

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, December 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM Eastern Time.

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

Absent: Don Carson; Lynn Thomas.

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

President's Notes

John is working with Anne Heacock and a financial advisor to make the Jay Apt Endowed Scholarship self-funding, so that we can fund the annual \$2,000 scholarship without reducing the principal balance in the fund.

Treasurer's Report

[[Kevin, could you send me the balances? I didn't get them written down during the call.]]

Kevin is processing invoices for the storage locker (for national events range gear) and laptops for use on the NARAM contest range.

National Events

John and Todd have not received much feedback from the NARCON message in the December *Electronic Rocketeer*.

Todd may have lined up a virtual tour of the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center for NARCON.

Todd said that he and National Events Chair Ed LaCroix are beginning to find it difficult to book enough content to fill a virtual NARCON, because the requirement for 25 presenters per virtual NARCON quickly exhausts the available talent pool. He suggested making NARCON 2024 an in-person event. Steve K. and Jim offered to invite Taras Tataryn to give a presentation about the history of Canaroc. Todd said that he or Ed would contact Taras.

Sixty-five people have registered for NARCON so far. Todd expects the number to jump sometime around 10-15 January, based on our experience with previous virtual NARCONS.

Miscellaneous

Steve L. said that the expected Memorandum of Understanding between the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA) and Tripoli has been signed. Steve asked John to contact Bob Good of Tripoli regarding NAR support for the event.

The Board continued the discussion from previous conference calls regarding the use of 3-D printed parts in Level 3 certification attempts. Jim will talk to Pat Gordzelik of the Level 3 committee.

Todd said that the NAR website was hacked about three weeks ago. Thanks to the efforts of Greg Deputy, the site was recovered and additional security measures were added.

We submitted an application to the FAA on 16 November to be certified as a Community-Based Organization (CBO). FAA is processing the application, and they have 90 days to make their determination. CBO certification would allow the NAR to certify flying fields as Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Operating Areas and request waivers to fly radio-controlled rocket gliders in these areas.

Jim read the following proposal for updates to NAR awards:

- Orville Carlisle Award – Same as the Howard Galloway award, but to provide the ability to recognize technical accomplishments in the hobby and distinguish between those and NAR service. As with the Galloway and Stine awards, internal board nomination and consideration
- Bill Spadafora Volunteer Service Award – to be used by clubs or local/regional organizations to nominate and recognize exceptional volunteer service at the club or regional level. Nomination deadline of May 31st (annually) to allow the Board to decide in time for NARAM announcements
- Giant Bumblebee – no response from George Gassaway despite multiple attempts – retired
- Ric Gaff Memorial Prang Award – replaces Best Midwest Qualified Flight award, strict guidelines and board oversight at NARAM in place. \$50 annual budget for award, photo of Ric available for the plaque if desired. Currently managed by Bob Kaplow.

The next scheduled conference call will be on January 4, 2023, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.