

SSA NEWS

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SSA Board of Directors in session at "Bonniebrook." Left to right: Jon Carsey, President, Maj. Floyd Sweet, Capt. Ralph Barnaby, F. B. Compton, Mr. Don Ryon (visitor), Pat Mulloy, Dr. P. B. MacCready, Sr., Jock Forbes (visitor), Ben Shupack, Wm. Coverdale, Howard Burr and Paul Schweizer, Secretary.

Directors Present: Ralph S. Barnaby, Howard Burr, Jon D. Carsey, Fritz B. Compton, William H. Coverdale, Jr., Paul B. MacCready, Sr., Pat Mulloy, E. J. Reeves, Paul A. Schweizer, Ben Shupack, Lt. Col. Floyd J. Sweet.

Directors Present by Proxy: Paul Bickle, William Bricleh, Shelly Charles, Heasley Entz, Ted Nelson, August Raspet, Harland Ross, Eurgart Yeran, J. W. Simmons, Jr.

Directors Absent: Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer, William S. Ivans, Jr., Lawrence Gehrlein, Lynd Daggett, Harold Carsen, John Robinson, George Stillwagon.

Visitors Present: Walter Hausler, Guy Storer, Donald C. Ryon, R. C. Forbes.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting held at New York City in January were approved.

Report of Elections Committee - The Report of the Elections Committee was given by Mr. Ben Shupack and accepted. New directors elected by ballot for term of three years were Paul Bickle, Howard Burr, Jon D. Carsey, Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr., Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Sr., and E. J. Reeves. Mr. Shupack pointed out that the method of determining the election as set forth in the by-laws permits an area or section of the country to elect its representative on the board, especially where all members of the area support a single candidate. It was pointed out that one area nominated three of their people as candidates, which divided their votes in such a manner as to cause none of the three to be elected.

Election of Directors-at-Large - Nominations were open for four directors-at-large with Heasley Entz nominated by Ben Shupack; Pat Mulloy by E. J. Reeves; Lynd Daggett by Ben Shupack; J. Shelly Charles by Fritz B. Compton; George Stillwagon by Floyd J. Sweet; and Pete Bowers by Paul A. Schweizer. Nominations were moved closed, and Entz, Mulloy, Daggett and Charles were elected for a one year term as directors-at-large.

Election of Officers - Nominations were open for President - Ben Shupack nominated Jon D. Carsey; E. J. Reeves seconded, William H. Coverdale moved Secretary cast one vote for Jon Carsey as president, Barnaby seconded; motion passed.

Nominations were open for Secretary - E. J. Reeves nominated Paul A. Schweizer. Coverdale seconded, nominations were moved closed. Floyd J. Sweet moved one ballot be cast for Paul A. Schweizer as Secretary. Motion passed.

Nominations were open for Treasurer - E. J.

Reeves was nominated by Ralph Barnaby, seconded by Ben Shupack. William Coverdale moved nominations be closed. Motion passed. Ralph S. Barnaby moved Secretary cast one ballot. Motion passed.

Nominations were open for East Coast Vice President - Floyd J. Sweet was nominated by E. J. Reeves; Capt. Barnaby by Fritz Compton; Capt. Barnaby was elected by a majority.

Nominations for West Coast Vice President were open - Ted Nelson was nominated by Paul A. Schweizer. Motion was made that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Ted Nelson was elected as West Coast Vice President.

Report of Secretary - The Report of the Secretary was given by Paul A. Schweizer, accepted and made a part of the Minutes. It stated the membership of the SSA to be at the highest point in the history of the Society. This was attributed by the Secretary to many things, the principal of which being the regular publication of SOARING Magazine and its improved appearance and contents. Also contributing were the improved interest of members and their efforts to increase memberships at the local level.

Report of the Treasurer - The report of the treasurer was given by E. J. Reeves for Jim Simmons and accepted. This report revealed a great increase in the Soaring Society's revenues as has always been the case in the past, but the cost of the publication has continued to require almost 100% of the revenues, in spite of the increase.

Report of Committees - William H. Coverdale, Jr., chairman of the Contest Committee wished to know what action was being taken on his request for resignation as chairman of the Contest Committee. A discussion was held regarding this and the following motion was made by Fritz B. Compton: that the responsibilities of the Contest Committee be divided by creating a Permanent Soaring Awards Committee to issue soaring pins and awards with present Contest Committee to continue to handle contest sanctions and contest rules. He further moved that Howard E. Burr be appointed chairman of the sub-committee. E. J. Reeves seconded and motion was passed by the majority.

Report of Records Committee - Report of Records Committee was given by Fritz B. Compton, chairman and E. J. Reeves moved that report be approved. Coverdale seconded and motion was passed.

Report of Membership Committee - Report of

Bidding Now Open For 1954, 21st National Soaring Championships. Interested bidders should communicate with Wm. H. Coverdale, Chairman SSA Contest and Rules Committee, c/o Vance Iron & Steel, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The directors of SSA consider that no less than perhaps eight to ten different soaring groups in America are fully capable of organizing the National Competitions. Bids are invited.

Notice of Appreciation from the Editors of Soaring to all those who have been so cooperative in sending such splendid material for use in this journal. Unfortunately our finances do not permit the inclusion of many excellent articles and photographs, due to our limited number of pages. However, many of your contributions are being held and will appear in future issues. Our most valued contributors are those who continue to submit copy even though some of it, much to our sorrow, never gets in print. Please keep it coming.

Membership Committee was read, discussed and accepted, and its many constructive recommendations taken under advisement. Peter M. Bowers, Chairman.

Report of Editor - The report of the editor was given by Jon Carsey who advised that for the immediate present he and E. J. Reeves would carry on until other arrangements could be made.

Report of Safe Practices Committee - Emil Kissel, chairman. This committee's report was read and accepted. The committee pledged its continued effort to improve the already good safety record of soaring.

Report of Photographic Library Committee - Walter B. Hausler, chairman, reported on the activities of the photographic committee, particularly on their plans to have a real library of films available for loan to members. Mr. Hausler also reported the existence of a very fine commercial film on gliding and soaring that his committee would like to buy to use for loan purposes. He pointed out that if a very nominal charge could be made for use of the film that it could be paid for in a short while. His remarks were enthusiastically accepted by the directors.

Report of the Scientific Committee - Dr. August Raspet, chairman. Report was read and E. J. Reeves moved that the report be accepted. Coverdale seconded. Report was accepted.

Report of Technical Committee - Paul F. Bickle, chairman. Jon Carsey read a letter report which was accepted. This report included several items regarding CAA Regulations. It is too lengthy to include here, but it will be excerpted for publication in SOARING.

Report of Youth Air Education Committee - Donald C. Ryan, chairman, reported on the activities of the Youth Air Education Committee.

Consideration of Revising Rates for SSA Membership - Lt. Col. Floyd J. Sweet made a report on his study of the membership rates and recommended that they be increased according to his proposed schedule. Considerable discussion was held but no decision was reached. So it was decided to publicize the problem in SOARING so the membership would be familiar with it and advise the directors as to what action should be taken in the future.

Plans for International Team for 1954 - A discussion was held on the coming International Soaring Contest to be held in England in 1954.

E. J. Reeves moved that the SSA make every effort to assist and finance a team for the 1954 World's Championship Soaring Competitions. This was seconded by Coverdale, and motion was passed.

The matter of seeding pilots was discussed and it was generally agreed that first a notice should appear in the next issue of SOARING asking for all interested pilots to advise the committee by a certain date of their interest in being considered. Seeding Committee then to be considered from experienced pilots not interested.

Determining Winners of Annual Awards was then covered.