

SAC BOD Meeting minutes – Nov 27 and Dec 4, 2023

Virtual meeting on Howspace

CTO 20:10 EST

Present: Stan Martin, George Domaradzki, Jay Alardyce, Pavan Kumar, Tom Colson and Sylvain Bourque

Agenda items:

1. SB – **Determination of the recording Secretary and President** of the BOD meeting – SB & PK. Moved JA, 2nd GD. All Agreed.
2. SB – **Adoption of Proposed Agenda** Moved GD, 2nd JA. All Agreed.
3. SB – **Adoption of March 9, 2023 SAC BOD meeting minutes** –Moved JA, 2nd GD. All Agreed. <https://sac.ca/index.php/en/documents-en/meeting-minutes-annual-reports/2020-2024/2023/718-2023-03-09-sac-bod-meeting-minutes/file>

Follow up:

4. SB – **Free Flight** – New Free flight Editor was found as Jeff Keay. No update on date to expect next step in a publication. **BOD liaison for FF : GD. All agreed.**

New Items:

5. TC – **2023 Membership preliminary report** from SAC office - **907** members, up 17 from 2022.
6. JA – **Treasurer/Finances information – Investments as of Sept 30th 2023 update** - Financial books will be complete by mid-January for auditing.

Safety grant eligibility finalized based on 2023 final membership numbers and to be communicated to the clubs by each BOD member. None paid out thus far in 2023. Deadline (soft) for 2023 is Dec 1st 2023.

A few **Youth bursaries** (of ~30) were unused so may be returned. A reminder of the youth program current criteria, amounts, and numbers to be sent out in spring, JA to prepare the email.

7. SB/JA - **SAC Website platform/program Joomla expiring, need to be updated** / migrated to a new platform and overhauled. Create a new discussion forum or at least improve that experience as it currently is limiting for the members to use. Reach out to membership pool to see if anyone able to oversee this and improve upon it. SM will explore options, potentially a hired technical back end website builder, (previous initial and retained yearly after was Tim Forbes) and a webmaster/Content editor (currently Patrick M) for content and design in an overhaul project.

8. SB - **2024 SAC Director Elections for Alberta, Prairies and Eastern Ontario. Pacific region still open.** TC volunteers to serve as elections officer to request nominations from those zones with nominations, closing 6 weeks prior to the SAC season 2023 AGM of March 23, 2024.

9. SB - **Next SAC AGM** – In-person/virtual AGM and BOD meeting March 22 and 23 2024 – 10:30 AM-4 PM EDT. Location TBD and is being explored by BOD for potentially in Alberta or in Southern-Ontario. The AGM will take place in the morning and there will be additional presentations in the afternoon. David Donaldson agreed to be master of ceremonies again and broadcast it live on internet.

10. SB/GD - **SAC support for an In Person Safety Officers meeting attached with AGM** was proposed and requested by David Donaldson. Approximately 10-12 regulars potential to attend. SAC to support for flights and hotel costs for these attendees. Costs attributed to FTSC expenses for the year. Moved JA, 2nd GD. All Agreed.

11. GD - **Algonquin College Stall Warning Indicator project** - SAC contribution and sponsorship requested. After discussion GD will return to FTSC with further questions for information on this project before we can proceed.

12. SB – **Next BOD meeting planned for Monday Dec 4th, 1930 EST.**

13. SB – **Adjournment of the BOD meeting** at 10:15 PM EST.

Minutes – SAC BOD meeting Monday Dec 4th, 1930 EST

CTO: 19:30

Present: George Domaradzki, Jay Alardyce, Pavan Kumar, Tom Colson and Sylvain Bourque

Absent: Stan Martin

Followup Items:

4. GD – **Free Flight** – contact with Jeff Keay – hopeful there would be a final edition by BH. He has certain skills he would appreciate support for creating his first edition also. Tony B still willing to assist and guide in this creation of the first edition. If BH cannot, then the content should be transferred and JK proceed to create his first edition.

9. SB - **Next SAC AGM** – For sites – no update yet on hosting in Alberta. Other option is to hold the AGM in Southern-Ontario.

11. GD - **Algonquin College project** - Goal was no outside sensor, only accelerometers and GPS to claim AoA. Supported by Jason Acker, FTSC co-chair. No liability / waiver clause does exist and will remain open source.

Moved that the Soaring Association of Canada participate in with Algonquin College in a research project towards the development of a self-contained Spin/Stall detection system for gliders.

SAC to agree to contribute \$5000 towards the funding of this research project, with the remainder funding (~\$35,000) provided by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council. Moved GD, 2nd JA. All agreed.

New Items:

12. SB - **SAC BOD liaison with committees.** Since Paul and Bruce left, we need to find a liaison for the SAC committees. Item deferred.

13. PK – For Canadian specific awards, records. SAC BODs reach out to female specific aviation and gliding groups to ask how to approach a claim if one is made going forward for the female award categories that are not FAI awards. GD, TC, and PK

14. PK – **Simulator instructing credits** - FTSC liaison to approach FTSC about including some instructing on simulators, logged, to be credited towards the requirements for upgrading to SAC class II and class I instructor ratings. Moved PK, 2nd GD. All agreed.

15. SB - **Any zone business**

16. SB – **Next BOD meeting** planned for.

17. SB – **Adjournment** of the BOD meeting at 21:08 EST.