



## **Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, January 22, 2005**

The Board of NSRCA held a meeting on Saturday, January 22, 2005, at 4:00 pm Eastern time via conference call.

All members were present when the meeting started except Robert Gainey, who joined the meeting at about 4:30.

The first order of business was the rules cycle.

Lamar Blair reported that he had sent out a call for volunteers for the rules and sequence committees on the NSRCA discussion email group. The list was sent out with the agenda to all board members. In addition, Ed Alt should be added to the list of volunteers.

Lamar reported that Don Ramsey had agreed to chair the rules committee. It was proposed that Don Ramsey chair the Rules Proposal Committee. Matt Kebabjian seconded the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved by all present (Robert Gainey joined the meeting after this vote.)

The board discussed issuing charters for the rules and sequence committees to define guidelines and goals of the committees. Of particular importance was that the committees and the board should accept the committees' proposals and the survey results of the membership and not submit separate proposals to AMA. In addition the rules committee should produce a survey of the rules changes, the changes to be voted on by the NSRCA members, results of the survey to be sent to AMA, deadlines or due dates to be determined later.

The basic deliverables of the Rules Proposal Committee are to define new rules, clarify existing rules, refine maneuver descriptions and recommend the removal of old rules.

The committee chairmen are to determine the members of their committees and present them to the board for approval. The board will review the teams for national balance and balance across all classes, and approve the committee membership.

The board members will not serve on the committees.

Lamar reported that Troy Newman had volunteered to chair the sequence committee.

The Secretary is to take the discussion points on the charters for the committees, create a proposed charter(s), and submit that to the board for further discussion and approval.

The board discussed Troy's qualifications to head the committee.

The board discussed whether there should be one committee with two teams developing sequences (Gordon Anderson), or 1 team (Lance Van Nostrand). It was decided that it should be one committee, and two teams in parallel may be used but is not a requirement.

It was proposed that Troy Newman chair the Sequence Proposal Committee. The proposal was seconded. The proposal was unanimously approved by all present

The board members were sent the due dates for the committees as we have them defined at this point and are to get back to the Secretary with their recommendations.



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The Secretary will issue a letter (email) to the newly selected chairmen informing them they have been approved by the board to head their respective committees, and may begin forming their committees. The list of volunteers is to be sent along with the due dates for their committees (the due date is a work-in-progress).

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Eric Henderson reported on the NATS.

For 2005, NSRCA no longer has a rain day built into the schedule. The NATS is a contest that requires a winner. In 2004, Tony Stillman contacted the Event Director (Dave Guerin) and asked him to come up with a plan to determine a winner in the event the weather forces a one, two, or three day contest. The structure and scoring of Intermediate and Advanced do not have this issue and no additional planning is necessary. As long as there is no lost time, the NATS participants will basically not be aware of any major changes.

The NATS Event Schedule prepared by Event Director Dave Guerin was presented and approved by all present. Also presented was Dave's report that will appear in the K Factor regarding the general NATS schedule – registration, practice, judging, lodging and volunteering. New for 2005 is an earlier registration cut-off date than in prior years. No entries will be accepted after July 10. This is to provide adequate time to prepare the flying orders and judging assignments and minimize last minute changes.

Eric also solicited input from the board and members for his aerobatics column in Model Aviation that will promote the activities of NSRCA.

Lamar discussed with the board the NATS Manager position. This position was added to the NATS in 2001, and the manager received \$500. The NATS Manager was responsible for arranging the banquet, soliciting items for the raffle, and selling banquet and raffle tickets. Lamar has found several volunteers to perform these functions and is eliminating the position.

Also discussed was the NATS budget for 2005. Frank Granelli is to review this with the past treasurer and present a budget to the board.

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In the time remaining, Lamar reviewed Article IX of the by-laws on Communication & Promotion.

We have a new editor for the K-Factor but need to continue to solicit more how-to articles for the publication. Lance Van Nostrand thought we should consider compensation for submitting an article. He also thought that many members who have good ideas to share don't feel comfortable writing, and also are afraid they will hear lots of negative comments. Frank Granelli volunteered to help Chris Larson, editor, in soliciting articles. Lance and Frank were directed to work with Chris to come up with ideas for soliciting additional articles for the K-Factor.

We have a web development team and all is well there.

We need a person to manage Precision Aerobatics Promotions.



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Don Ramsey is Judging Program Manager and will continue in that position.

We need a Competitions Manager.

Lamar reported that Maureen Dunphy has resigned as Advertising Manager, and Jerry Stebbins has agreed to fill the position. The board unanimously approved his appointment. Jerry has also agreed to serve without compensation and the board agreed not to compensate the advertising manager at this time.

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The Secretary reported that the cost to NSRCA to have the ballots in the recent election counted by an independent auditing firm was \$275.

The Secretary reminded the board, when voting by email, to submit their ballot directly to the Secretary and not to the entire board as well.

In keeping with Lamar's campaign for more communication between the elected officers and the membership, the Secretary's monthly article in the K Factor will report on the activities and meetings of the board, as well as the proposals before the board and how each member voted.

The Secretary also discussed her goals of simplifying how the Secretary's job is performed, not only to make this large responsibility easier, but also so the membership is not afraid of the job and it will be easier to find volunteers to take on the task when it comes time to elect a new Secretary.

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The Treasurer reported a new bank account has been set up and \$10000 transferred from the old account, with more to come.

The transition of PayPal between the old and new officers is in progress.

The Treasurer has purchased a copy of Quicken for Home & Business to use for managing NSRCA's finances.

In the future, the Treasurer plans to report on our financial position at each meeting.

It was also discussed if the recent K Factor savings could be passed on to the membership, and this was tabled for later discussion.

The cost of the conference call was donated to NSRCA, and a donor has been found for the next conference call meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM.