



SAFE Board of Directors Official Approved Minutes December 2017 Meeting

SAFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On Line

December 19, 2017

- I. Chair David called meeting to order at 2000
- II. Secretary Mike Vivion called roll:

David St. George, Chair	Mike Vivion, Secretary
David Dempsey, Vice Chair	Mike Garrison
Parvez Dara, Treasurer	Tom Carr
Hobie Tomlinson	Eric Hake

Charles McDougal
9 of 9 Present—Quorum met
- III. Mike Garrison moved to accept November minutes, Parvez Seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

The Chair proposed an addition to the consent agenda under New Business, to wit: Add an item f) Request that SAFE give priority to a suggestion to FAA to keep pilot knowledge testing centers at airports/FBOs/flight schools, rather than awarding to lowest bidder. David St. George moved that we accept the amended consent agenda, Mike Garrison seconded, passed unanimous.
- IV. Treasurer's report: Parvez noted that we've made up a bit of money in the budget due to slightly lower expenses. One new sponsor has come on board with a \$500 donation. Parvez noted that total revenue for the year is about \$78,245, which is ~ \$7K above our current year budget, while this year's expenses are about \$5K below budgeted amount.

He suggested that we may want to consider putting some "excess" funds into an interest bearing investment. David Dempsey pointed out a few minor corrections to the budget document, Parvez agreed to make corrections.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. St. George noted that we need a Governance Committee. David Dempsey, Board Liaison agreed to look into meeting.
 - b. Parvez reported that the Membership Committee needs to be activated. Will report back.
 - c. Eric reported that he has been waiting for a tool that will permit membership data to function on the website. The tool has now arrived, and

- he is hoping to have the website amended and running in the next few weeks. Waiting for this tool to arrive has prevented progress till now.
- d. Lifetime plaques were all completed and sent.

VI. New Business:

- a) Wings—The November SAFE Live Stream program helped to produce over 470 Master Wings awards. All in all, a terrific success. The next topics for a similar live stream event may be the “Impossible Turn” and/or The Flight Review. AOPA will start an initiative to emphasize the importance of thorough flight reviews soon. Emphasizing the importance of the flight review should be one of our priorities.
- b) David Dempsey presented his brief Power Point slides on Goals and Missions for SAFE. David asked the Board to consider what the key goals should be for SAFE. He hopes to get groups together to develop an action plan soon. He recommends against trying to develop an action plan in a Board meeting. David recommends that we get started on this soon.
- c) Paul Berger Wings Initiative: SAFE and NAFI have agreed to work cooperatively on a program to award Wings credits for Flight Reviews and knowledge tests, including presenting an award at year’s end. The award will be approximately \$10,000.
Paul has asked SAFE to hold the \$10,000 prize money until it is to be awarded. He’d like this done by the end of this year for tax purposes. Tom Carr pointed out that by accepting these funds, SAFE may risk its non-profit status if the IRS were to view this as “profit”, which is a possibility. Parvez suggested creating an escrow account to hold the funds until disbursement. This should protect SAFE from issues with the IRS, as well as safeguard the funds. Parvez will look into establishing an escrow account, and Tom will provide guidance.
- d) Burt Stevens wants to set up a non-profit to provide and distribute funds for continuing education training for flight instructors. He may partner with SAFE in this project.
- e) The SAFE Tool Kit App was originally created and has been maintained by Chair David St. George. Hosting the app costs \$145 monthly, and to date, St. George has been paying that hosting fee out of his own pocket. At present, the app has approximately 2400 users. Parvez moved and Mike Garrison seconded that SAFE should take over this expense in future. Vote was unanimous, with St. George recused from voting.
- f) A petition from a SAFE member asked S.A.F.E. to support his proposal to advocate for FBOs and Flight Schools as the most appropriate venue for knowledge testing. The FAA has proposed putting testing out to bid and to accept the lowest bid. This could result in knowledge testing being done far away from airports. Lively discussion resulted, including positions that medical and law schools don’t provide their own test venues, why should it be different for aviation? Other comments stated that FBOs and flight schools are often strapped for revenues, and offering testing can provide a good stream of income. Also, students taking tests may have to travel

significant distances to major test centers. David St. George agreed to gather more information on the subject and provide better information on this issue at January Board meeting.

VII. David St. George moved to adjourn and Parvez Dara seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be January 16th, 2018, at 2000 EST.
Merry Christmas!!