

NSRCA Board Meeting for July 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Koopowitz at 7:01 PM July 17, 2007 in the AMA Conference center at AMA Headquarters, Muncie, IN

All officers and board members were present, three of whom were on the conference call phone hookup.

President Koopowitz thanked Ron Van Putte who arranged a delicious dinner for all present.

President Koopowitz welcomed Bob Noll as an invited guest. Roll Call was taken starting with Dave Guerin, our Event Director for the 2007 NATS. John Konneker, our new advertising manager was also present.

The districts reported beginning with District One.

DI Rick Wallace:

- We are down a few members from 2006.
- The WRAMs trade show was a huge success. A simulator setup with a aerobatic airplane drew in countless visitors.
- We have added two new contests over 2006 and are trying to implement several regional one day contests.
- We are encouraging pilots to get one or two local club members to try precision aerobatics.

DII Robert Gainey

- DII has been in a slump, but has started to turn around.
- We have one or two new contests for 2007.

DIII Emory Schroeter

- We've had three contests with more than 40 pilots flying, 10 of whom are Sportsman pilots.
- A very successful swap meet was held in Perry, GA, a great fund raiser for NSRCA and a place where several members renewed or signed up for the first time.

DIV Bob Kane

- The Toledo Trade Show was very successful.
- There is a lighter than usual number of pilots ad DIV contests this year.
- There is a great rivalry between DIV and DV pilots.
- The Weak Signals club has been heavy into racing for many, many years. Now the runway is being changed so aerobatics can be safely flown at the club field with the hopes of interesting others in aerobatics.

DV Chris Moon

- I am moving to DII.

- Contests are good.
- Tulsa, OK is growing rapidly.
- We had a great Judging Seminar.
- Mike Mueller might possibly take over for me.

D6 Lance Van Nostrand

- D6 is growing and very healthy.
- A Primer was held in 35 degree weather with snow. Lance thought no one would show up, but when he arrived at the site over 5 pilots were waiting
- D6 had two excellent judging seminars.
- Colorado is weak and needs some attention.
- Louisiana is growing rapidly.
- Every year there are several who try to get a new pilot interested in precision aerobatics, that became our local project.
- We don't have a trade show in our district.
- Thanks to Rick Wallace for his excellent work on the PowerPoint presentations for the aerobatic sequences.

D7 Rusty Fried

- In February we had a Contest/Seminar that was outstanding. Dave Guerin came as did Rusty Dose. Rusty brought three aerobatic airplanes for all of us to fly and trim.
- We had a great AMA show in CA. A ton of KFactors were given away. A judging seminar was held during the convention.
- We have a new contest in SW Arizona.
- Northern California is about the same.
- There was a judging seminar in Northern CA.
- It is 800 miles from Southern CA to Northern CA.
- In many places temperatures over 100 make it too hot for summer time contests..
- We have instituted the "Pattern Animal of the Year" award. It is very popular. Criteria are: Sportsmanship, Work, New Members signed up, People helped, What have you done for Pattern lately?

D8 Gordon Anderson

- Gordon reported that there were now 5 contests in D8.
- They are down 3 or 4 pilots at contests where the average drive is four to five hours.
- This year the pilots are more evenly distributed among the various classes.
- Alaska should not be part of D8. It is just too far away.
- Could we have automatic renewal for members?
- Dave Reaville in Canada is a great asset for D8, they coordinate contest schedules between the two groups.

The whole group in general participated in a discussion of reducing the membership rate for members in foreign countries who would get the K-Factor by soft copy only so there would be no printing or postage expense. Everyone thought this would be a good idea.

Jim Quinn gave a secretary's report indicating the current membership is 598. By district it is:

	2007 Current members	2006 Members not renewed for 2007
DI	84	31
DII	39	16
DIII	90	37
DIV	52	25
DV	66	25
DVI	104	28
DVII	98	38
DVIII	30	13
DIX	13	16
DXX	9	7
DXXI	13	1
Totals	598	237

Ron Davies gave a treasurer's report indicating that we total out at \$15,498.24

Some of that money is in the Regents Bank, but that account will soon be closed out and the Wells Fargo account will be our primary bank. Regents was kept this long as some late checks were coming in and some deposits were being made there.

A comment was made that we should try for a major sponsor for the Saturday night banquet.

Lance questioned the NATS Expense/Budget line. A discussion followed to clarify this point to everyone's satisfaction.

