

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the 1-26 Association

The meeting was held at the Texas Soaring Association Club House at Midlothian, TX and called to order at 5:15 CDT by President Dan Ernst. Present were the Sec/Treas Wayne Walker, Central VP Ridge Moreland and 19 members of the 1-26 Association.

Opening remarks by Dan;

A Big Thank You to TSA, and its supporting members, especially Tom Barkow, Neil Palmquist, and Miriam Palmquist for the hosting the excellent 1-26 Championships and dinners for the pilots & crews.

Dan recognized Gary Swift for his service as Western VP in addition to being the 1-26 Newsletter editor. Gary is stepping down as Western VP and will continue to do his wonderful job as our editor.

The financial report was given by Wayne Walker, here restated due to classification errors.

At 1/1/2017 we had a balance of \$17,924 in our cash operating account.

Cash inflows were \$1,362, regular dues \$430, Sustaining dues \$240, Merchandise \$192, and a donation of \$500.

Expenses were \$1,531, newsletter \$1,257 as the major expense.

At 6/30/2017 we had a balance of \$17,755, a net decrease of \$169 for the first 6 months.

Wayne also presented the membership totals as follows;

On July 3, 2016, we had 338 dues paying members.

January 1, 2017, we had 333 members.

On July 24, 2017, we have ONLY 305 members! A net LOSS of 38 members in one year.

Wayne pointed out that at this rate the 1-26 Association will have no members in ten years if this trend continuous and that as we have a large number of members over 60 years of age, approx. 141, and only 164 less than 60 years old!

This trend must be reversed or we will not be a viable club in 7-8 years!

Dan announced the Per Ardua Award to Harry and Mary Baldwin for their lifetime of support to the 1-26 Association. Wick Wilkinson showed the beautifully engraved full-sized wall plaque that will be awarded to Harry & Mary in San Diego next month at the Skid Row Luncheon.

Dan opened nominations for the Executive Board.

Gus Johnson for East VP by Wick Wilkinson  
Ridge Moreland for Central VP  
Pete Donath for West VP by Wayne Walker  
Wick Wilkinson for President by Dan Ernst

Nominations will be open until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 via mail to the Sec/Treas.

### **Open Floor to Association Members for Discussion and Proposals**

Wayne Walker; We need to start using a meaningful "Member Exit Survey" to be done by the divisional VPs that has both Yes & No questions (Have you felt the 1-26 Association has made your ownership of a 1-26 better? etc, as well as Open Ended questions (What would you like to see the 1-26 Assoc. do for members?).

Wayne proposed that the By-Laws, Article IX.C, Quorum, be changed from "50 members" to "members present at the Annual meeting." This will recognize the fact that we regularly have less than 50 members present at our annual meeting.

Wayne reported that the LXNAV "Nano" group buy was a success with participants saving at least \$20 on the purchase of any Nano product. Tom Pressley volunteered to see if we could do a similar buy from Cumulus Soaring for NavITer Oudies. Contact Tom if you are interested in purchasing any of the NavITer Products at a discount.

Wayne also asked for volunteers to be Trustees for the newly formed Tax Deductible 1-26 Foundation. Bill Knoll has volunteered to be a trustee, and we should have at least two more outside members to make investment and funding decisions for the Foundation. Please contact Dan or Wayne if you'd like to be a Trustee.

Kirsten Farry asked if the Webmaster could give her the names & contact data for members that have joined by year of joining, and the names of non-renewing members by year.

The meeting was recessed at 6 for an excellent catered BBQ dinner hosted by the TSA and then re-convened at 6:45.

Bill Vickland requested that the Spiffy Award be made available to any 1-26 that was "Present" at the Championships vs. "Entered" the Championships. Consensus is that the Rules Committee should do so at their next meeting.

Bill and others recommended that our annual 1-26 championships should be made into a concurrent "Fly-In, Badge Camp, and /or Cross-Country Camp", or all of these at the same time in order to provide a meaningful experience for 1-26 pilots and have the greatest attendance as possible. The object is to offer a variety of activities to any 1-26 pilot that would like to spend anywhere from a few days to two weeks Learning, Practicing, and enjoying the camaraderie of a 1-26 gathering.

It was also proposed that the division VPs sponsor/organize a 1-26 Fly-In at least once a year in their division so that members can also Learn, Practice, and enjoy the camaraderie of a 1-26 gathering for a weekend or longer.

There was a discussion of “Retiring” the traveling perpetual trophies and replacing them with “Keepers”. After much discussion Bill withdrew his proposal.

Wick announce that the 2018 1-26 Championships will be held at the VSA home field at Lawrenceville, ILL starting after Father’s Day, June 17<sup>th</sup> or the week after. Please contact Wick on your choice of dates. VSA has their annual Fly-In/Contest during the week preceding Father’s Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Walker  
Sec/Treas 1-26 Association