

SANDIA SOARING ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2024
LOCATION: DAVID HARRINGTON'S HOME

Pilots in Attendance:

James Duplain

Michael Moser

Greg J. Clark

Rich Reinauer

David Harrington

Gilles Trawalter

Eric Schweisberger

Jeremy Hebert

Rick Browne

Max Montgomery

John Kear

Sven Petersen

Meeting Begins 1900

First item is the update regarding club finances.

President states there is currently \$16,646.25 in the account and there is \$1,021.00 in legal account.

Money was paid to Garden Law Firm in the amount of \$1,410.00 for the work up until this point.

President also states that the club (SSA) is currently "good" regarding insurance coverage for the Peak.

Next item brought up by the President is an update regarding the Crest/Peak permitting process

- Crystal responded to lawyer state that she's no longer in charge any longer

- Later responded to interim person asking for update (club sec. unclear as to statement)

Next item brought to the floor was talk of considering a change the SSA club radio frequency from 151.925 to 151.505. There is concerns regarding "chatter" from local businesses bleeding into our flight conversations. There was talk of using DCS code, but concerns that the club may not be able to communicate with first responders.

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Pilots in attendance elect to vote for the radio frequency change. A vote is taken and all in attendance vote "aye". After the vote pilots elect to "try it out" for month and see if it's a better option.

Next item brought forward is a change to the Peak Ratings required to fly the Peak. A pilot in attendance brought a motion to change The Peak to a P3/H3 sight. There is talk of voting at the current meeting with one pilot noting that there are enough pilots at the meeting that meet the quorum. Other pilots in the meeting feel uncomfortable with that and elect to bring the issue forward in the Telegram chat, give it a couple of days, and then put it to a vote via Telegram.

Decision is made to post up the proposed changes via Telegram, have the discussion, and then vote on Telegram.

Next item is possibly changing requirement #2 for the P3 Tram exemption.

-#2 requirement maintains that the P3 pilot must demonstrate proof on flying experience, number of flight hours, number of flights ie: 150 flights, 45 hours, 25 of which are in thermal lift, 50 days, 5 different inland sights.

There is general talk of benefits and drawbacks of such change

General consensus is that that any item will be brought before Ben and The Tram before any changes take place.

Clarification: The exemption is a SSA and Tram requirement and not a USHPA requirement.

Next there is a motion to include a "checklist" on the SSA website that might assist newer and visiting preparing to fly the Peak.

Next item is the talk of the Balloon Fiesta Park and the TFR that when put in place extends into the Big Sky landing zone. Club members would like a "carve out" the Big Sky. Pilots in attendance are unsure how to pursue that. Gilles Trawalter states that it is possible by contacting the FAA/FSDO. Gilles states that it is not that difficult and that he will reach out the FSDO.

Next item is talk about putting/keeping Hang Glider storage tubes on The Peak. Currently the Tram operators are only taking one Hang Glider up at a time. There is also talk of increasing the capability of Tram cars to carry more Hang Gliders. Pilots in attendance agree that Ben, Benny, and Michael Donovan need to be included and the Hang Glider pilots will reach out to them for a possible meeting.

Question: Is the SSA currently looking at creating new launches on the Crest.

Answer: Pilots have been scouting launch options and the Forrest Service is open to ideas, but currently there is nothing definitive.

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Looking Forward:

Next meeting will be early January 2025

Following meeting will be April 2025 to including voting in new club officers

Meeting adjourned 2000