Lance also brought up the idea of a merchandise promoter for better quality NSRCA merchandise and Rusty Dose's name came up to do that.

Chris Moon wondered where we were on stabilizing a logo?

Lance questioned the low dollar amount in "Donations." Ron explained that he is still trying to sort out some numbers and this amount should increase. Jim Quinn did not recall getting a donation equal one year's dues.

Jim Quinn questioned the cost of mailing the K-Factor. If it was folded in half the cost could stabilize at \$0.58 rather than the current first class rate of \$0.97.

Dave Guerin gave the breakdown of pilots at the 2007 NATS
Of the 116 pilots who were registered there are:

FAI	39
Masters	40

Advanced	12
Intermediate	22

Lance thought we would use very little of the \$1,000.00 for judges.

Dave Guerin commented that this is our best year every for judges as the Masters and FAI pilots are about the same number. He also commented that we are asking a lot of the site volunteers for what little compensation they receive.

Dave Guerin volunteered to be Event Director for 2008!

Dave Guerin will deliver the 2006 scores for Masters and FAI semi and finals to Ron Van Putte.

Rules Changes:

Ron VanP commented on several FAI rules changes that will be coming up. Should we accept FAI rules changes? Should we accept FAI rules changes where AMA rules are silent? Any rules change needs to be made as a proposal to the Committee if anything is to happen. Basically, if there is no proposal there is no discussion and if there is no discussion there will be no change to AMA rules. Any individual may make a rules change proposal.

Sequence Changes for 2009/10

The sequence that was previously approved by the membership needed some help. Thanks to all who did a great job giving us a new and flowing sequence. We will talk about the new Masters sequence at the Banquet. Two sequences will be posted at all sites.

Advertising:

John Konneker feels we have the potential for \$2,000.00 a month in revenue. John distributed a very clear and complete graph of where we stand at this point regarding our current advertisers and the potential clients who are currently showing an interest. John is already showing better control of advertising so there will be a better tracking of revenue. John is excited to be dealing with such a positive and dedicated Board in the NSRCA.

K-Factor

We have a new editor, Chris Fitzsimmons. Chris worked with Derek on the last issue and did much of the work at putting it together himself. Chris will be an asset to NSRCA and Derek has confidence he will produce excellent work.

IMAC

Lance reported that he sent an original letter to all the Board and Officers in IMAC. We all saw that excellent letter before it was sent. There was not one response from IMAC officials to him. He sent a follow up letter to which he received one acknowledgement that it was received. Subsequently, he has had no further contact from anyone in IMAC. Lance doesn't feel they are open to any kind of partnership in the pursuit of common aerobic interests.

A lively discussion flowed from Lance's report on IMAC about other ways to reach IMAC pilots and R/C pilots in general. Rusty Fried volunteered to pay for an ad in the IMAC newsletter advertising membership in NSRCA.

NOT FOR PROFIT??? Rick Wallace was interested in donations to NSRCA as tax deductions if we are a Not for Profit organization? Rick thinks there would be significant donations to NSRCA (His included) if they could be deducted from our income tax. A 401C might be set up for such dedicated funding as a "NATS Improvement Fund." A tax attorney would be needed to set up the fund. Derek will look into it.

Could we put a note on RCU offering a free three month download of the electronic KFactor?

Could we get Mike Ramsey to include a comment in the NATS issue of Model Aviation offering the same free three month membership?

District VPs for 2008/2009

DI Yes
DII No
DIII No
DIV No
DV No I will be moving to DII
DVI No
DVII Yes
DVIII No

Several possible replacements were discussed.

DII Tim Taylor???
DIII Lamar Blair???
DIV Dave Jonstone
DV Mike Mueller

Chris Moon asked about membership cards.

Jim Quinn mentioned that 20, 30, or more members asked about cards when renewing for 2007 or signing up for the first time. Jim said he sends an e-confirmation letter for every membership or a hard copy when no e-copy is possible.

Chris Moon said IMAC can log on and print membership cards from their website.

Rick Wallace suggested we looking into printing a business size membership card and DVPs distribute them to members of his district.

Finally, a lively discussion was had about getting our website developed so we can draw in aerobatic forums to our website rather than RCU or other such places. Derek mentioned that Marty Moleski is developing new website models with the hopes that many of these features will be incorporated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Quinn