

NSRCA Board Meeting February 11, 2008

President Koopowitz called the Board meeting to order at 7:05 PM EST on Monday, February 11, 2008.

Introduction of new DVPs

D1 - Ed Alt: Ed wants to follow the excellent direction D1 had under the leadership of Rick Wallace, his predecessor. To recruit new members Ed wants to incorporate more Primers, visit other clubs, and promote NSRCA at the WRAM's trade show.

D2 - Ryan Smith: Ryan wants to better organize the district, add new members, pay more attention to the VA area, and add new contests.

D3 - Lamar Blair: Absent

D4 - Dave Johnstone: Dave likes the above ideas and especially wants to actively pursue new members.

D5 - John Konneker: John would like to add some new contests and clinics in D5.

D6 - Mark Hunt: Mark wants to follow Lance's great leadership, organize the contest schedule, and strengthen OK, NM, and AK.

D7 - Rusty Fried: Improve younger and newer members, Sportsman and Intermediate.

D8 - Rex Leshner: There is a short flying season in D8. There is a lot of action with Canadian aerobatic pilots for good Western Canadian Contests. Rex wants to focus on MT.

Derek wants us to be more financially stable for 2008. 2007 started out with a lot of uncertainty, to say the least!

Replacement for Don Ramsey

Dale Arnold was recommended and will submit a resume for an email officer's list vote in the near future. Rusty made a motion that Dale be approved.

2011 World Championships

A verbal commitment to the CIAM should be made by March 2008 through Dave Brown with the awareness of Dave Mathewson and Bob Skinner. A formal proposal will be made to CIAM in 2009. World Championships alternate between Europe and outside of Europe countries. Once the verbal interest is expressed NSRCA needs to search for key

people to run the event. It was suggested that the World Championship be in Muncie during the Nationals, after the last National Event, but before the Precision R/C Aerobatic NATS. John K made a motion to host the 2011 World Championships and Ed A. seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Further discussion was had about the dates. We need to avoid the football season at Ball State so August seems to be the month.

Electronic KFactor for Non-North American members

John K. made a motion to offer the KFactor to Non-North American members at a reduced rate. Ron Van P. seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ron D. will determine an appropriate reduced rate. \$20.00 was suggested. John K. hopes to entice many more European members with monthly articles in the KFactor by the World's Event Director.

Electronic KFactor for all members

Other SIGS now have electronic only newsletters, like IMAC. They did not lose the benefit of advertising. Currently it costs about \$2800.00 per issue to put out the hard copy K-Factor. About half is from dues, the other half from advertising. A significant part of the cost of the K-Factor is the formatting of each issue. The printer makes money from printing issues, which lowers the other costs. We need a minimum of 500 copies to get the USPS reduced mailing rate. Rusty F. will form a committee to investigate this issue further.

Advertising Update

John K. wants to solicit new advertisers from the membership who might have better contacts with potential advertisers that he does himself. Should we charge for a website link to an advertiser's website? What about click throughs? In January of 2007 we had about \$895.00 in advertising revenue, now that is almost double thanks to John K. and Derek's hard work. Nice work guys!

Membership Update

Jim Q. sent each DVP a copy of the current 2008 members, and the 2007 unrenewed members. He commented that there were many long time members and distinguished members who have not renewed for 2008. There are just over 100 unrenewed, which is about typical. When they get shut out of the website, or don't get the KFactor they remember to renew. Jim hopes the DVPs will get the few remaining unrenewed back on board. We have over 30 new members for 2008. Derek is shooting for 700+ members for 2008.

Change Renewal Process

Ed A. wants us to look at a different dues structure. Probably we can't do a date joined to date renewed membership, but we could pro rate dues depending on when someone joins. If we had no actual expenses, like publishing a monthly newsletter, we might have renewals scheduled on dates joined. If we did that with the present structure it would cause a major bookkeeping problem. We will look into a new dues structure and use the Board email for further discussion.

Fees for Junior Members

Ron Van P. wants us to reduce the fee for a member under 19 to \$1.00 with an electronic only K-Factor. Derek made the motion, John K. seconded and it was approved unanimously.

F3A Judge Selection

Ron Van P. wants to be sure all 5 judges recommended to judge at the 2009 World Championships submit resumes. The list of judges was submitted in October of 2007. Derek will follow up to be sure they all submit resumes.

Treasury update:

Ron D. reviewed his 2008 budget which we all received by email earlier. It was suggested to increase the revenue from the NATS banquet to \$2250.00. It was further suggested to eliminate the closing barbeque and give the money saved to the key people who are working at each site.

Membership Cards

Ron D. has some requests for membership cards, especially from newer members. Jim Q. will contact Steve Sterling to see if it can be included in the template he uses to notify a member of renewal, or first membership. Each member now receives an email or hard copy notification when he/she joins or renews. It should be simple to add the card to the template.

FAI Representative

Anyone interested in replacing Chris Lakin should send a resume to Derek who will forward them to Dave Brown with the NSRCA recommendation.

Judge/Scribe Concerns

Bob Noll made a proposal that Judge Assistants be incorporated into Judge training with the technique of using a scratch pad to write down scores during a flight with the Assistant prompting the Judge for the next maneuver/elements, so the judge could keep his eyes on the airplane for the entire flight. At the Worlds all judges had Judge

Assistants. A problem at local contests could be enough manpower. Only one Judge Assistant is needed, he/she could sit between the two judges. We will vote on line with a recommendation to Dale Arnold, if he is appointed as the new Chairperson. What about zero judges and box judges at the NATS, especially team selection years?

Standardized District Championships

Rusty F. would like to solicit all districts to learn what each does for a championship? D 7 has 17 contests and others only have 5 or 6. If you have a District Championship Contest and if it counts 50% of your total score it could misrepresent a person who had a bad flight that day and thus not reflect a true district champion. Ron D. suggested looking on our website for Tony Stillman's recommendations.

Online Contest Registration

Ryan S. wants us to investigate online registration for all contests. It would make it easier and clearer for all interested contestants. We could link it to PACSS. It would make loading the software easier doing it in advance. Check with Sal Piu from D1 - they have online registration.

Items from the floor

F3A team? Who makes up the team? NSRCA is not involved. F3A pilots in the USA do that themselves.

John Glennon's letter: We all don't like to lose a member. We still feel strongly not to censor member's articles. Jim Q. will contact Scott Smith from D 1 to see if he can make a personal visit to John. Jim Q. will make a personal phone call to John. Jim Q. reminded all of us to be aware of the persona we project to other pilots while flying.

Jim Q. Wondered about using **Skype for conference calls?** Skype maximum is 9 for a conference call and we have 13 or more per meeting.

President Koopowitz adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM EST.