

## NAR Board of Trustees conference call, July 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Tom Ha, Treasurer; Randy Boadway; Vince Huegele; Ed LaCroix.

Absent: Kevin Johnson; Jim Wilkerson.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We have not yet received reimbursement for the NASA Student Launch. Our invoice apparently was mis-delivered (sent to someone who doesn't work for NASA anymore). John Hochheimer and JohnLyngdal will continue to work on this issue. As a result of the delayed reimbursement, our balances are quite low, below \$200K. Some money is coming in via PayPal.

Ed has texted Pat McCarthy to remind him to submit financial records for NARCON. Tom should see them in a matter of days.

Tom said that he needs to continue working with Anne Heacock (our new accountant) to finish the reconciliation of last year's QuickBooks Online register so that she can submit the IRS Form 990.

### **National Events**

NARAM: As of 9 July, 68 unique contest flyers, 21 unique sport flyers, and 32 FAI flyers (15 of whom are not otherwise registered for NARAM) have registered. Rooms are available at the NARAM hotel for all days except 2-3 August. Ed has contracted for shipment of our ground support equipment, which will depart for Muncie on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Patches and pins have arrived. Some schedule changes have become necessary, and registrants have been notified.

NARCON 2020: Confirmed for Tucson. SARA will be the host section, and Steve Lubliner will be the event director. There is good support from the host section. Ed is firming up the contract with the host hotel, and hopes to have that done by Friday. NARCON is scheduled for 6-8 March. Ed is working on engaging a keynote speaker connected to the next Mars rover project. He is also working on tour opportunities – there is no lack of places to go in the area.

NSL 2020: Confirmed for Alamosa, Colorado, with Matt Abbey as the event director. They are making progress on a proposed logo and hotel contracting. Matt wants to get marketing/advertising information out as soon as possible. The Alamosa Chamber of Commerce has assisted with marketing.

NARAM 62: Should have final "yes" from the Geneseo people no later than next weekend.

Section Championship: The rules have been incorporated into the Model Rocket Sporting Code. Ed will work with Jim Filler to incorporate RCP changes into the MRSC before 4 August.

Ed will work with Chuck Neff, Section Activities Chair, to use section channels to recruit sites/event directors.

### **Board Meeting**

John will send out a draft agenda within the week. Topics will include working on a member survey and improving our recruitment of junior members.

### **Website – Obituary Section**

With the passing of Jonathan Dunbar, Matt Steele's brother wrote a long obituary and submitted it to Tom Beach for publication in *Sport Rocketry*. Tom passed it to John, who agreed that *SR* shouldn't routinely run obituaries. Todd Schweim is working on an appropriate page for the website. Ed agreed that an *In Memoriam* section on the website would be appropriate, but that obituaries in *Sport Rocketry* should be rare and perhaps approved by the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee. Carol suggested a quarter-page "In Memory of..." section in *Sport Rocketry* a few times a year. We will discuss the issue further at NARAM. John said that if we do take up Carol's suggestion, it will need someone to champion it, and Tom Beach doesn't have the bandwidth. John added that Tom talks with him, Todd, and Mark Bundick (Publications Chair) often, and John trusts Tom's judgment to consult them before deciding to run a big obituary article.

### **Election Update**

195 members have voted online as of 9 Jul. Mark will count paper ballots when he receives them from Marie.

### **Membership Cards**

John needs to talk to Jonathan Rains and Kevin for an update. There has been a latency problem, but John thinks it's been resolved. Some of the latency is due to waiting for a sufficiently large batch of cards to take advantage of the bulk mailing rate.

### **Miscellaneous**

Vince – The record attempt for 5000 simultaneous launches at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center is still on track for 16 July, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of Apollo 11.

Ed – There has been considerable interest in NARAM patches by non-attendees. It may be worth ordering an additional run of patches to sell through NARTS.

Randy – NAR now has 195 sections, and he expects to see 200 within a few months. Hats off to Chuck Neff!

Call adjourned at 9:59 PM.