

S. S. A. Executive News

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Soaring Society of America was held at the house of Mrs. Warren Eaton at Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Massachusetts, Saturday, August seventh at 8:50 p.m. Present were Richard C. duPont, Karl O. Lange, Arthur L. Lawrence, Mrs. Warren E. Eaton and Lewin B. Barringer.

The principal purpose of the meeting was to decide two important points which were discussed at length and voted on as follows:

1. The S.S.A. Representation on the Board of six members of the corporation formed to conduct the 1938 National Soaring Contest: Richard C. duPont, Mrs. Warren Eaton, Karl O. Lange.
2. What the S.S.A. wishes to ask from the corporation:
 - a. Establishment of a school. (This was outlined in some detail by Mr. Lawrence and his plan will be published in a future issue when it has been approved in its final form.)

A meeting of the new corporation was planned at Elmira on August twenty-fifth. As this date is after this issue goes to press, the news of what took place will be contained in the October issue.

A HIGHER LICENSE

It has been suggested that a new soaring license, which might carry the title of "Master Soaring Pilot" be instituted by the ISTUS as a new goal for many of those pilots, now numbering well over 300, who have already won the highest award now in existence. Our own idea of a set of qualifications for such a rating is as follows:

1. Certified minimum soaring time of 50 hours.
2. Silver C certificate.
3. Distance of 150 km. (93.7 miles).
4. Altitude of 2000 m. (6560 feet).

In our opinion there is no need to step up the qualification for duration beyond that of five hours required by the Silver C as this type of soaring proves nothing more valuable than the pilot's physical endurance and the constancy of the wind. Of the four, the last requirement will probably prove the most difficult to attain as it will, in all probability, involve cloud flying by instruments.

SUGGESTED BY-LAWS FOR GLIDING AND SOARING CLUBS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: These are the By-Laws of the Wings Soaring Club and were drawn up by a prominent attorney who is also an active pilot. So far they have satisfactorily covered the club's activities and are herewith reproduced as a working basis for clubs now forming or about to be formed. With small changes, such as the amount of initiation fees and dues, they can be made to fit almost any similar organization.)

ARTICLE I.

Name and Principal Office

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be-----

SECTION 2. The principal office of this Club shall be-----, or such other place in the City of ----- as the Board of Directors may designate.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Club shall be to instruct members and the public in the art of motorless flight and to

construct, own, maintain, buy, sell and lease gliders, sailplanes and flight maintenance equipment used in connection with them; and to conduct and participate in national and regional flight contests; and to own, lease or provide Club premises and a social gathering place for the Club; and to conduct all the transactions necessary and incidental to the foregoing, but not for profit.

ARTICLE III.

Membership

SECTION 1. CHARTER MEMBERSHIP. The fifteen persons signing the original By-Laws in the space provided for the signatures shall be the Charter Members.

SECTION 2. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. All persons ~~previously~~ ^{being the owner of a glider or sailplane} members, holding B License or licenses of higher grades, shall be Active Members.

SECTION 3. PATRON MEMBERSHIP. All persons not currently members, who make a substantial contribution to the general funds of the Club are thereafter, at any subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, eligible by election of the Board of Directors to Patron Membership, which they shall retain until the end of the next annual meeting of the Club. Thereafter their membership shall terminate unless they are re-elected by the newly appointed Board of Directors for a period up to the close of the next annual meeting, and so on from year to year.

SECTION 4. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP. All persons, including patrons and members, are eligible to election to student membership by a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. Any member may be expelled or suspended by a vote of eighty per cent (80%) of the members of the Club at a proper meeting of the Club, or by a vote of at least eighty per cent (80%) of the Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors, providing the expulsion or suspension is for cause, including inter alia non-payment of any membership charge, or activities prejudicial to the Club. Expulsion or suspension will take effect as of the date of the receipt by the member of notice of expulsion or suspension, and such expelled or suspended member shall be entitled to the payment of a sum equal to such portion of his dues or assessments for the current year as shall be represented by the then unexpired portion of said current year, calculated to the last possible date of the following annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Members' Charges

SECTION 1. INITIATION FEE. Every charter and ~~student~~ ^{student} member before qualifying shall pay an initiation fee of \$-----

SECTION 2. DUES. All members, except patrons, shall pay annual dues which shall be due and payable at the time of the annual meeting each year in the sum of -----Dollars (\$). Dues are payable prior to the first annual meeting subsequent to that year in which the member has paid the initiation fee.

SECTION 3. ASSESSMENT. In the event that the Board of Directors deems the raising of additional funds necessary, it shall call a meeting of the Club and shall recommend to the meeting the total sum to be raised. The Club shall then elect whether or not such sum or any sum shall be assessed, and after fixing such sum, if any, each member, except patrons, shall be assessed an equal share of such total sum. Any member failing to pay such share in full prior to the next annual meeting shall be automatically dropped from membership.

ARTICLE V.

Officers and Board

SECTION 1. The Officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer chosen by the Club by election at the organization meeting originally and thereafter at each annual meeting from amongst the active and charter members of the Club, any of whom shall be eligible for election, and who shall serve from the time of their election until the next annual