

## NAR Board of Trustees conference call, June 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Becky Green; Steve Lubliner; Lynn Thomas; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: Ed LaCroix. (Attempted to connect, without success)

Todd Schweim managed the technical aspects of the Zoom meeting and provided his input as appropriate.

### **High Power**

A member in Florida has corresponded with John and with Chuck Neff regarding a Level 2 certification exam and flight he claims to have completed sometime between 2016 and 2018 (dates differ in different pieces of correspondence). NAR HQ has no paperwork attesting to the written exam or the flight, and the member says the sponsoring Section lost the paperwork. The member successfully completed the certification exam on June 1, 2021, but NAR still has no record of a successful certification flight. In essence, the member is asking NAR to take his word for it that he has flown a successful cert flight. Jim moved that the Board require a successful, documented certification flight before the member is certified to fly Level 2. Steve seconded. Motion carried 6-0, with Kevin abstaining.

John informed the Board that a rocketeer showed up at a NAR launch with two experimental motors and was allowed to fly them, in violation of NAR safety codes and our insurance policy. One motor CATOd, the other violated the waiver for that launch. John has talked to Gerald DeMieux of TRA. Since the rocketeer in question is not a NAR member, he would leave it for TRA to address. John has asked the host Section for copies of the flight cards. Board members agreed that we have to talk to the responsible Section about strengthening their oversight practices. John will talk to the Section and work with Chuck Neff to assist the Section. Jim suggested prohibiting the flyer from NAR launches through the end of the year. Jim moved that the rocketeer be prohibited from flying at NAR launches pending further discussion during the July conference call. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jim and Steve suggested that Chuck put the word out to Section leaders that someone showed up to fly experimental motors at a NAR launch, and encourage RSOs to pay close attention to motors.

### **President's Report**

John reported that NAR membership is way up. We closed out May with 7959 members, and we are likely to exceed 8000 this month. The 8000<sup>th</sup> member to join or renew will receive one year's free NAR membership.

### **National Events**

NSL: Steve said that Matt Abbey ran a good event. The weather was "good enough," but not "great." We are awaiting final numbers, but walk-up registration was solid. The Make-it-take-it event was a huge success.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our cash balance as of June 1 is just under \$148,000.

Kevin is still working on closing out the NAR account with Collins and Americhoice credit unions.

All refunds for patches and pins from NSL have been refunded.

John said that we now have case number with the Iowa office of the IRS, to continue resolving our non-profit status with them. He expects to have a phone call with them this week.

NASA is processing our invoice for SLI. We should see about \$70,000 in revenue from SLI.

### **Section Activities**

Carol reported that 27 Sections have applied for grants, totaling \$6,000. Sections have given out 21 free NAR memberships so far this year, and Board members have given out 5 free memberships.

### **Safety**

John asked Todd to post information from this month's *E-Rocketeer*, regarding fire safety, to the website. Parts of the country are extremely dry much earlier than usual this year. Carol will ask Chuck to send a notice to Sections, and we will post a fire safety announcement to the NAR Facebook page.

### **Other Topics**

Todd asked if we could commission 5 to 10 new articles for the new online NAR Member Guidebook, which is currently in work. Steve moved to pay for selected, high-quality articles, using the same payment schedule as articles in *Sport Rocketry*, the total amount not to exceed \$3,500. Lynn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John announced that the United States won the bid for the 2023 World Spacemodeling Championships, to be held on July 1-8, north of Austin, Texas. The kickoff meeting has already been held. John can see implications of how NAR as an organization dovetails into WSMC. He plans to speak with James Duffy, the WSMC contest director, and perhaps consult an attorney. He said that there is potential for some financial and insurance risk that we would "want to go into with our eyes open."

The next scheduled conference call will be on July 7, 2021 at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.