

monetary or otherwise. It was also pointed out that considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting cooperation from all committee members. Assistance of Board members was requested. Suggestions were made by all, work of the committee was complimented, but no motion resulted.

The next item discussed was Annual Awards. This discussion was led by Wm. Coverdale. After comments regarding the manner in which claims are made, time claims are considered, and lack of information available, etc., Major Sweet moved and Reeves seconded:

That the President appoint a special Committee to assemble all original or authentic copies of the written requirements or regulations governing all Annual Awards for use at the proper time and to study the problem of successfully administering the selection of recipients and make recommendations designed to improve results, to the Board, at its next meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

The next subject for discussion was "International Contests." Dr. August Raspet made a report of methods of operation and services provided at Orebro. Problems and possible solutions were discussed at length. Paul Schweizer spoke for the Elmira Area Soaring Corporation, the only American group interested in inviting the 1952 World Championships. Since EASC wanted more information and time would not allow an exchange of correspondence between several groups it was unanimously decided that EASC should negotiate directly with NAA.

Next item for discussion was "Requirement of shoulder straps in all sanctioned contests." General feeling was that SSA should not make any regulations as to detail of operation of contests. Suggestions included appointment of a special Safety Committee. Final result was a motion by Raspet seconded by Coverdale:

That the Technical Committee be offered the project of investigating safety and precautionary methods advisable, and making reports in SOARING with recommendations to all groups and individuals.

This motion carried by unanimous vote.

The method of Counting Votes in the election of Directors was the next subject considered. It was pointed out that the method used is the accepted procedure of most National organizations and the only known method insuring a wide distribution of representation. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. Friday.

The meeting was re-convened at 9:20 A.M. Saturday. The next item on the agenda was the Secretary's Report. Paul Schweizer reported a total of 961 active members and 288 family, sustaining and others. All were not current at the time, however. The time required to handle changes in addresses and maintain the membership and mailing lists presents a real problem. This work must be done by a part time office secretary whose remuneration must be arranged for. Also pointed out was the need for an information booklet which could be mailed to answer the many inquiries that now have to be answered by letter. A special informational issue of SOARING was suggested for this purpose.

A motion was made by Secretary Schweizer that the May-June issue of SOARING be made a "Catalogue Issue."

The motion carried by unanimous decision.

Publication of SOARING was next considered. Editor Yerian said that to do all the hundreds of necessary things to publish the magazine, including writing some of the members two or three times for the same information is a full time job, six days a week, and that it would be necessary that he have an appropriation for secretarial assistance, if SOARING is to continue on a current basis. (It will be current with the March-April issue.)

Next on the agenda was the report of the Treasurer Ben Shupack who sent mimeographed copies of his reports of the financial condition of SSA to the meeting. These reports showed the society has no reserve and that dues paid each month are barely adequate to publish each issue of SOARING. E. J. Reeves's analysis of the SSA financial situation shows this to have been approximately the same condition for the past three years.

The decision was that if the Secretary's office was to function and SOARING was to continue that secretarial assistance would have to be provided and that it would have to be financed by increased membership and additional Sustaining and Industrial memberships. President Carsey requested an operating budget, resulting in the following motion made by Reeves, seconded by Coverdale:

That the Secretary be allowed up to \$50.00 and the Editor up to \$100.00 per month for office expense.

This motion carried.

Motion was made by Sweet, seconded by Raspet: That a review of SSA Financial prospects be made and an operating budget be prepared for the remainder of the year.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Sweet and seconded by Compton:

That a Membership Committee be created and that a sustained and continuous membership drive be carried on in order to increase membership and income.

This motion carried by unanimous vote.

The matter of a permanent fund or an endowment for SSA was then brought up by Major Sweet. After much discussion regarding possibilities, the resulting action was a motion by Schweizer, seconded by Coverdale:

That a committee be appointed to be known as the "Ways and Means Committee," to study the advisability of endeavoring to create a permanent fund by subscription.

This motion carried by unanimous vote.

At this point the President asked that rules be suspended briefly to hear a resolution by an SSA member who was not a Director.

Mr. Robert G. Thomas read a very fine tribute to Eugart Yerian for his sacrifice of personal time and effort in the accomplishment of reviving SOARING in spite of the many difficulties and problems.

The resolution was enthusiastically adopted by a standing vote.

Announcement and discussion of the 18th National Soaring Contest followed. While views on many questions were discussed, no formal action was taken but the following was agreed upon by concurrence:

1. That there would be no competition on Sunday.

2. Rules of Competition would be prepared and published by the EASC Contest Committee, well in advance, and no changes would be made at the con-

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