

**Super Sabre Society (SSS)**  
**Board of Directors**  
**P.O. Box 341837**  
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Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
June 6, 2016 via teleconference 1130 EST

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Super Sabre Society** was held by teleconference on June 6, 2016 pursuant to the provisions of Article III, paragraph 9 of the By-laws of the **Super Sabre Society**.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the SSS President, Don Shepperd at 1130 hours EST on 6 June 2016.
2. **Roll Call.** Roll was taken by Jim Williford, Secretary and all Board Members and all Officers were reported present.
  - a. Board Members Present
    - i. Don Shepperd, President/ Chairman
    - ii. Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman
    - iii. Robert Hoppy Hopkins, Executive Director/CEO
    - iv. Dick Pietro, Director at Large
    - v. Jim Williford, Secretary
  - b. Officers Present
    - i. R. Medley Gatewood, Publisher and “Editor Emeritus” of the *Intake*
      1. Note: Medley was moved by this title and will research it a little to make sure it appropriately reflects his long-running excellent service to the SSS
    - ii. Win Reither, Chief Information Officer
    - iii. Dave Hatten, Treasurer
    - iv. JJ Schulz, Editor of the *Intake*
    - v. Dewey Clawson, Membership Committee and Election Committee Chair
3. **Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes of the 25 March Minutes was made and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **President’s Opening Remarks**

Shepperd expressed the condolence of the Board to JJ Schulz for the untimely loss of his son-in-law. JJ acknowledged the Board’s sympathies and said the loss was sudden and totally unexpected.
5. **Officers’ Reports**
  - A. Chief Executive Officer – Hoppy Hopkins
    - (1) Fort Wayne wrap-up – Pictures keep coming in and are being posted to the web site and sent to the *Intake*. Hoppy is still paying some bills, but it looks like we came out ahead. The consensus from the group was that we needed to publish the results and let the members know that the event was paid for entirely by those who attended and no SSS funds were used.
    - (2) 2017 Vegas update – Hoppy has talked with the reunion planners on options for some outside trips. We’re still in the early planning stages.
    - (3) Hoppy briefly mentioned repositioning a Thunderbird painted F-100 to hand over the entrance of the AF Museum in Dayton. This is very early and will take a lot of effort.

## B. Information Officer – Win Reither

(1) Web site status – The web site has become so popular that it crashed on the first day because so many folks were trying to get on. The problem was quickly fixed. The main benefit is that we are currently in contact with the members – 2/3 of our members are engaged. Our web site is running on content which is sustaining it. We need more, keep it coming. Medley acknowledged that there was no conflict with the Intake on the reporting of our Fort Wayne activities.

(2) Facebook update – While our Facebook page may not be totally used by our older members, it is quite popular and very well received. It provides us with another great outreach vehicle.

## C. The *Intake* Publisher and “Editor Emeritus”– Medley Gatewood

(1) The transition of the Editor position to JJ Schulz is continuing smoothly. The entire staff is working hard and things are on track. Our next edition of the *Intake* will be ready on 30 June.

(2) Shepperd suggested that Medley be given the title and addressed in the future as “Editor Emeritus” of the Intake. The Board and all Officers wholeheartedly concurred. Medley was somewhat moved. He will research the title to insure that it fully captures his long and excellent service to the SSS.

D. John Schulz- *Intake* Editor – JJ commented that he was working on some ideas for the magazine, in particular more inputs from the wives.

D. Director at Large – Dick Pietro wanted to again thank Hoppy for the great success of the Fort Wayne outing.

## E. Membership and Election Committee – Dewey Clawson

(1) 2016 election is on track. Announcement will be carried in the July Intake as well as the web site. Procedures will be covered and repeat earlier elections. Voting will be in October with results published in the November Intake.

(2) Our SSS membership is -13 from last report. We currently have 1405 members.

F. Financial Report – Dave Hatten reported that the SSS treasury held about \$128,000.

G. Vice President – Eddie Bracken deferred comments until later.

## 6. Unfinished (Old) Business

A. MOA with FSS - . Pete Collins, our legal advisor, reported that he is working the draft MOA with the FSS and things are almost completed. He’ll let the board review the final product.

## 7. Executive Session

## 8. Motions by the President.

(1) Move to reject the agreement as proposed by Les Frazier asking the board to accept his application/registration of the name Super Sabre Society and the logo in exchange for membership on and involvement with board meetings, committees and processes as desired by Les. All board members concurred and the motion carried.

(2) Move to offer as mitigation, CONCURRENT USE OF THE NAME SUPER SABRE SOCIETY AND LOGO, and to pay (with documentation) for the original logo design, USPTO filing fee and the legal fee to draft applications up to a maximum of \$3,500. This offer is valid on behalf of the board and organization through 6/20/2016. All board members concurred and the motion carried.

## 9. Adjournment