

NAR Trustee Working Session

March 6, 2024

Session started at 8:02 PM.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Steve Kristal, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Andrew Bean; Don Carson; Becky Green; Emi Sears; Lynn Thomas; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: Jasper Barnett.

Others present: None.

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

President's Notes

Insurance: John has been working with Bob Blomster, the NAR's insurance agent, on coverage for 2024. He has received two price quotes, one for \$98,000 for the base policy (\$1,000,000 coverage), and \$23,000-24,000 for the additional coverage that NASA requires for our Student Launch support contract (for total coverage of \$5,000,000). We will pay 25% at inception with the remaining premium to be paid in six monthly installments, plus a nominal finance charge.

We will pay the directors-and-officers insurance premium in a lump sum.

NASA Student Launch contract: John Lyngdal should be close to fulfilling the first half of the NASA contract, at which time we can send an invoice to NASA. We will apply that income to the insurance premium.

NAR HQ transition: John talked to Marie Stumpe, former HQ manager, today. She is working about five hours a day to address a backlog in certification paperwork. The old member card file has been sent to the vendor and is being scanned.

Emergency rule changes: The Contest Board has requested Board approval for two emergency rule changes.

Kevin moved to change the field size requirement in the Model Rocket Sporting Code to match the field size requirement in the Model Rocket Safety Code.¹ Lynn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve moved to clarify that scoring in Superroc Duration shall reflect an entrant's best single flight, rather than the sum of two flights.² Becky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

¹ As currently written, paragraph 5.2 of the Sporting Code says, "The flying field shall be an area whose shortest dimension is no less than one-fourth (1/4) the anticipated maximum altitude of the rockets to be flown. The flying field should not contain or be adjacent to high voltage lines, major highways, multi-story buildings, or other obstacles. The launching location must be no closer than 10 meters to the boundaries of the flying field."

² As currently written, paragraph 10.2 of the Sporting Code says, "Unless otherwise specified in the rules for a specific event, time and weather permitting each competitor shall be given an opportunity to make two official flights in each event per sanctioned NRC launch. A limitation shall not apply at Record Trials. **Unless otherwise**

Treasurer's Report

Kevin reported a balance of \$80,483.44 in the Chase general account and \$11,417.39 in the Chase committee checking account.

The balances in the US Bank accounts are steadily getting smaller. Kevin transferred funds into the US Bank committee checking account for ARC expenses.

NAR still has a balance of \$2,315.02 in the Americhoice account. We should be able to close that account soon.

The total cash balance stands at \$104,547.86, plus \$169,842.20 in restricted funds (scholarships, etc.).

Sections

Don reported that Chuck Neff, Section Activities Chair, is working on sending insurance certificates out to the Sections. NAR had 236 active Sections as of the time of the conference call.

New Trustee Packet

Mark and Don discussed the draft information packet for new Trustees. Mark will add Roles and Responsibilities information from the NAR website and send the draft out to the Trustees for their review.

National Events

Steve reported that MARS has offered to host NSL East.

Ed LaCroix will be stepping down as National Events chair at the end of NARAM. Jim has expressed an interest in taking over National Events.

Miscellaneous

Jim will be working with Tripoli's Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) regarding policies to discourage "speed runs," where rocketeers attempt to obtain HPR certifications in the fewest possible flights. Jim and John anticipate a great deal of discussion between NAR and TRA as both organizations work toward policies that are acceptable to all parties.

The next planning session will take place on April 3, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

specified in the rules for a duration event, a competitor's official score is the sum of the durations achieved on all official flights. [Emphasis added] Rule 39 (Superroc Duration) does not explicitly state that an entrant's score shall be for the best single flight.