



RPA DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2010

BOD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| - Mark Davis, National Director | - Ron Morrell, NW Region Director |
| - Darrell Gary, President | - Scott McMillan, SC Region Director |
| - Ron Lee, Treasurer | - Shane Golden, SE Region Director |
| - Gordon Witter, SW Region Director | - Steve Dalton, NE Region Director |

BOD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

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| - Jim Goolsby, National Director | - David McGirt, Vice President |
| - Hal Morley, National Director | - David Mills, NC Region Director |

Meeting began at 4:02 PM.

While we awaited all the participants to join the conference call, we were updated on Terry Slawinski's condition after sustaining injuries from a prop strike. Ski sustained lacerations on his thigh and leg, which required surgery, and a few broken ribs. Everyone wished him a speedy recovery.

RPA Officer Elections

Scott McMillan inquired about the upcoming RPA Officer elections, which Darrell responded to by giving a general overview of the election process:

- Membership was notified and encouraged on several occasions since last November to submit nominations for candidates.
- Nominations are scheduled to close on June 25th.

- In accordance with the bylaws, there is a 4-member nominating committee which will review the candidates qualifications and make recommendations to the current RPA Board of Directors.
- Candidates are as follows:
 - Terry “Ski” Slawinski for President
 - Scott “KONG” McMillan for Vice President
 - Dave “Goatboy” Jester for Secretary – background as an attorney will help with the business side of the organization.
 - Ron “LW” Lee has graciously offered to serve another term as Treasurer.
- With only one candidate for each office, not much for the current BOD to vote on except to approve the nominated candidates.
- Expect election of the new officers to occur during the first week of July.
- Passing of the torch to the new leadership was scheduled to occur at the Pig Roast at the RPA event at Oshkosh AirVenture, but Ski’s injury may preclude this.

Treasurer’s Report

Ron Lee gave the Treasurer’s report by stating:

- he had provided the BOD with the current financial statements via e-mail last week.
- the RPA had approximately \$25,000 in the bank.
- RPA events are being run well by the organizers and, except for All Red Star, expenses for recent events had been reconciled.

Steve Dalton mentioned the NE region is having an event this upcoming weekend, which is affiliated with an Airport Day and will have a “chicken drop” similar to the “pumpkin drop”. He was able to obtain \$100 contributions for the event from 10 local businesses. He will send the checks to Ron Lee.

Darrell mentioned events usually have donations from sponsors and, along with prepaids in the RPA Store, any funds accumulated are earmarked and used specifically for that event and region. Any leftover monies are held over to be used for that event the following year or for any upcoming events in that region. He added that event prepaids are encouraged to ensure that people who register for events actually show up and to make sure the funds collected are sufficient to cover all event expenses. If the event doesn’t take place due to weather, etc., the money can be refunded or held until the event is ultimately rescheduled.

Instructor Pilots Program

Darrell segued to the updated Instructor Pilots (IP) Program and gave Gordon Witter the floor. Gordon stated:

- the last time the BOD convened, he and the Check Pilots were empowered to update the IP program to re-establish the criteria for the Check Pilot designation and update the list of Check Pilots on the database.
- The updated program and list have been uploaded onto the RPA website and will also be detailed in the upcoming issue of Red Alert.
- RPA is the only signatory using IP designation and RPA clinics are starting to attract interest in our program. Attendees at NWOC showed interest in our designated IP program and recognize it is a good program.
- Having the updated IP available on the website list is a good resource for event organizers.
- There was motion to approve the new IP program and list, which received “ayes” from all present BOD members.

Interest from Foreign Entities

Darrell stated there has been continued interest in what the RPA has accomplished from entities abroad. Darrell thinks it is a good idea to increase membership and grow the organization with the caveat that any foreign affiliate established would need to:

- Designate a leader.
- Establish a minimum critical mass of membership.
- Agree to use the RPA name, manuals, etc. only as the BOD sets forth and not for commercial purposes.
- Agree to be bound by the RPA bylaws and mission statement. All parties would execute a MOU or similar document.

He has been contacted by some Australian members about creating an RPA affiliate and this group has been in contact with CASA (similar to our FAA) to establish themselves as a flying club. They will be back in touch with Darrell once they have received approval.

There has also been a request from Dr. Hans Seeholzer (a current RPA member in Germany) to create an affiliate with 50 or so Yak pilots to be known as the Yakrotte (Yak Squadron). As a member, Dr. Seeholzer has access to the RPA formation manuals and all the info on the website, but he has been instructed not to use the RPA name or items for commercial purposes.

Scott McMillan stated that he and Mark Davis spoke about this topic. They feel that the RPA has done a great job with building itself as an organization and that we shouldn't keep it to ourselves. If there is interest in the RPA and its program, we should share it so long as we protect the organization from being used for commercial purposes.

Darrell concurred and stated he believed these groups are just flying clubs and have interest in joining/becoming a part of a more formal organization. He would like to see the RPA continue to expand. The mission statement initially precluded non-Eastern bloc aircraft from

membership, but a few years ago, the BOD decided to expand membership to other Warbird-type aircraft.

The present BOD members showed affirmative interest in opening up the RPA to these potential affiliates. Darrell thinks we should continue the conversation with these foreign entities with the following action items:

- Await response from Australian group.
- Darrell to send a letter (in German) responding to Dr. Seeholzer.
- BOD to contemplate:
 - how do we respond to requests to become an RPA affiliate?
 - how do we relate to and incorporate these foreign affiliates within the RPA?
 - how much responsibility are we willing to assume for these foreign entities?

Red Alert Magazine

Mike Love, the Red Alert editor, has had the flu, but the upcoming Red Alert issue should be at the printer shortly.

Although the magazine is a major expense in the annual RPA budget, it continues to be a big draw and suggestions to provide the magazine online instead of a hardcopy (in an effort to cut down on costs) have not been received well.

We hope to increase circulation in an effort to increase sponsorships. Windstar/Nexus and Cannon Aviation continue to provide annual sponsorship, but we need to target other companies like Advanced Flight Systems, Hooker Harness, etc.

Membership

Currently have 436 RPA members, but want to continue to grow membership. With increased numbers comes a stronger voice within the Warbird community and the ability to attract more sponsors to help subsidize and grow events and the organization.

FAST Cards

There are approximately 155 RPA members that are FAST rated. We are required to send FAST a \$5 fee for every FAST card issued and costs associated with printing plastic membership/FAST cards are high (\$1,800). The suggestion to issue paper cards has not been received well in the past. To cover costs, Darrell motioned to implement an additional charge of \$15 for those members that require a FAST card.

Scott McMillan suggested a 2-year program for the cards with an annual renewal sticker.

Shane Golden suggested removing the expiration date from the membership cards, but thought this may not be a viable option. Shane stated that when the organization first began issuing membership cards there were only about 60 members and issuing cards was not as difficult. As membership grew, the administrative aspect of issuing cards annually in an efficient and timely manner became more difficult, especially when members did not renew prior to the deadline.

After Darrell's motion to charge FAST-rated members the additional \$15 was carried, he decided to retract his motion and stated he wanted to speak to Mark Weidhaas, the current RPA FAST Officer, to see if there was a better and more cost effective way to issue membership/FAST cards. He will report back to the BOD once he's had a chance to speak to Mark.

No other matters were brought up by the BOD prior to the conclusion of the meeting, except that Steve Dalton wanted to thank Darrell for his service as the RPA President. Ron Morrell concurred and added that he would take Darrell out for drinks the next time Darrell was in the NW region.

Meeting concluded approximately 4:50 PM.
Minutes taken by Geri Stewart