

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, October 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Steve Kristal, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Don Carson; Becky Green; Steve Lubliner; Lynn Thomas (arrived 8:12).

Absent: Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Jim Wilkerson.

Todd Schweim, NAR Communications Director, managed the technical aspects of the meeting and provided input as appropriate.

President's Message

John talked with Nicole Sjoblom of Estes, who offered to help NAR with some of our education and outreach activities. She will contact Todd about NARCON. John has asked to talk to their social media person about mentioning NAR in some of their posts.

John and Steve L. talked with the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA). ESRA and TRA have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding. John will work with Steve to come up with an article for the *E-Rocketeer* to update our members, but the gist of it is that we are trying to avoid having a team insured by one organization (e.g. TRA) while the flyer of record is insured by the other organization (e.g. NAR), which could lead to complicated situations in the event of an insurance claim.

TRA has reaffirmed their policy that TRA members and Junior HPR members are allowed at the pad while prepping high power flights. The NAR's policy has been to encourage the minimum number of people at the pad, but we have not imposed an explicit rule. John gave the example of everyone wanting a photo around the rocket, but we would recommend that they take the photo and clear the pad before an igniter is installed. John will work with Steve L. on an article for the *E-Rocketeer*. TRA does not see a conflict with our policy.

John has received an e-mail from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE), inviting him and others (including Bob Brown of TRA) to a webinar. John has no idea of the webinar's topic, but he notes that BATFE is embarking on an explosives modernization project, and they want to keep industry personnel informed. John does not see any looming risk to NAR activities.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin was unable to attend but sent a report and spreadsheet.

Scholarship and grant checks were distributed during the month, which has left the General Fund account "a little low," as Kevin wrote. He expects a reimbursement for TARC funds to be deposited shortly.

NAR's current cash balance, less the restricted funds (Gleda M. Estes Scholarship and Jay Apt Endowed Scholarship) is \$223,851.22.

Miscellaneous

Don said that he was currently reviewing the NAR bylaws to determine the need for any revisions. He relayed a report from Chuck Neff, Section Activities Chair, stating that NAR had 228 active Sections as of October 4, and that 41 Sections have received grants totaling \$9,980.00.

Steve K. said to let him, John, or Ed LaCroix know of any potential volunteers to assist with the National Events Committee.

John said that NAR had 8918 members at the end of September.

Todd reported that planning is underway for Virtual NARCON. He suggested free admission for Junior and Leader members (the cost to NAR would be \$7.00 per attendee). John suggested free registration for the first 250 Juniors and Leaders. Todd also reported that the members-only forum on the NAR website is ready for roll-out. Todd showed it to the Board members, to general acclaim. The official roll-out is tentatively scheduled for early November.

The next scheduled conference call will be on November 2, 2022, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.