

# **Unlimited Scale Racing Association Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

January 27, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

Terry Raymond called to order the regular meeting of the USRA Board at 6:06 PM on January 27, 2016 via Open Voice audio conferencing.

### **II. Roll call**

Terry Raymond conducted roll call. The following persons were present:

Present: Terry Raymond, Chuck Hebestreit, Tony Husak, Kellie Raymond, Jeff Wheless (joined at later time)

Invitees: Terry Raymond, Chuck Hebestreit, Tony Husak, Peter Goldsmith, Jeff Wheless, Kellie Raymond, Kelley Hartranft

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

No minutes from previous meetings

### **IV. Financial Report** – Given by Terry Raymond for Kelley Hartranft

#### a) Expenditure overview for 2015

- PA system rental     \$-200.00
- Postage & mailing     \$-19.73
- Pylon batteries        \$-210.00
- Total expenses*        \$-429.73

#### b) Income Overview

- Memberships            \$900.00

c) Awards Account balance: \$103.14

d) USRA Checking Account balance as of January 2016: \$3347.00

### **V. Open issues**

- a) None

### **VI. New business**

- a) The use of Electrical Motors in the Sportsman Class (2 minute class) – USRA received an email inquiring about the use of electric powered motors in the Sportsman Class. The board discussed the addition of electric propeller

driven airplanes into the Sportsman Class and that the 3800w restriction be removed. It was suggested that the electric motor and battery combined weight be no more than 14 lbs. and that no difference should be made regarding electric or gas due to all Sportsman pilots adhere to the 2 minute rule. A vote was brought to the table to include Electric Motor airplanes in the Sportsman class. All approved – *Rule will be revised to reflect changes and brought before board at next meeting*

- b) Social Media - Facebook – Jeff Wheless gave an update to the board on his efforts to post weekly information and photos to USRA’s Facebook page. He said that he is starting to get good results with people viewing, responding and sharing the posts. Jeff would like members to send photos for posting as the photos seem to generate more response than just general information. Jeff also suggested sending out a newsletter and race date information along with the renewals.
- c) Annual Rules Review – The current rules are on a 2 year cycle with annual reviews. Terry Raymond read the policy on rules review to board. The following rules were reviewed at this meeting:
  - 1. Rule 4.4.2 – Variable Pitch Props  
The board discussed variable pitched propellers. It has since been noted that this rule 4.4.2 was previously removed. *No action necessary*
  - 2. Rule 13a - USRA Provisional Class: Sport Formula One  
The board agreed that “USRA Provisional Class 13a Timeframe” should be removed as the class is no longer needed due to the addition of the Sportsman Class and the airplanes are no longer manufactured. Any future Sport Formula One airplanes wanting to fly will be placed in the Sportsman Class. A vote was brought to the table to make the changes, language will read; PROVISIONAL CLASS TIME EXPIRED/NOT RENEWED. All approved - *Rule will be revised to reflect changes and brought before board at next meeting*
  - 3. Rule 14.3.10 – Transmitter Impound Area  
Discussion was made by the board to modify or remove this rule. Common Class will need to be reviewed (engine run-up). Board discussed run-up safety concerns and technical inspections conducted by USRA representatives. Board will review 4.8 and 15.7 and make safety changes as necessary. Inspections must be done by a USRA Board member, delegated or person assigned as an assistant. *More discussion needed and will be addressed at next meeting.*

4. Rule 15.15.3.3 – Start Cut Rule

Terry and Tony will work together to clarify the 20 degree wide cone zone rule. *Rule will be revised to reflect changes and brought before board at next meeting*

5. Rule 17.1.1 - World Record Back-up Rule

There were discussions by the board regarding back-up of 3%. It was agreed that the requirement for a 3% backup clause be removed. It was brought to the table for a vote to remove the rule in its entirety. All Approved *Rule will be revised to reflect changes and brought before board at next meeting*

d) New Sportsman Pro Class

Board discussed the addition of a new Sportsman Pro Break-out class. This class will have a 1:40 break-out time. Terry will draft language for the Sportsman Pro Class. *Rule to be brought before board for review at next meeting.*

e) Rule 14.12.1 – Addition of UAS Drone Certificate

Terry will modify rule 14.12.1 to include language for the newly mandated FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Certificate Registration. *Rule to be brought before board for review at next meeting.*

f) Forum/USRA Landing Page

Terry will coordinate with Tom Easterday, Chuck Hebestreit, Jeff Wheless to modify current USRA landing page.

g) Race Equipment

The race computers are with Tom Easterday and he is checking programming and sequencing issue. It was stated that the height of the box at the races is an issue and there needs to be no obstruction between all three boxes. Also cords need to be extended from judge's tent to computers and boxes. Possibly the use of Tri-pod stands will help with better sight communication between computers and boxes. There is a need to purchase additional spare parts for the black boxes and to update turn lights to LED. The computer clock batteries also need to be updated or new purchased. *Discussion to be continued at next board meeting.*

h) Trailer for USRA Race Equipment

The board discussed the need to purchase a new trailer solely designated to house race equipment. It is important to keep our race equipment secure, organized, and in one place making it easier to transport and maintain. It was suggested that a 12 foot enclosed trailer be purchased due to the length of the race pylons. Cost for trailer estimated at \$3000. Ideas for fundraising were discussed as well as making a request to members for donations. *Discussion to be continued at next board meeting.*

i) USRA Demonstration at Reno or Castle

It was suggested that USRA put on a demonstration at either Reno or Castle Fun Fly to aid in the promotion of USRA. The board discussed both events and decided to focus on the Castle 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Giant Scale Fun Fly on May 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. USRA will put on a mock race demonstration and have an informational booth during the event. All agreed this would be beneficial to our organization. *Board will finalize details at next board meeting.*

j) Frequency of Board Meetings

The board agreed that USRA Board meetings will take place Bi-monthly, for 1 hour. All Agreed

Next Board meeting scheduled for March 23, 2016 via Open Voice audio conferencing.

**VII. Adjournment**

Terry Raymond adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm (MST).

Minutes submitted by: Kellie Raymond