

Minutes of the Seattle Glider Council Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Started at 6:35 p.m. at Bellevue Library Meeting Room #4

Present were: Jim Simmons, Mark Nyberg, Mike Newgard, Chris Gunther, Nelson Funston, Jim McNeil, Heinz Gehlhaar and Kevin Finke.

October meeting minutes:

Minutes from the meeting of October 14th were read and approved with changes.

Financial Report (Reported by Chris Gunther):

As of November 18, Net Income is \$2294.73. Banquet income of \$2820 vs. expenses of \$2734 plus postage for invitations. Discussed late bills. Currently \$700 in accounts receivable from past due tows and fees. Chris to write up fee structure explanation for new pilots to Ephrata.

Ephrata Status:

Trailers – All trailers and RVs gone

2009 Regional Contest – Discussed how to get a contest to happen. Lots of interest in the clubs to have contest for new, up and coming contest pilots. Reviewed the difficulties in organizing a contest (towpilots, line crew, scoring, CD, event calendar at EPH). Discussion put off to December meeting to see if interest is there and if the scheduling can be worked out.

Tow Plane Status:

Tire Swap – Tires at AWO for retread. Heinz to ask Mike Moore for status.

Annual – 78P completed. 75B due in Feb/Mar.

Towline Status:

Next issue due to Max on 11/24. Discussion on switching Towline to electronic version. Question came up asking how many hard copies would be requested – Chris to see how many paper invoices are sent out for collecting tows and fees. Motion to transition Towline to an electronic format, starting with the first issue in 2009. Seconded and passed.

Web page:

Web page up-to-date with the 2008 awards.

Club dues:

A motion was made to delete the separate subscription fee for towline and the reference to Towline in the dues notification. The membership fee is to remain at the total of \$35. The motion was seconded and passed.

SGCSF status:

DG-1000 – Evergreen club will not renew the lease. The syndicate members will try to form up a separate group under the SGCSF.

Discussions are in work to get Bob Wander here in late January for a Soaring Safety Foundation safety seminar.

2009 18m Nationals

Steve Northcraft working on staffing. Need contest manager and competition director. Towplanes and towpilots are being sought.

Next General Membership meeting – Dec 1, with Nelson Funston to brief on preparing for contest flying.

Banquet:

58 attendees. Broke even.

Election:

Ballots sent out; due back November 30. Discussed looking into ways to get new board members interested and involved with the Board of Directors.

Glider Expo:

Glider Expo scheduled for March 21, 22. No main speaker yet and looking for gliders to display. Trying to get RC modelers for speakers.

December SGC Board meeting:

December 9 – Small Conference Room at the Mercer Island Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.