

# SAFE Telecon Minutes



## I. Call to Order – Chair

Scheduled Conference Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Scheduled Start Time: 08:00 PM Central Daylight Time

## II. Roll Call – all present.

Doug Stewart, Chair	Alan Davis	Donna Wilt
Pat Knight, Secretary	Arlynn McMahon	Larry Bothe, Treasurer
Mark Adams, Vice Chair	John Dorcey	Tom Benenson

In addition Rich Stowell attended to discuss committee operations.

## III. Minutes of the last telephone conference have been emailed to board members.

Motion to accept the minutes? Alan Second the motion? Tom

## IV. Treasurer’s Report – Larry

\$19,303.32 is bank balance; \$2200 is outstanding; not yet reimbursed by Birr for AirVenture dinner although all parties have been billed.

## V. Committee Reports – Rich Stowell. See report further in the agenda.

All board members will review the website by next Wednesday and reply to all including Rich Stowell with any comments. This will prepare the website for cutover. Rich left the telecon at 828 CDT.

## VI. Unfinished Business.

A. Insurance – Doug.

B. By-laws - Mark Adams. Board members discussed various issues remaining on proposed by-law changes. Larry moved to reduce the quorum of board members to conduct business from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the board. Vote was Nay – 5, Aye – 4. Motion is defeated. Members were

emailed by-laws updated after the discussions. Motion to accept the bylaws as distributed – Larry. Seconded – Arlynn. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

C. AOPA Aviation Summit. Doug will be giving a presentation and will be sitting on a board.

D. Website design. Discussed with Rich Stowell's report.

E. FAR 61 & 141 changes. Board members will solicit comments on the NPRM, and will have those submitted to SAFE for consolidation before the next Board meeting. Here is the link to the NPRM: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-20957.pdf>

## VII. New Business

A. We need to make our reservation for Sun N Fun by the 15th, if we want a better spot.

Please check out the following: [http://www.sun-n-fun.org/getdoc/7919f2c6-1099-4f61-96b4-b21d2cb192c0/outdoorexhibits2010-\(1\).aspx](http://www.sun-n-fun.org/getdoc/7919f2c6-1099-4f61-96b4-b21d2cb192c0/outdoorexhibits2010-(1).aspx) to be educated on our choices.

Doug will submit several choices as discussed among the Board. We will spend slightly more money to ensure a good location.

B. SAFE Forum Terms of Agreement – See draft at end of agenda. Donna moved that we accept the Terms of Agreement. Alan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## VIII. Next meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 8 PM Central time.

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 will be the following meeting.

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 will be the following meeting.

## IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Alan. Seconded – Mark. Adjourned at 9:59 PM.

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## SAFE Forum Terms of Agreement

To participate on SAFE Forum by posting, sending messages or uploading, you agree to abide by the following Terms of Service (ToS).

The SAFE Forum is a friendly forum based on mutual respect. While the Moderators will do their best to keep it that way, it is impossible for us to review every post. If any post seems to violate the spirit of mutual respect, please use the Report Bad Post button ([the forum should have the ability to do this](#)) at the bottom of the post to notify us. All posts are the opinions of their respective authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of SAFE. We are not responsible for posts' content, authenticity or accuracy.

No post should exceed a "PG" rating (some material may not be suitable for pre-teenagers. Nudity and coarse language are prohibited). Profane, racial, insulting or mean spirited language is simply not allowed ~~here and this includes including~~ any sort of harassment, flaming, or cyberbullying. "Flaming" is a hostile and insulting interaction between Internet users. Flaming usually occurs in the social context of a discussion board, Internet Relay Chat (IRC), by e-mail or on Video-sharing websites.

"Cyberbullying" is when a person is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another person using the Internet. Threats of any sort are grounds for immediate permanent ~~suspension ban~~; there is never a reason to resort to personal attacks. If you feel that you have been attacked, please do not retaliate; instead use the Report Bad Post button at the bottom of each post to notify SAFE Moderators. Trolling posts or off-topic posts (hijacking) may be moderated or removed. ("Trolling" is a means of exploiting the weaknesses of human nature or of an on-line community to upset people.)

~~SAFE retains all rights and privileges to all its editorial content. {{ Don't think this fits. What editorial content }} }~~

Spamming or attempting to recruit our membership other than through authorized use of our commercial (market place) forums is expressly forbidden.

The creation of multiple accounts ("sock puppets") for one person is prohibited and grounds for suspension.

~~We are SAFE is~~ dedicated to keeping our users' information private and will never sell it to a third party.

The Moderators have the last word in any dispute and are responsible for interpreting the ToS. When they deem it in the best interest of SAFE Forum, they may edit or delete: avatars, pictures, signatures, posts and threads. They may suspend users when they deem it is necessary.

Membership is a privilege and ~~we reserve~~ SAFE reserves the right to deny service to any person with or without cause or notification. If a member feels ~~they have been~~ unfairly denied of service or ~~has received unfair moderation~~ unfairly moderated, an appeal may be sent by e-mail to [\(insert correct e-mail here\)](#). Each appeal will be reviewed by the SAFE Board of Directors, but only by those Board members who are not involved in the issue that led to the ~~appealed suspension or moderation~~ appeal.

