US Team Committee September 9th, 2019 Meeting Summary

- Attendees
  - Pete, Hank, Doug, Sarah, Bob

- Agenda
  - Review August 21 Meeting Notes
  - WWGC Fund Raising
  - Updates from the SSA Board Meeting
  - Jr WGC US Team
  - 2019 Mozer Trust Winner
  - PanAm pilot feedback
  - 2020 WWGC Team Selection
  - US Team SSA Convention Plan
  - Team Camp 2020
  - Ratify IOC criteria for women competitors
  - Changing FAI international contest cadence
  - AOB

- Review August 21 Meeting Notes
  - No changes requested; PDF sent to Pete for posting

- WWGC Fund Raising
  - $1,800 from the budget target
  - Lessons learned
    - Publishing the fund raising target a mixed blessing this time
  - Perhaps the momentum would have continued past the goal
  - Women's Soaring Group a major contributor

- Updates from the SSA Board Meeting
  - Linda Evenski new Youth/Jr. Chairperson (new Jr. X-Country Camp funding program coming)
  - Ittner Jr Team Fund Update (99% complete)
    - Will match the SSA Foundation draw down rate
  - USTC MOU review pending
  - New 4.0% SSA Foundation draw down rate (it was 4.5%) moving forward
    - Fund potentially being rebalanced to 90% stock at the market peak
  - US Team logo & icon are being added to the SSA Home Page which points to the US Soaring Teams Website
  - Committee started to investigate what would be required to created a new and improved SSA Website
    - USTC invited to review the resulting proposal - Melanie has the subject matter knowledge
  - Alexa Owens the new SSA marketing manager has offered to help the USTC

- Jr WGC US Team
  - Hungary is projected to be $10-15K under budget
    - Sarah to request that this money remains allocated to the Junior Team versus being returned to the broader SSA Foundation
  - Expense reports have been submitted and processed
  - The pilot reports are very tardy
    - In the future the pilot report responses will be tied to reimbursement

- 2019 Mozer Trust Winner
  - Tom Greenhill

- PanAm pilot feedback
  - Select all the team earlier to facilitate flying the PreWorlds
  - Flying the PreWorlds is very important outside the US
  - The 2020 European teams are already well behind the curve wrt WGC logistics
  - The FAI PanAm contest was great practice for the Worlds - very different from a Nationals
  - The pilots suffered from too much briefing information, especially weather, and insufficient task strategy
  - The frequent high latitude rapidly cycling start caught out a number of pilots
  - The information sharing across all 3 classes worked better than flying in small teams

- 2020 WWGC Team Selection
  - The prototype Survey Monkey poll questions were reviewed and comments sent back to Pete
    - All classes will be polled at once
    - All pilots including those not wanting to be considered will be polled
  - The SSA mailing list will be used
    - It has been blacklisted by some email service providers
    - Bob will post a note to rec.aviation.soaring when the poll invites go out
    - It will also be commented on in the SSA e-news
  - The poll will go out in a couple of weeks
    - Extra collateral information will go out with the email
- Typical WGC budget renting and shipping - all cash payments
- Pre WGC registration checklist
- A note about an ICAO medical being required
  - Please make potential team captain suggestions
  - Michael Marshall requested to be considered for the standard class team
    - This triggered a larger discussion about cross-class selection
    - This will be expanded upon at a future meeting
    - Michael may be invited to fly a 2020 PreWorlds as an alternative
- US Team SSA Convention Plan
  - Presentations from current and former US Team Members will be solicited
  - The USTC had mixed feeling about a booth versus a potentially more substantive team meeting/training
    - The booth was prioritized
- Team Camp 2020
  - Three options were investigated
    - Team camp at a Nationals
    - Team camp away from a Nationals
    - A Team Camp at the convention
  - It was felt that an off-season team camp would get much better attendance and folks were unlikely to drive across the country for a non-contest
  - Having the team camp before and after the convention were considered
    - Conventional employees would find it hard to arrive at the convention very early
    - It was decided that providing the logistics of leaving Little Rock on Sunday afternoon work to try for a Sunday morning to early afternoon camp
- Ratify IOC criteria for women competitors
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  - Next meeting October 4th 7:30 EDT