

SAFE Board of Directors

July Board Meeting Minutes-July 30, 2013

Meeting held at AirVenture 2013



Roll call

Directors:

Jim Anderson	Tom Benenson	Donna Wilt	Ray Spengler
Jack Vandeventer	John Dorcey	Kevin Murphy	Larry Bothe
David St. George	Mark Adams	Cliff Chetwin	Kurt Reesman

Executive director: Doug Stewart

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1906 EDT by Chairman Mark Adams. This meeting had no agenda presented. It is the last meeting for Chairman Adams and for Larry Bothe and Cliff Chetwin as outgoing board members. Mark welcomed David St. George and Jim Anderson as newly elected members.

Minutes

The June minutes will be reviewed at the August 14 regular board meeting.

Next meetings (please add to your calendars). All board members are expected to arrange their schedules to participate. Regular meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm eastern time-EDT for October. November will be at 8pm EST. Please mark your calendars.

- 1) **August Board of Directors conference call** will be held on Wednesday August 14, Wednesday at 8:00pm EDT. Call in details will be sent in a separate message.
- 2) **September Board of Directors conference call** will be held on Wednesday September 11, Wednesday at 8:00pm EST. Call in details will be sent in a separate message.

New board members

Jim Anderson is an aviation safety promoter. He wants us all to make a difference in aviation safety. He is proud to be a part of the Pilot Proficiency Program and the national roll out to save lives through scenario based training. He asked us to think about how we reach the unreachable pilots in our efforts. We need to bring them to the table through SAFE

David St. George is the head of his 230 member flying club. He and his group sells safety in flying. Their parody on the phrase is that "friends don't let friends fly stupid". David's East Hampton flying club has seven instructors and promotes flying in their "junior moments". He drives to raise the minimum safety standards and suggests that

we need a different culture. He would like to see SAFE develop a CFI boot camp where we ask the CFIs to buy into the SAFE culture.

Kevin D Murphy owns Kevin D Murphy and Associates, a tech-savvy aviation and media company that creates online programs, builds recognition and promotion campaigns for small businesses. The company tag line is “For small businesses that are ready for prime time.” He has been in GA all his adult life, which may explain a lot. He worked for AOPA and the AOPA Air Safety Institute from 1993 to 2008, largely in communications and safety. He is working on improving SAFE’s communication outreach for visibility and membership recruitment.

Raymond F Spengler Jr. owns Skypark Aviation LLC in Odessa, Texas and has 8,000 hours of flying time with over 5,000 hours of dual instruction given covering Private, Instrument, Commercial, and Tail-wheel training. He has been approved through the FAA National Examining Board as qualified for Designated Pilot Examiner through ATP levels of examination and is awaiting FSDO appointment. He has served with the USAF/Civil Air Patrol for over 17 years serving a mission pilot, check-pilot examiner and Incident Commander with over 350 search & rescue missions as well as commander at various levels within the organization. Ray also serves as the Lead FAA FAAS Team Safety representative for the Lubbock Texas Flight Standards District Office and has served on the boards of several aviation-related organizations including the Ector County Airport Association in Odessa, Texas. He has held the dual distinction and status as Master Flight Instructor and Master Ground Instructor since 2005.

Committee reports

- Membership: Tom reported that there are five applications so far to the 2013 grant for K-12.

General discussion about flying and aviation safety

- Hamburger nights: John talked about local airports having Wednesday night hamburger nights as a change to the weekend hot dog run. They are promoting and selling adventure (not flying). Let’s have an adventure!
- Master’s degree and merit badge program: David talked about his master’s degree program to promote CFI proficiency and the merit badge program.
- We need to promote Safety and Adventure by developing a “tool kit” on how to sell excitement and adventure to bring pilots and CFIs to the table. (How do we do this and where should it start? Who will lead this if targeted as priority??)
- 1500 hour rule: Tom asked how the 1500 hour rule will affect safety.
- Mark asked that we review the Audit report and see how these items effect safety.

Round the table

- **Symposium:** John asked where the action plan is from the Symposium and how we should bring the larger group up to date. He will add this to a follow up agenda.

- **Get the word out about SAFE/membership:** Tom suggested that we continue to promote SAFE to expand awareness. We have a double the membership to 1500 goal and need to get an action plan to make this a reality.
- **Governance board:** Larry suggested that the new board work to become more of a governance board from today's working board. Larry is available to discuss this topic and recommendations.
- **Audit report:** Cliff reminded the new board that the audit report needs attention and that we need to keep the IRS happy. He cautioned us to be careful about adding structure.
- **Government affairs:** Cliff commented that we need to reconstitute the government affairs committee and engage the group to focus on regulatory views and continue to have the FAA come to SAFE
- **Fun and adventure:** Jim wants to expand the Fun and Adventure in learning through the Pilot Proficiency Program and that we need to get more involved and engaged

Adjournment

The meeting closed at 2030 EDT. The motion to adjourn was provided by Larry and seconded by Cliff. The motion passed unanimously. We will leave the runway lights on for you. Be SAFE.

Next meeting is August 14.

Submitted by Jack Vandeventer, Secretary