

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, April 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 PM Eastern Time, following an executive session.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Steve Kristal, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Steve Lubliner; Lynn Thomas (arrived 8:22); Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: Don Carson; Becky Green.

Others present: Ed LaCroix, National Events Chair; John Thompson, High Power Rocketry Services Chair; Jasper Barnett, Matt Johnson, Jerry Kraus.

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

President's Notes

Our current membership stands at 9125.

Section Activities Chair Chuck Neff, Todd Schweim, and contractor Jon Bolden worked on the Sections micro-site server. Sections will be able to host their sites through NAR server once it is up and running. NAR bought another server in order to facilitate this.

John said that the May issue of the *Electronic Rocketeer* will have a new look. Kudos to Todd.

The Student Launch Program finals are next weekend, facilitated with much help from NAR members in the Huntsville area.

The TARC qualification deadline passed last weekend; John will work with the AIA on the top 100 rankings tomorrow, with the finalists likely announced this weekend.

WSMC fundraising has been successful. James Duffy and Matt Steele are doing a great job of corporate fundraising.

Treasurer's Report

Our current cash balance is \$155,431.28, after paying our annual insurance premium of \$107,214.53.

We received a donation of stock, which was immediately sold and the proceeds moved to the investment account.

We have engaged a new credit card processor for NARTS transactions.

Trophies have been purchased for NARAM-64.

Corporate Memberships

While corporate memberships are allowed by the NAR bylaws, a member was trying to use corporate membership like an individual membership, with all the privileges of an individual membership. John did

not see how that could work, since corporations cannot form Sections, certify as high power flyers, or compete. Steve K. asked if insurance for a corporate member would cover one person or many people? John's opinion is that Estes, for example, could be a corporate member but not all of its employees would be members (no membership cards for individuals, for example). Steve L. said the only benefit that accrues to a corporate member is access to NAR publications. The bylaws say that a corporate member has one vote. John asked Lynn to work with Kevin and Mark to come up with policy language to ratify at a future meeting.

Sections

Renewals are going out to Sections, Chuck is very busy right now.

National Events

NSL West – The website is open and everything is on track for the May event.

WSMC – Fundraising continues. No team payments have arrived yet; we expect to begin seeing them in May.

NARAM – The website is open. Hotel reservations can be made at Comfort Inn, and additional rooms may be made available at an adjoining property.

NSL East – The event is set for November 10-12 near Pence, Indiana. The Indiana Rocket Society (Section #711) will host. Information is available on the NAR website.

Elections

Mark received five nominations for the three open positions. He will send the candidate statements and photos to Todd for publication in *The Model Rocketeer*, which will be included in the May/June issue of *Sport Rocketry*.

Miscellaneous

Steve L. suggested that Ed and Todd arrange for a talk on high-power competition (NASA Student Launch, the Spaceport America Cup, etc.) during next year's vNARCON.

Member Input

Jerry Kraus asked about the possibility of a corporate member subsidizing individual memberships for its members. John said that corporate members predate his time in the NAR, and that there are no current corporate members. We are trying to figure out a way ahead.

Jasper Barnett said that there is interest among younger rocketeers in HPR competition. He believes that a relevant session at NARCON would attract interest.

Steve L. moved to adjourn. Steve Kristal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled conference call will be on June 7, 2023, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.