

## NAR Board of Trustees conference call, November 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Steve Kristal, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Becky Green; Don Carson; Steve Lubliner; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: Lynn Thomas.

Others present: Matt Johnson.

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

### **President's Message**

John met with the FAA today as part of a continuing discussion regarding radio-controlled rocket gliders and the Federal Aviation Regulations.

John sat in on a conference call last Monday with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. BATFE is currently attempting to streamline their processes, and they have invited representatives from industry (including NAR and TRA), fireworks experts, and black powder interests to participate. There is no discussion of making new regulations, only modernizing processes that are already in place. BATFE is trying to "get away from paper," as John put it, and he does not see any potential impact to hobby rocketry.

NARTS will be out of service for a little while. Todd will put a notice up on the website.

John sent the Board members a draft IRS Form 990, which NAR is required to submit annually. He asked the Board members to review the draft and contact him with any input.

The NAR finished October with 9,042 members, our first month over 9,000. John does not want us to rest on our laurels and wants to continue the discussion of member retention during the next few conference calls.

The members-only discussion forum is up and running on the NAR website. Kudos to Todd Schweim for his outstanding effort. [Applause.]

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin reported a cash balance of \$222,318.22. The NARTS balance is \$4,227.62.

### **National Events**

Steve K. said that the team putting together next year's World Spacemodeling Championships is waiting for official approval of the events and allowable motors.

Todd said that he was working hard on organizing 2023's virtual NARCON. We have already lined up space photographer and YouTube media creator Tim Dodd, "The Everyday Astronaut," as a keynote speaker.

### **Sections**

NAR currently has 230 active Sections, two more than during the October conference call. We have sent out \$10,960 in Section grants this year.

### **Miscellaneous**

Steve L. said that about 170 teams registered for the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA), about half of them from 27 foreign countries. Steve predicted that not all of them will show up, since the visa status of participants from India and Turkey is problematic.

The next scheduled conference call will be on December 7, 2022, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.