

SEATTLE GLIDER COUNCIL  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2012

Place: Mercer Island Library, Large Meeting Room

Attendees: Stephen Northcraft, Mike Newgard, Jim Simmons, Kevin Finke, Ron Bellamy, Jim McNeil, Chris Gunther.

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

- October meeting minutes approved with one correction and will be posted on the web.
- Finances

Chris presented the current Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet data. Chris is forecasting a net profit at the end of the year of about \$1000 after a bill for tow plane tire retreads is paid. Accounts receivable includes about \$1200 in unpaid bills from various members, some going as far back as “DustUp” charges. Chris is sending out e-mail and snail-mail reminders to these members. No major expenses are expected for December but January will include charges for Clubhouse and hangar rental. Chris is planning to remove the automatic check copy service from the KeyBank account which will eliminate that bank fee from our 2013 budget.
- Ephrata Facility

No news except Simmons has not been able to contact Phil, our cleaning/maintenance guy. Simmons and/or Northcraft will try to make a facility inspection sometime during the holidays.
- Tow planes

Both tow planes are now on ground only insurance. The Board approved acceptance of a Pawnee engine overhaul bid from Western Skyways after clarification of some details on core shipping schedule, warranty and accessory parts. The bid was negotiated by Bill Birney after extensive research. The “word-smithed” procedures and policies for remote use of a SGC tow plane was approved and will be included as an addendum to the Board Minutes.
- Towline Status

Heinz reported via e-mail that the October/November edition has been released and the December/January issue release is scheduled for the end of November. He's looking for inputs.
- Web Site

Added 2013 general membership meeting dates and will add next Board meeting date and Region 8 and DustUp contest/camp dates.
- SGCSF Report

Heinz reported via e-mail that about \$2000 remains in the DG-1000 operations fund. The ship is currently in Simmons shop and the annual inspection and parachute repack will happen around mid-February and the ship will go back on flight insurance on March 9, 2013.
- Camps & Contests

The 2013 “DustUp” camp will be scheduled for Memorial Day weekend May 25-27 and the Region 8 contest will be scheduled for July 1-6 with the practice day on June 30.
- The next General Membership Meeting is December 3 and we'll plan to show the movie “Zulu Romeo ~ Good Start”.
- Soaring EXPO 2013 is currently scheduled for March 16,17. Movses Babayan of Evergreen Soaring has volunteered to coordinate this event with assistance from Heinz.
- Elections: Kevin received 18 nomination ballots from which he was able to get about ten names that will appear on the final 2013 Board election ballots which he will soon mail out.
- Banquet: another successful event at Ivar's this year with a break even cost result as planned. Will plan the same thing for early November 2013 depending on the Husky football schedule.
- Next Board meeting: December 11, 7:00 pm at the Mercer Island Library, large meeting room and the following Board meeting will be January 15.
- Additional items/comments

There was a comment/question at the recent Evergreen Soaring general meeting about winter use of a SGC tow plane by Evergreen if they decide to sell one of their current tow planes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Policies and Procedures for use of a SGC tow plane at remote  
(non-Ephrata) sites.  
(Approved November 20, 2012)**

The following requirements have been adopted by the Seattle Glider Council Board of Directors for any user group requesting use of a SGC tow plane at a remote (non-Ephrata) soaring site.

A. The user group must submit a written request to the SGC Board that includes the following information:

1. The name, phone number and e-mail address of a primary contact person for the user group who will be responsible for managing the billing and collecting tow cards for the remote operation;
2. The proposed remote site location and the transit route the tow plane will follow during the ferry flights to and from the remote site;
3. A detailed schedule of the dates the tow plane will be in use for the remote operation including the dates when the tow plane will leave from and return to Ephrata;
4. A list of all tow pilots who will be operating the tow plane at the remote site and during the ferry flights to and from the remote site;
5. A description of the arrangements for storage of the tow plane at the remote site (tie-down or hangar) and arrangements for obtaining fuel and oil for the tow plane while it is at the remote site;
6. A description of towrope usage during the remote operation, i.e., whether SGC towropes will be used and the plan for reimbursing the SGC for lost towropes;
7. A plan for providing any needed repair or maintenance of the tow plane while at the remote site.

B. All tow pilots operating the tow plane during the remote operation must be SGC and SSA members.

C. All sailplane pilots towing behind the tow plane during the remote operation must be SGC and SSA members.

D. The remote site user group members will be responsible for paying the current remote site surcharge fee and ferry flight fee as published on the SGC web site. The user group is also responsible for any insurance deductible if the tow plane is damaged.

E. Tow pilots shall not cancel a previously scheduled Ephrata tow date to support the remote operation.

F. The SGC Board must give written permission before the tow plane leaves Ephrata for the remote operation.