

SAC BOD Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024

CTO: 8:08 EST

In Presence: 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. All approve.
2. SB – **Adoption of Proposed Agenda.** 1st JA, 2nd GD. All approve.
3. SB – **Adoption of Jan 16, 2024 SAC BOD meeting minutes.** 1st GD, 2nd PK. All approve.

***Follow up:

***4. GD – **Free Flight** – Update - Jeff Keay leaning towards an email-based version of Free Flight to be sent by email to all members. SB Prepared list of Priorities for first edition about 1) Return of FF, 2) Safety grant Claim period up until March 31st 2024, 3) SAC AGM announcement.

***5. SB - **2024 SAC Director Elections for Alberta, Prairies and Eastern Ontario.** Pacific Region is still open. Nominations closed 6 weeks prior to AGM. The standing board members were nominated and will be elected by acclamation.

***6. SB - **Next SAC AGM** – In-person/virtual AGM and BOD meeting **Saturday March 23, 2024 – 10:30 AM-4 PM EDT.** Location: Humber College in the Southern-Ontario Zone. 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 to manage the online broadcast of the event. Open space for presentation or discussion at 4 pm. WeGlide can make a 30 minute presentation at 10h or at 1h00 if we push at 1h30 the Safety seminar. Tom C has completed the AGM packages to send to the clubs. JA to send a registration form for attendees so we can plan numbers for lunches, seats, etc.

***7. JA/SM - **SAC Website platform/program Joomla expiring, need to be updated / migrated to a new platform and overhauled.** SM reached out to a few individuals to see if there might be interest in helping out with a rebuild of the website. Had not a lot of interest from individuals thus far. A suggestion was made to hire a company to build the updated website. SM to reach out to Tim Forbes to discuss the website and the larger task is to migrate the discussion forum. Budgeting for redevelopment of the website. Plan to announce the intention at the AGM and seek volunteers to form a committee to oversee design. GD will announce this at the AGM. JA mentions one possibility for the forum already (Bullfrog, Tim Forbes).

***8. SB - **Jim McCollum Award for Innovation** - of 3 very worthy nominations discussed, one was selected unanimously.

New Items:

9. JA - **2024 Budget and Membership fees proposal** for the AGM club package 1st JA, 2nd GD. All agreed.

10. SB - **Proving Grounds** - For context: for the past few years SAC has paid for the subscription of clubs that have had their 3 year subscriptions elapse. 2 x clubs are still working through their first 3 years, but I think in total there are 14 clubs using Proving Grounds which would be \$420/year for support (14*40). SSA has also started to do this for their 50+ clubs using Proving Grounds, identifying it as a foundational tool to support novice XC development.

SAC Support for Proving Grounds - We just secured a similar commitment from SSA for US instances! **We want to implement an acknowledgement of this support at the bottom of Proving Grounds returns for Canadian instances.** 1st GD, 2nd SM. All agreed.

11. PK - **WeGlide** - Suggestion by Ryan Wood to investigate WeGlide for all members and novice development. Noted the SSA supporter subscription for all SSA members in 2024. PK discussion with Moritz of WeGlide has led to an offer to a webinar for all our members and follow up with an offer of some Premium level vouchers. **Motion to select a champion at each club that would offer coaching feedback to members posting on WeGlide to give these premium vouchers, announce the webinar, and time permitting present a story at the AGM of using WeGlide to review a contest flight.**
1st PK, 2nd GD. All agreed.

12. PK - **Insurance discussion.**

13. SB - **Any zone business**

14. SB – **Next BOD in person meeting** planned in Toronto for Friday March 22.

15. SB – **Adjournment** of the BOD meeting at 2235 EST. 1st GD, 2nd PK. All agreed.