized is a survey of our membership. The survey will be both electronic and in paper form to those that receive paper copies of the Newsletter. Considering I was elected by some 30 votes last year, I really don't expect a large number of our members to respond to the survey. However, it would be nice to know what our membership does with their 1-26's and how their ships are doing airworthiness wise. In addition, a purge of the active membership list will be accomplished. Currently our records show only 84 regular members and 54 sustaining members. The rest are in the Life category or complementary. A total of 338 are shown in the Members Only part of our website. That means we have shrunk to a critical level of participation by owners of 1-26's. Membership and gaining new members will be the focus of the board's activities for the rest of this year and into the future. Bill Vickland reported here in Moriarty in 2013 that membership was 375 down slightly from 378 as of 2012 it is now down by 40 more. So, you can see where this has been going on over time. Bottom line is we need more members to stay viable.

PayPal is working just fine and is the least fuss way of renewing on-line. New artwork looks great and new merchandizing will soon be available to the membership.

Old Business; Update to the Log will be accomplished by Ken Ekman as promised after the Champs and will get our updatable Log current again. Per Ardua was previously awarded to Daniel Sazhin at the 1-26 luncheon in Greenville at the SSA Convention. The 1-26 Tax Deductible Foundation is approved and we are now ready to accept donations and start the groundwork of a new Logo, website and staffing.

New Business; The 2017 Championships will be at TSA in Texas. Tom Barkow and Neil spoke briefly about the plans for the 2017 Champ, and asked what start date would the competitors prefer, it was quickly decided that July 18-27 would be the best choice.

Nominations

Wick Wilkinson opened the floor for 2017 Officer Nominations. He noted that additional nominations can be made by mail/email to the Secretary/Treasurer any time before October 1, 2016

Dan Ernst accepted the nomination for **President**.
Gus Johnson accepted the nomination for **Eastern Division VP**.
Ridge Moreland accepted the nomination for **Central Division VP**.
Gary Swift accepted the nomination for **Western Division VP**.
Wayne Walker accepted the nomination for **Secretary-Treasurer**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Walker
Secretary Treasurer 1-26 Association