

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, April 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Vince Huegele; Kevin Johnson; Ed LaCroix; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: Tom Ha, Treasurer; Randy Boadway.

National Events

Plans for the National Sport launch are on track. We are adding an Apollo-era themed altitude contest, somewhat like Sport Scale but without craftsmanship judging, for both model rocket and HPR.

Ed LaCroix (National Events chair) is working with the webmaster to get the NARAM-61 website up and running. The hotel contract has been signed. Ed expects to open registration in a couple of weeks.

Ed needs a way to pay vendors. Our bank has advised Marie that Ed will physically have to go to the bank to get a debit card. Since this is not practical (the bank is in Iowa, while Ed lives in Arizona), the bank suggested that we set up a Zelle account to move money as necessary.

John will check in with Tom next week to discuss an overhaul of our transaction processes. We need to improve upon our current processes. We have too many checkbooks and too many accounts. Making some of them electronic would improve security.

Motor Certification

John said that NAR and Tripoli hosted what he called the "Second Annual S&T Summit" at the NASA Student Launch in Huntsville this week. All the U.S. motor manufacturers attended. Participants worked on a way ahead for motor recertifications. The consensus was that we (NAR and TRA) would allow manufacturers to submit the data they collect as part of routine quality assurance testing for review and validation with NAR S&T and Tripoli Motor Testing. All manufacturers agreed. John Lyngdal of NAR S&T and Alan Whitmore (Tripoli Motor Testing Committee chair) will work out a rubric and take draft policies to their respective boards for review and approval. As a part of the recertification process, they will also develop a policy for spot-checking/test firing motors that come up significantly in MESS reporting. They would buy motors from dealers rather than requesting them directly from manufacturers.

Jim Wilkerson moved to extend current certifications through Dec 31, 2020 while a recertification policy is agreed upon and ratified, not to apply to initial certifications. Mark Wise seconded. In accordance with board policy, the motion was tabled until the next conference call so that members could comment on the motion.

Other items

The list server for S&T is still not working. Kevin will address the problem.

Carol sent an e-mail to Ed, Randy, and Todd Schweim regarding a Public Relations subcommittee for NARAM. Todd and Ed have national media under control, with an ad in AMA's *Model Aviation* magazine. Carol has put together a rough list of regional media, which she has sent to Ed, Randy, and Todd.

Ed sent draft Section Championship rules to Chuck Neff for passing along to sections via the NAR Sections Yahoo group. The deadline for comments is 26 April, at which time the competition committee will approve the rules and send to the board for ratification.

Ed looked at the NAR Wikipedia page (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Association_of_Rocketry) with an eye toward editing the competition section. He received some pushback from what he called “the gods of Wikipedia,” but he thinks the problems have been resolved. Mark completely rewrote the page in 2015 and dealt with some of the same issues, and he can help Ed with edits as necessary.

Call adjourned at 9:55 PM. The next conference call is scheduled for May 1, at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.