

Minutes from ESL annual meeting 10/8/2015 4:30 PM

After everyone was seated comfortable president Kerry Cochrell opened the meeting. Immediately afterwards he and Josh Glaab took over and Anker Berg-Sonne, treasurer and secretary took over running the meeting and called for the treasurer's report. The meeting did not conform with Roberts Rules, so new and old business was all mixed up. The secretary has taken the liberty to rearrange some of the discussion so it is less chaotic.

Treasurers report:

Anker reported that the cash holdings of the ESL treasury had grown from \$5,541 on January 1 to \$6,065.37 (including \$170 in receivables that have been received at the time this report was written). In addition, the DBSF club has been dissolved and has donated its funds, in the amount of \$1,772.08 to the ESL, bringing the cash holdings to \$7,887.45. Anker believes that this is a considerable amount considering the expenses of the ESL and made a motion to declare a holiday on collecting ESL sanction fees until the funds dropped to \$5,000. After considerable discussion Kerry (who had by now returned), amended the motion to be for a sanction fee holiday for one year. This was seconded and approved by the membership.

This led to some discussion about whether we should build a fifth winch using the spare winch frame to be used as a hot standby. Kerry moved that we authorize \$600 to build the winch. This was amended to \$800 by David Beach, seconded and approved by the membership.

Mike Lachowski made a motion to spend \$500 on raffle tickets to support the F3J Junior team. This motion was seconded and approved. The treasurer wonders what is to be done if any of the raffle tickets turn out to be winners. The board will make a decision if that were to happen.

There was then some discussion on a motion from 2014 to document the ESL by-laws which apparently have been lost in the fog of ancient history. Kerry moved be have the document deferred to the 2016 annual meeting, which was seconded and approved. At the same time Kerry will make our constitution and by-laws acceptable to the AMA so we can become an AMA club with Daniel Boone as our home field.

Other business:

David Beach informed the meeting that only the WebMaster can make changes to the ESL Web site. This change was made to eliminate annoying spam. Therefore any changes have to be sent to David, who will then post them. Josh suggested that contest reports be posted to RC Groups. Someone raised the question whether this also applied to scores, to which David responded that they need to be sent to the score keeper, Luis Bustamante, who will enter them into the database and post them. Randy Everly then asked whether complete pilot report cards (round by round scores) can be posted and required from CDs. This led to some discussion, the outcome of which is that the Luis Bustamante offered to post them on the web site when the CDs submit them. Kerry then moved that we get rid of the old rule that report cards only will be posted after the CD submits a contest report. This was seconded and approved. John

Marien reminded everyone that he is managing an ESL YouTube channel, which he will post videos and pictures to if they are sent to him.

John Marien then opened a discussion about ESL contest awards. His proposal is that winners receive a small (roughly 1" by 2") metal plate with the contest, the date and the place. This would then be mounted on a largish wooden plaque that then, hopefully, will end up containing a plethora of plates from contests where the pilot had placed in the top 3. A very lengthy discussion then commenced, including such issues and questions as to how much the ESL would fund, whether this should apply to all contests, or just ESL-run contests, what responsibilities CD would have, how much a burden this would be on John Marien. Some fundamental principles were raised and confirmed, including that it is up to CDs to decide whether they will participate in the program, and that the ESL should not make any such program mandatory, and also that CDs must take the initiative when participating in the program. It is the opinion of the secretary that the audience was in favor of the proposal. Kerry finally suggested that the discussion would end up being very long if continued and proposed that it be continued on-line. Kerry will initiate a discussion on Google Groups.

Josh then led a discussion about the 2016 contest schedule. It is difficult to nail down because there is some question whether we will be able to run contests at Horsefeathers due to Frank's advancing age. Also, there is a desire to give MASS a date that would have a better chance of good weather, LISF has decided not to have the second, LISF II, TD contest, and BRASS would like to run two contests. Taking all of the above into account, the following TD schedule was proposed:

Apr 16: Horsefeathers 1, Daniel Boone (now run by ESL) if no Horsefeathers and cancel if that is unfeasible
Apr 30: BRASS
May 21: MASS
Jun 11: SKSS
Jun 25: LISF
Jul 9: Daniel Boone
Aug 6: CRRC
Aug 20: RISC
Sep 10: Skip Schow Memorial at Horsefeathers or BRASS field
Sep 24: BRASS
Oct 8: EOS

ALES and HL schedules will be set by those communities.

The above schedule was approved by the attendees.

Kerry then moved on to making a number of awards, all of which were applauded by the attendees:

Steve Lucke: Three new T-shirts and a \$50 Wawa gift certificate for service above and beyond

Joanne Bustamante and Theresa Zyga: A mug for outstanding and frequent scoring

Heather Hall: A plaque for outstanding scoring

As dusk settled over the field a motion was made to end the meeting, enthusiastically seconded and approved with acclamation.

Respectfully,

Anker Berg-Sonne

Secretary and treasurer