There may be certain sections of the forum where special rules ~~are applicable~~ apply. These rules are part of the ToS for those forums; acknowledgement and compliance apply as with other ToS conditions.

SAFE reserves the right to add to or amend the ToS without any prior warning or consent from its Forum users. By completing your registration, you agree that your SAFE Forum participation will conform to any such additions or amendments to the ToS.

## Banning Policy:

Temporary bans (5 days) can be called for by any Moderator and are automatic. This can be in response to any violation of the ~~TOS ToS (Moderator's discretion)~~ at the Moderator's discretion, harassment of others, flaming others, or trolling. The Moderator must send a notice to the affected member's e-mail and detail why the ~~suspension ban was initiated~~ imposed. ~~These Temporary bans~~ should be rare and can be conditional.

Permanent ~~Bans bans~~ are considered when the member exceeds 2 ~~suspensions bans~~ in less than 6 months, openly challenges authority (not just asking a question), threatens anyone in any way, or has blatantly violated the ~~TOS ToS~~. A permanent ban requires the ~~Board of Director's~~ approval. A temporary ban should be called for first and then ~~permanent banning~~ should be discussed for at least 5 days. The Moderator who initiated the temporary ban is in charge of the process. ~~They That Moderator~~ will inform the SAFE Board of Directors that a vote needs to be taken. The vote should occur within 7 days and the results will be sent to the member in question. ~~Permanent bans can be re-visited by any Moderator at any time and only need a simple majority of the Directors voting to be rescinded.~~

~~These Permanent bans~~ should be very rare and can be conditional.

Under no circumstances will SAFE Forum Moderators or ~~SAFE Directors~~ disclose reasons or rationale for any disciplinary action to a third party. We view this as a privacy issue and are committed to protect the privacy of the ~~board's Forum's members~~ at all times. While we do respect a member's desire to request a review of the status of their account, we specifically forbid the use of ~~sock puppets (multiple user accounts)~~ or another member's account to make your case. All such requests must be sent to [\(insert correct e-mail address here\)](#) for consideration. At this point of the process, ~~we will not feel obliged~~ ~~SAFE~~ is not obliged to correspond any further unless we change your status. All Moderators and Directors will forward any and all such requests sent to them personally as well.



-----SAFE Committees Report, 9 September 2009-----

Submitted by Rich Stowell, Committee Coordinator.

## 1. Website:

- The "safepilots.us/wordpress" version of the site (the new site) has undergone Beta testing by the Board and others. Numerous changes have been made based on comments/suggestions received. The new site is nearly ready to deploy, with the following items outstanding:
  - Header redesign -- Board input required; I spoke with Al Struna, Creative Services Director at *Flying* magazine on September 4th, followed with an e-mail to Al and Doug Stewart asking that they touch base on design concepts and approval to hire Al. Brian Robbins also has a graphic web designer for SAFE to consider for such projects as well.
  - Finalize/sign-off on Home page design/layout/content.
  - Members-only Area -- Brian Robbins has volunteered to enter members from the membership database once we're ready to deploy this feature. We're waiting on a list of promo codes from the various SAFE sponsors from the Affiliation/Sponsorship Committee.
- Rollover map has been uploaded (it took a very, very long time to do that). The file size is such that we will need to put an intermediate page up that tells users the map could take a long time to load the first time, and that the map may not be practical for those with slow Internet connections. The state-by-state databases are not yet accessible from the map. What's required is to create a template with fields for whatever information we want to provide for SAFE members, then make 50 copies for the 50 states, and upload to the site. If your Internet connection is high speed (sorry to those on dial-up), you can at least now preview the map here: [http://safepilots.us/map/SAFE\\_MAP.html](http://safepilots.us/map/SAFE_MAP.html)
- Additional member profiles have been uploaded to the new website, but not to the old site to save time/cost. We've now deployed a total of 22 profiles, with two more in the queue waiting to be processed.

- **Areas requiring Board action/direction:**
  - Header redesign (see above)
  - Home page design/layout (see above)
  - How to handle Store transactions on the new site vs. the current method. The current method uses an off-site provider to process memberships (SkipJack.com, <https://vpos.skipjack.com/ezPay/order.asp>). The new site allows us to choose from three methods that are available as part of the e-commerce package: Paypal, Google Checkout, and/or Chronopay.com.
  - Figure out how we might archive files that are on the "old" website and who might be responsible for that. The suggestion was made to see if Radek Wyrzykowski might be willing and able to do this using his Office Live account before we dismantle the old site and move the "safepilots.org" domain name to the new server.

**2. Membership Growth:** Following the Board's response to the proposed plan to double the size of membership in 120 days, Michael Phillips and Julie Hubner have been working on documents that will need the immediate attention of the Board for this project to proceed and succeed. The documents should be ready for the Board's consideration in about a week.

**3. Affiliation/Sponsorship:** Still working on collecting promo codes from the various corporate supporters so we can launch the Members-Only area on the website.

**4. Insurance:** Word from Ryan Birr via e-mail on September 2nd is, "I understand that it is finally close ... but we have been there before too."

Respectfully,

Rich Stowell