



Soaring Association of Canada

BOD - Video Conference Meeting Minutes

March 31th 2020 - 8 PM until 10 PM EDT

Participants: PK, BF, SB, JA, GD, PP

Meeting called to order at 8:09 PM.

Agenda items:

1. SB/GD - Determined the recording Secretary (GD) and Chair (SB)
2. Adoption of this proposed agenda.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the March 20th 2020 - Phone SAC BOD Meeting
4. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (Non-Profit Entity): SAC Office has received a request to fill out a form to renew the liability insurance. JA will fill out and sign the form.
5. Free Flight Update. BF will instruct Ben Hornett to instruct the printer to publish the Free Flight 2020 Issue #1. Ben Hornett will add salient reports from the 2020 SAC AGM, including SAC position on COVID-19 action, to Free Flight 2020 Issue #2.
6. Spring Check Flights: After consultation with FTSC, SB will advise Grant Robinson, our insurance broker, that spring check flights are not a requirement for SAC membership or insurance coverage. The insurer may continue to include the question in their Renewal and New Aircraft Online Application forms, but indicate that it is not a requirement for insurance coverage. SAC will issue a recommendation to Clubs encouraging dual flight Spring Check Flights, but that ultimately each club needs to do a risk assessment as to other methods of determining that members meet the ability to perform both normal and emergency manoeuvres.
7. PK will draft a communiqué for Zone directors to send to all club presidents informing them of SAC decisions made at the March 30 2020 BoD meeting vis-à-vis the COVID-19 crisis.
8. SAC Membership Fee collection: In view of recent developments due to the COVID-19 crisis, the following motion was passed: SB/GD : That for 2020 SAC will collect \$1 from the SAC Membership Fees, as approved at the 2020 SAC AGM, leaving the rest of the dues to clubs.
9. 2020 Budget: At the 2020 SAC AGM it was agreed by all that the budget would be accepted as-is with the understanding that revenue and expenses may be substantially different for 2020 as membership may be lower and special programs may have to be considered to support SAC clubs through this difficult time. The budget was reviewed by the BoD. In terms of revenues, there will be an increase in the draw from the Unrestricted Funds in order to replace the shortfall in membership fees. In terms of expenses, all programs funding will remain in place except for the contest holding grant, and the funding for

National Team contest participation. Some committee expenses will be reduced as well due to reduced travel expenses. The revised 2020 Budget will be posted online.

New business:

10. A club asked whether SAC would be able to help finance it because of a shortfall of cash. SAC funds are actually quite limited, in that most of the assets in its possession are restricted, meaning that they are allocated to specific funds. Moreover, SAC is expected to make a large draw from its unrestricted fund this year, and this does not leave much for other expenses. SAC is encouraging the club to seek loans from its members. This strategy has proven successful at other clubs. However, SAC will keep looking for other arrangements to render support to clubs suffering financial difficulties.
11. SB - Adjournment of the video conference BOD meeting (10.10 PM EST).