

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
RENO, NEVADA
FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met prior to the SSA Convention in Reno, Nevada. Present at the meeting were: Richard Maleady, Ken Sorenson, Geoff Weck, Phil Umphres, and Frank Whiteley. Also attending: Rich Carlson, John Godfrey and Denise Layton.

The first order of business was the review of open action items. The first item, stemming from the January 11, 2014 meeting concerned the badge and record committee. Chairman Maleady advised Jay Campbell was in charge of this committee and he had taken charge and was working on it.

The next item of business was the Cloudstreet project. It was advised principles of this project would be making a presentation to the Board of Directors and this item could be marked closed.

The next item of business was approval of the minutes from the Dallas, Texas ExComm meeting. Vice Chair Umphres moved to approve the minutes, with the motion being seconded by Vice Chair Sorenson and passed unanimously.

The next item of business for discussion was a letter which appeared in the February issue of Soaring magazine from a member inquiring why online FIRC's could not be done. The member advised FIRC's were seldom held on the west coast. Carlson discussed this letter advising there were FIRC's held on the west coast and from his experience people liked the face to face meeting. He advised he was willing to look into this, but the expense and exposure on this was a big risk. Carlson agreed to write a letter to the member explaining our discussion, run it by Chair Maleady and then send it to the member.

The "safety stand down" was the next item of business. During a lengthy discussion, some directors expressed the view that the direction the stand down was going was not in the best interest of the membership. Rich Carlson was asked to send to the ExComm the statistics he had which he explained was the reason he was focusing on certain flying elements.

Next, Vice Chair Umphres discussed a membership dues increase with the group. He felt that -- after looking at financials and the historical data showing how many members were lost after the last dues increase -- that now was not the time to ask for one. He advised the SSA did have ample funds available to operate for this year and for the next several years, referencing the monies available in the General Endowment and Life Member Trust.

Umphres moved that further action on a dues increase be tabled indefinitely and not formally proposed at the upcoming Board of Directors' meeting. Vice Chair Weck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Cloudstreet Project was discussed by the ExComm. The principals were coming to the upcoming Board meeting to make a presentation. The ExComm discussed some of the questions Directors had voiced. If the project were approved, Umphres advised there were several choices as to which Foundation monies could be used for this project, including the Kunda Operating Reserve.

The final item of business discussed was from Chairman Maleady. He requested the ExComm consider changing the title of board meetings from being fall and winter to spring and fall. Vice Chair Umphres commented that if the chairman wanted to make that change that would be the Chairman's prerogative and he saw no objection to the change.

The next ExComm meeting will be held July 12th in Houston, Texas.

Vice Chair Umphres then moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Whiteley.