



Super Sabre Society (SSS)  
Board of Directors  
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3 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
4 **held February 19, 2015**  
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6 A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the SUPER SABRE SOCIETY, duly noticed, was  
7 held, as scheduled, by telephone conference, on February 19, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of  
8 Article III, paragraph 9 of the By-Laws of the SUPER SABRE SOCIETY.  
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10 **1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by SSS President and Chairman of the Board  
11 of Directors, Don Shepperd, at 1400 hours MST.  
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13 **2. Roll Call and Quorum Determination.** Roll was taken by Acting Executive Secretary Dewey  
14 Clawson and a quorum verified.  
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16 **A. Board Members Present.**

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18 Don (Shep) Shepperd, President/Chairman  
19 Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman  
20 Robert (Hoppy) Hopkins, Executive Director/CEO  
21 Dick Pietro, Director At Large  
22 Duane (Dewey) Clawson, Acting Secretary  
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24 **B. Officers Present.**

25 Dave Hatten, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
26 R. Medley Gatewood, Editor and Publisher of *The Intake*  
27 Win Reither, Information Officer  
28 Jerry (Killer) Key, Historian  
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30 **3. Approval of Prior Board Minutes.** A motion to approve the Minutes, as submitted, of the  
31 SSS Board of Directors Meeting held January 15, 2015 was made by VP Eddie Bracken and  
32 seconded by Ex. Sec. Dewey Clawson. There was no discussion. The Motion carried by  
33 unanimous voice vote.  
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35 **4. President's Remarks.** President Don Shepperd expressed his thanks for the BOD's help in  
36 running the SSS and helping him in his new role. He expressed his sincere thanks to each  
37 individual for the extra work they have been doing.  
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39 **5. Officers Reports.**

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41 **A. Chief Financial Officer.** CFO Dave Hatten reported that we have an unrestricted balance  
42 of \$126,000.  
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1           **B. Chief Executive Officer.** CEO Hoppy Hopkins stated that there are now 243 folks signed  
2 up for the reunion. He expects 320-350 total. The Friday NMUSAF restoration facility  
3 tour is overbooked. This problem is being worked. The Wright Flyer tour is almost sold  
4 out for both days. The cut-off day for registration has been extended to March 6 2015.  
5 Bob Hoover can no longer travel by commercial air so he will be coming by private jet.  
6 The SSS will provide him and his crew accommodations on Thursday and Friday night.  
7 Tables will be available for book signings Friday morning in the hospitality suite. Hoppy  
8 and Shep are going to visit the Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) Museum in  
9 Akron before the reunion. The pending trademark application for our logo will expire in  
10 May and, as of now, is dormant and will not be pursued at this time. The MRP is only  
11 charging us \$1 per person to handle the assigned seating, not \$750 plus \$1. It appears at  
12 this time that the scale model F-100 demo will not take place. This has not yet been  
13 finalized. The biennial Membership Meeting will be Saturday, 11 April at 1500hrs at the  
14 Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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16           **C. Information Officer.** IO Win Reither reported that our web site has drawn nearly one  
17 million visitors in the last year. The most popular areas are the reunion page, then the  
18 biographies, the unit patches/Hun history and the Wall of Honor. A brief discussion  
19 followed.

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21           **D. Historian.** Historian Jerry Key had nothing to report.

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23           **E. The Intake Editor.** Medley Gatewood reported the Spring issue of The Intake is on track  
24 to go to the printers the end of February. Medley has sent our guest speaker, Gen Carlisle  
25 a brief history of the organization and a copy of The Intake, Issue 26 which has an article  
26 about the Smithsonian Hun dedication.

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28           **F. Vice President.** Vice President Eddie Bracken commented that the preliminary draft  
29 “Strategic plan” for the SSS will work very well. Hopefully this plan will be available for  
30 the Board to review at the next meeting.

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32           **6. Old Business.**

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34           **A. New Executive Secretary.** The Board agreed the Executive Secretary and Legal Advisor  
35 should be two separate positions. The Legal Advisor can be made an Officer position at  
36 the appropriate time. Several names were discussed for these two positions and the Board  
37 agreed they were all good candidates. Shep will approach them about serving.

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39           **B. MAPS/FSS Relations.** Shep and Hoppy are planning to visit the MAPS in Akron prior to  
40 the reunion. Our relation with them has the potential of being a “relation made in heaven”  
41 as those organizations can complement the SSS very nicely.

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43           **C. Dues Increase.** After a brief discussion the Board agreed to put off any increase until the  
44 subject is discussed with the membership at the general meeting in April. Medley  
45 suggested the Board consider reducing the free four year Associate membership offered to  
46 a surviving family member to two years.

1 **7. New Business.**

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3 **A. Bylaw changes.** Five bylaws changes have been submitted to the CEO and the  
4 Membership Committee iaw SSS Bylaws Article VIII 2. They are attachment one. The  
5 Intake Editor and Publisher, Medley Gatewood, suggested his position be split into separate  
6 Editor and Publisher positions. Medley will write up his proposal for consideration at the  
7 next Board meeting. VP Eddie Bracken moved to accept the five bylaws changes as  
8 submitted and submit them to the membership at the general membership meeting in April.  
9 Motion seconded by Dick Pietro and passed by unanimous voice vote.

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11 **B. Membership Qualifications.** A discussion ensued concerning Associate Member  
12 qualifications. VP Eddie Bracken mentioned that the requirements need to be more  
13 specific. Pres. Shepperd mentioned that this is one of the items being included in the  
14 Strategic Plan he and Eddie are working on. This will be an ongoing discussion at the next  
15 BOD meeting.

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17 **C. Strategic Plan Update.** We need to decide first what do we want to do? Exactly what is it  
18 we want to do to fulfill our stated mission? Fill out everyone's bio? Create an enduring web  
19 site? Other projects to fulfill our mission? Then how are we going to accomplish this?  
20 How are we going to finance it? This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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22 **D. Capt. America Award.** A discussion ensued about the history of this award. Pres.  
23 Shepperd will look into awarding it this year and report back at the next BOD meeting. We  
24 will be making three awards at this reunion.

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26 **8. Announcements.**

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28 **A. Next Scheduled Meeting.** To be determined.

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30 **B. Other.** None.

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32 **10. Adjournment.** VP Eddie Bracken moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by  
33 CEO Hoppy Hopkins and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1531  
34 hours MST.

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37 **Respectfully submitted:**

**Approved and Adopted:**

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40 **Duane W. Clawson, Acting Secretary**

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**Donald Shepperd, President**

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43 25 March 2015  
44 **Date**

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