

News FROM Clubs AND Members

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 13, 1946

The meeting was held at the Wings Club, Hotel Biltmore, New York City, and was called to order at 9:00 o'clock by Capt. Barnaby. Directors attending were Charles Gale, Floyd Sweet, Alex Dawydoff, John Robinson, Emil Lehecka, Art Schultz, Parker Leonard, Taylor Boyer, August Raspet, Ben Shupack, Stan Smith and Paul Schweizer. John Robinson, Ben Shupack and Paul Schweizer acted as proxies for Dr. Klemperer, Shelly Charles and Gus Briegleb, Ernie Schweizer and Wes Hammond respectively. Jack Laister sent a letter voicing his views and recommendations but no proxy. Stan Corcoran sent no proxy. Paul Tuntland and Bill Dolger also sat in on the meeting.

The first topic of discussion was the 1947 contest. Bids had been received from Elmira, New York and Wichita Falls, Texas and representatives from each were there to present bids.

Captain Barnaby read each of the bids. Discussion followed as to whether a vote could be taken because it was felt by Gale that Muskogee, Oklahoma had not been properly informed. A call was put in to Muskogee to determine whether they were still interested and it was later found that they were not, leaving Elmira and Wichita Falls the only contenders.

The operating expenses of the 1946 meet were read. Total cost of the 1946 meet was \$16,400, of which \$4,245 were contributions, \$1,844 profit from programs, \$5,229 from admissions, \$529 from concessions, \$478 from cabin rentals, \$430 in entry fees and \$3,701 in prize money. A check from Elmira for \$165 for the sanction fee (1% gross) was received and turned over to the treasurer. From these figures it was felt that our ideas about how much would be required to run a national contest would have to be revised upward.

It was decided to hear the proposals of Elmira and Wichita Falls. Mr. Perry and Mr. Wolcott presented Elmira's bid and pointed out that 62% of the members of the SSA lived within 600 miles of Elmira and that, coupled with the facilities available, made Elmira a logical choice. They felt that the point award fund should be at least \$5,000 and that the prize money should be raised on a national scale instead of a local one; which would require SSA help.

Mr. King, of the Wichita Falls Jr. Chamber of Commerce, next presented the bid of his city. The contest would be held at the Municipal Airport. Four hangars each 200 by 200 feet would be available. A large number of vacant

barracks would be available for housing pilots and crews. The Jr. Chamber of Commerce already had \$5,000 allotted for the contest, plus \$5,000 from the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce. Mr. King felt that whatever was needed could be raised. In addition to the Municipal Airport, Mr. King stated that nearby Sheppard Field could also be used when needed.

Mr. Perry of Elmira and Mr. King of Wichita Falls were asked if not given the national contest would they be willing to sponsor a regional meet. Mr. King said Wichita Falls would be glad to and Mr. Perry said Elmira would like to have an international meet if they did not get the national one.

After the presentation of the bids, Messrs. Perry, Wolcott, and King departed and it was decided to first set the time of the contest before deciding the place. After some discussion Floyd Sweet motioned that July 4 to 20 be set with the stipulation that flying on the 20th be confined to exhibition flights only. The motion was seconded by Boyer and passed.

The discussion preceding the vote for the location of the contest was concerned mainly with whether we should move the location from Elmira after having had so many contests there. The discussion pointed out that a move to the southwest would have the advantage of enabling greater participation by the Californians and greater opportunity for breaking records. Shupack moved that the issue be brought to a vote and was seconded by Boyer. A secret ballot was taken with 13 for Wichita Falls and 4 for Elmira.

Next the discussion of the SSA's relationship with NAA was discussed. Captain Barnaby had had some contact with the NAA and had found that our previous agreement (See SOARING, September 1940) would be satisfactory with the exception that the Soaring Society would not be required to pay the NAA \$300 per year. Since sanctioning contests and keeping records would have to be done by the NAA, if the Soaring Society did not do it, it was agreeable to both parties that we would not be required to pay for the privilege.

The meeting was adjourned for the evening.

December 14, 1946

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by Captain Barnaby. Attending were Art Schultz, Stan Smith, Ben Shupack, Taylor Boyer, John Robinson, Floyd Sweet, and Paul Schweizer, with Paul Schweizer holding proxies for Ernie Schweizer, Wes Hammond and Gus Briegleb, John Robinson holding Dr. Klemperer's proxy and Ben Shupack

holding proxies for Alex Dawydoff and Shelly Charles. Bill Dolger and Paul Tuntland again sat in on the meeting.

Further discussion was centered on the agreement with NAA. Barnaby and Raspet were authorized to submit the old agreement with the exception of the payment of \$300 per year to NAA.

Next the Thunderstorm Project was brought up. Raspet said he had not completed his analysis of the test data and was not yet ready to make a report.

The discussion turned to a way of better coordinating the activities of the officers of the Society. It was moved by Floyd Sweet and passed that all correspondence dealing with Society policy will clear through Captain Barnaby and that he will get copies of all letters for the Society's central file. Also, all committee chairmen shall report on their progress in writing at each Director's Meeting.

Floyd Sweet next moved that 210 Greenhill Avenue, Wilmington 99, Delaware be made the official address of the Society. The motion was passed.

Captain Barnaby next moved that Boyer make a study of a brochure for the Society similar to that published by Schweizers. The study was to include subject matter, cost, etc., and was to be presented to Captain Barnaby for approval.

The subject of a paid general manager and promotion campaign was next dealt with. Art Schultz discussed the cost of such an arrangement. It would require at least \$15,000 per year with SOARING continuing to carry itself on memberships and advertising. The money could be raised in the following ways:

1. By soliciting large sums of money.
2. By employing a promoter.
3. By instituting various degrees of

memberships, such as is done by the Civil Air Patrol. These include such titles as sponsor member at \$100, sustaining member at \$25, etc.

Since few of us know much about soliciting funds, this was little discussed. The promoter, too, was an unknown quantity, but it was felt that promoters work only on a fixed fee basis which would require a certain sum on hand before such a project could be undertaken. The various grades of membership were left for further study.

An endowment was discussed and it was felt that \$300,000 would be needed to provide a yearly income of \$15,000.

Since time was getting short and many problems were still to be discussed, it was decided that the remainder of the business should be left to the Executive Committee, whose members are Floyd Sweet, Art Schultz and August Raspet.

The immediate agenda for Captain Barnaby and his Executive Committee is:

1. Ways and means to finance the SSA. Art Schultz was asked to continue his study, as was Bob Stanley.