

SSA Executive News

1940 ANNUAL MEETING —THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC., January 27-28, Hotel Breslin, New York

The first session of the Annual Meeting opened at 2:00 p. m. with Charles Gale as acting Chairman.

The business of the meeting revolved around the major problems confronting the Soaring Society. They are: 1. future connections with the NAA; 2. increasing revenues, a—through increasing membership, b—other means; 3. what to do about the magazine and the business of the central office; 4. what can The Soaring Society do to increase activity and aid present and prospective soaring pilots—what shall be the policies and the objectives for the coming year.

Mr. Gale spoke in favor of a closer tie-up with the N A A. Paul Schweizer discussed ways and means of increasing the membership through getting people interested and anxious to join and enlisting the assistance of regional groups in membership drives. Henry Wightman stated that the revenue from memberships, if applied entirely to the expenses of the magazine, made it almost self-supporting. It was proposed that regional groups handle many of the promotional details in connection with membership and the other activities of the central office.

Robert McDowell offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to study a membership drive, which was accepted. Robert Stanley was appointed chairman, with Don Hamilton, Paul Schweizer, Henry Wightman, Robert McDowell and William Rodenberg as members.

In the evening Ted Hammen of the CAA Airworthiness Section discussed the status of regulations. He said that the requirements remained in a proposed form so that changes might be made from time to time. He requested that members send in comments on the present proposed requirements. With regard to the 3rd party suggestion from the SSA, the CAA was openminded. The CAA wanted a detailed proposal from the SSA which would safeguard the CAA, and suggested that a hypothetical example be submitted.

ANNUAL DIRECTORS' MEETING, THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

The Annual Meeting of the directors was held on Sunday afternoon, January 28, 1940 at 3 p.m., in the Hotel Breslin, New York City. Directors attending were: Ralph Barnaby, Chester J. Decker, Arthur L. Lawrence, Emil Lehecka, Floyd J. Sweet, Earl R. Southee, Robert Stanley, and by proxy William Enyart and Charles Gale.

There was a short discussion regarding what was being done about the 1940 National Soaring Contest, Ralph Barnaby giving his reasons as to why the Executive Committee had submitted the contract it had to Elmira Area Soaring Corporation

and Floyd Sweet explaining Elmira Area's point of view. No action was taken other than the suggestion being made that Elmira Area submit a counter proposal to The Soaring Society.

It was announced that the new directors elected by the membership were: Re-elected, Richard duPont, Ralph Barnaby and Earl Southee; and newly elected, Floyd Sweet, J. Shelly Charles, and Robert Stanley.

The election of officers and committees, as well as the two new directors at large followed:

For President, Mr. Gale had suggested either Richard duPont or Earl Southee. Mr. Southee was seconded and Mr. Stanley proposed J. Shelly Charles of Eastern Airlines. In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that J. Shelly Charles would have difficulty taking over the job, his being unfamiliar with the background of Soaring Society affairs as a newcomer to the directorate. Mr. Southee stated that he was in a position to devote the time to the job of president and was willing to undertake the responsibilities of the office. Mr. Southee was elected unanimously.

Two directors at large: nominated and seconded were Lewin Barringer, Lester Gardner, Bob Blaine, Wolfgang Klemperer, and William Dolger. Messrs. Barringer and Klemperer were elected.

For two Vice-Presidents: J. Shelly Charles, Wolfgang Klemperer, Robert Stanley, and Ralph Barnaby. J. Shelly Charles and Robert Stanley were elected.

Nominated for secretary were Arthur Lawrence and Lewin Barringer. Barringer was elected, but upon being consulted by phone, he stated he would be unable to undertake the job. Floyd Sweet was elected secretary in his place.

For treasurer, Richard duPont and Chester Decker were nominated and Mr. Decker was elected.

Elmira Area Soaring Corporation directors from The Soaring Society: Earl Southee, Lewin Barringer, and J. Shelly Charles. Election was to be accepted provided Elmira Area agreed to meet the travelling expenses of these directors to the meetings it was important that they attend.

Robert Stanley accepted appointment as Chairman of the Contest Board. Other members of the Board, appointed by the president with the consent of the directors, were: Youston Sekella, Chester Decker, Jay Buxton, Stanley Corcoran, John Novak, and Karl Lange.

The Technical Sub-committee: R. E. Franklin, Paul Schweizer, Wolfgang Klemperer and Robert Eikenberry.

Other Committees: Executive—Ralph Barnaby, Chairman, Charles Gale, Lewin Barringer, Robert Stanley, Floyd Sweet.

Publicity Committee: Charles Gale, Lewin Barringer, Richard duPont.

Membership Committee: Floyd Sweet, Chairman.

Further business was tabled until the next meeting and the directors adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. LAWRENCE,
Retiring Secretary.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Wolf Sailplane and trailer, two years old, enamel finish, wheel, etc. N. C. license to July 1940. Price \$1,000. May be seen on Cape Cod. Available for immediate delivery. J. W. Hornor, Jr., Osterville, Cape Cod, Mass.

TAKE advantage of exchange rate. The ideal all-round machine, low sink, speed range, strength for cloud flying. £520. Complete ex British Port. "MINIMO" delivered September 1938, careful private owner, no repairs, like new with lift spoilers and moulded Plexiglas cockpit cover. Ivory enamel finish with blue line. Complete set of instruments: air speed indicator, electric turn and bank indicator, altimeter, compass, fore and aft level, Slater-Cobb Variometer, clock. Rudder mass-balanced. British G.O. glider chute, one year old, repacked. Fabric covered Plywood trailer, English built, wings rest on rollers. Spare landing wheel and tool chest. Write: Philip Brown, 36 Evans Avenue, Allestree, Derby, England.

WANTED—Licensed primary glider. Must be reasonable. Also one secondary sailplane. State condition and price—time counts. American Air Cadets, 79 Groveland Avenue, Riverside, Illinois.

WANTED—Launching Equipment for the Eleventh National Soaring Contest. Rental bids are solicited on the following equipment, to be supplied with experienced operators: 3 tow or retrieving cars (must be open cars and should be painted white and properly lettered), 3 mobile winches, 2 tow planes. The following will be furnished: cabin facilities and pilot privileges to operators, gas and oil for ground equipment, tow rope and rings. CONDITIONS:

1. Equipment to be delivered to operations director at Harris Hill one day in advance of bid dates.

2. Equipment to be delivered in first class condition and kept that way throughout the contract period at the operators expense. Time out for repairs of equipment breakage will be deducted from the contract price on a proportional basis.

3. All equipment to have necessary safety devices.

4. Equipment to be under absolute jurisdiction of contest management during periods rented and to be used for no other purposes except launching operations.

5. Tow planes and pilots to satisfy CAA requirements. Bids must include price per tow; bid must also include price of flights for the weather bureau.

6. Submit separate bids for periods June 26 through July 14 and June 29 through July 14.

7. Bids to be submitted by April 30. Address communications to Elmira Area Soaring Corporation, Federation Building, Elmira, New York.

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