

SSA DIRECTORS' MEETING

The two-day meeting was called to order by President E. J. Reeves at 10:30 A. M., January 28, 1949 at the Hotel Astor, New York City.

Directors present were: Capt. R. S. Barnaby, Capt. J. S. Charles, A. Dawydoff, Dr. A. Raspet, E. J. Reeves, P. A. Schweizer, P. Tuntland, and R. J. Comey, General Manager.

Present by Proxy: W. G. Briegleb, Capt. F. B. Compton, W. Coverdale, Dr. W. B. Klemperer, R. Parker, J. Robinson, B. Shupack, J. Spurgeon, Major F. Sweet.

Guests present: R. Thomas, L. J. Wolcott, J. Wollard.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer and accepted.

A general discussion of finances and means of speeding up deposits of incoming checks to eliminate loss, and for convenience of membership and means of alleviating the SSA's tight financial condition was held.

Report of Technical Committee to OSTIV read by Dr. A. Raspet. President Reeves put it into folio form for presentation to N.A.A.

Discussion of SSA plans for continued cooperation with I.A.S. and Joint Meeting at National Contest. Also, plans to also invite American Meteorological Society and so make it a 3-way joint meeting.

General discussion of Sweden's interest in sending two teams (including P. A. Persson, International Champion) to 16th National Contest. President Reeves to advise SSA interest in having them attend but inability to finance their expenses in this country. Possibilities of having some Swedish-American organization sponsor this team were discussed, as well as possible governmental interest.

Reports were given by various Directors of activities in their areas.

General Manager reported on Magazine—Membership—and other matters. General discussion followed on means of building up membership. It was generally agreed that the SSA continue promotion on a scale commensurate with funds available and results obtained. *President Reeves advised that he would organize drive for new members by direct appeal to present members.*

The following motions were made, seconded, and passed:

"The SSA create a Senior Membership open upon application to those members who have been Active Members for 5 years and/or have a Silver 'C' rating or above or have exceeded a National Record." (Annual dues \$10.)

"Any group of SSA Active Members

who comprise the active members of a soaring organization, upon application, may be made a Chapter of the SSA and are entitled to all the privileges of a Chapter; and any active soaring organization that has 50% or more of its members Active SSA Members with a minimum of 20 SSA Active Memberships, may become an Affiliate of the SSA and entitled to the benefits of an Affiliate."

A general discussion was held on the advisability of changing the name of the SSA to eliminate the use of the word "Society." No action was taken.

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed:

"The SSA set up an intermediate publication to be called the SSA Newsletter for a trial period—to be continued if financially successful—at an additional cost to any SSA member."

A general discussion was held on the C.A.P., Air Scouts, and general youth's place in gliding and soaring. President Reeves told of his contacts with the C.A.P. in Washington and with General Beau and their keen interest and hope that the Congress will appropriate money for the C.A.P. which would make a glider program possible. The possibility of exchanging Cadets with France, Switzerland, England was pointed out.

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed:

"President be requested to appoint a committee to propose general recommendations on flight training for submission to the SSA Board of Directors." (Especially in connection with youth and national glider programs.)

President Reeves appointed the following committee to carry out this work: F. Sweet, Chairman, P. Schweizer, A. Dawydoff, R. Parker, W. Briegleb.

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed:

"It is requested that the President appoint, where advisable, an SSA State Governor to coordinate activities in his State, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on his state."

The matter of the 16th National Soaring Contest was taken up. Letters were read from Elmira, Grand Prairie, Muskogee, and several small Texas towns, but no firm bids were received. However, Grand Prairie and Elmira indicated interest in going along on the basis of reduced requirements. In view of a definite feeling of the Directors to alternate the Contest between the East and West, and the advantages of deciding on the 17th National at the same time, President Reeves is to get a firm bid from Grand Prairie and submit their bid and Elmira's desire for 1950 Con-

test to the Directors for a mail vote. A general discussion was held on the type of Contest to be held.

The following motions were made, seconded, and passed:

"The existing minimum sanction requirements as listed in the August 31, 1947 Minutes be rescinded and that the Chairman of the Contest Committee be authorized to formulate and put into effect such new requirements as he deems advisable, subject to the approval of the President."

"The SSA Directors urge the Contest Committee Chairman to initiate limited task flying in the 16th National Contest for determining the National Championship."

"That persons or organizations designated by the Contest Committee may be designated to approve and establish requirements for State records—the only restriction being that a record may not be approved if it exceeds a National or International Record—unless it is itself approved as such."

"That the President be instructed to write a letter to the N.A.A. renewing our agreement, and when satisfactory to the N.A.A., be made a perpetual agreement."

"That 'The Sport of' will be added to the N.A.A. credit line."

The final session of the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P. M. on January 29th.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On the evening of January 29th a highly successful SSA Membership Meeting was held at the Little Vienna Restaurant in New York City. Highlight of the dinner and entertainment was the excellent movie show. Ben Shupack provided the projector and Warren Watson, E. J. Reeves and the Metropolitan Soaring Club made available some very excellent 16 mm. color movies of soaring in Calif., Texas and New York.

The total number on hand for this event far exceeded the fondest hopes of even Alex Dawydoff who handled reservations, so much so in fact that someone was heard to remark, "Why didn't they hold this in a telephone booth?" The maximum capacity of the private dining room was supposed to be 75, but 102 people came and the crowding was something we will take pains to avoid another time. Guest were welcome. People came from as far away as Washington, D. C.

Actually, these meetings are fairly simple to arrange and more of them should be organized by SSA members in their own localities. A similar meeting has already taken place in N. J. and another will be held in Mass. in April. They can do much to bring soaring enthusiasts together and stimulating interest. They are ideal occasions for organizing new soaring associations.