



Super Sabre Society (SSS)  
Board of Directors  
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3 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
4 **held March 25, 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 March 25, 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 MDT.  
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13 2. **Roll Call and Quorum Determination.** Roll was taken by Acting Executive Secretary  
14 Dewey Clawson and a quorum verified.  
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16 **A. Board Members Present.**

- 17 i. Don (Shep) Shepperd, President/Chairman  
18 ii. Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman  
19 iii. Robert (Hoppy) Hopkins, Executive Director/CEO  
20 iv. Dick Pietro, Director At Large  
21 v. Duane (Dewey) Clawson, Acting Secretary  
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23 **B. Officers Present.**

- 24 i. R. Medley Gatewood, Editor and Publisher of *The Intake*  
25 ii. Win Reither, Information Officer  
26 iii. Jerry (Killer) Key, Historian  
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28 **c. Others Present.**

- 29 i. Pete Collins, Legal advisor  
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31 3. **Approval of Prior Board Minutes.** A motion to approve the Minutes, as submitted, of the  
32 SSS Board of Directors Meeting held February 19, 2015 was made by VP Eddie Bracken and  
33 seconded by Ex. Sec. Dewey Clawson. There was no discussion. The Motion carried by  
34 unanimous voice vote.  
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36 4. **President's Remarks.** President Don Shepperd introduced Pete Collins, SSS member, who  
37 has agreed to be our legal advisor. Shep also announced that Jim Williford has agreed to serve  
38 as Executive Secretary but will not be available to attend meetings until mid April.  
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40 5. **Officers Reports.**

41 **A. Chief Financial Officer.** CFO Dave Hatten was not able to attend.  
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- 1           **B. Chief Executive Officer.** CEO Hoppy Hopkins reported that he signed a MOA with  
2           the NMUSAF for the banquet at the reunion. The fee for the banquet, “hall rental” is  
3           \$2080. This is significantly less than the Smithsonian charged. We will have an “Honor  
4           bar” in the hospitality room. Top shelf drinks will be \$4 and beer and wine \$2. Only  
5           “donations” will be accepted. Seating arrangements and presentations for the  
6           Membership Meeting were briefly discussed.  
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8           **C. Information Officer.** IO Win Reither reported that the newest Word Press version  
9           has been installed on the web site. The “About US” section has been updated to allow  
10          visitors/members to email BOD members directly.  
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12          **D. Historian.** Historian Jerry Key had nothing to report.  
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14          **E. The Intake Editor.** Medley Gatewood reported the Spring issue of The Intake went  
15          out on time. Some members seem to be delayed in receiving their copy. Medley is  
16          investigating whether this is a USPS problem or a glitch in our mailing system.  
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18          **F. Vice President.** Vice President Eddie Bracken reported that he and President  
19          Shepperd recently met and discussed the preliminary draft “Strategic plan” for the  
20          SSS.  
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## 22   **6. Old Business.**

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24          **A. New Executive Secretary.** A discussion was held as to the appropriate time for Jim  
25          Williford to be appointed as Executive Secretary. Dewey pointed out that he, Dewey,  
26          is the Elections Committee Chairman and cannot be on the BOD and serve on the  
27          Election Committee. VP Eddie Bracken moved that Jim Williford be appointed to the  
28          position of Executive Secretary effective 25 March 2015 and Dewey Clawson  
29          continue to substitute for Jim until he is available. Motion was seconded by CEO  
30          Hopkins. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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32          **B. New Legal advisor.** A discussion ensued about whether or not this should be an  
33          Officer position. Pete Collins will do some homework on this and report back at the  
34          next meeting.  
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36          **C. MAPS/FSS Relations.** President Shepperd and CEO Hopkins are planning to visit  
37          the MAPS in Akron on Wednesday prior to the reunion. They will also meet with  
38          representatives from the FSS.  
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40          **D. Strategic Plan Update.** This is still a work in progress.  
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42          **E. Les Leavoy Capt. America Award.** A discussion ensued about presenting this  
43          award. Pres. Shepperd will consult with Laird Leavoy about awarding it this year at  
44          the membership meeting and report back at the next BOD meeting.  
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1 **F. Survivors' Associate Membership term.** Membership Chairman Dewey Clawson  
2 explained the history of the survivors' gratis Associate membership and a short  
3 discussion followed. Dewey moved that this survivors' Associate membership be  
4 offered for a period of 2 years. CEO Hopkins seconded the motion. The Motion  
5 carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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7 **G. The Intake Editor/Publisher position.** This item is deferred to the next BOD  
8 meeting  
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10 **7. New Business.**

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12 **A. Posting BOD info, NOTAMS, etc.** President Shepperd stated that he feels the  
13 present system of informing the membership of BOD meetings is sufficient and any  
14 details/changes will be worked out with IO Win Reither.  
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16 **B. RIP emails.** IO Win Reither reported that he is sending out an email to the  
17 membership immediately when he finds that a member has passed. He then constructs  
18 a memorial on our web site using the best information available.  
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20 **C. Competency position successors.** President Shepperd asked each BOD member and  
21 Officer to think hard about a replacement in the event he becomes unable to fulfill his  
22 duties. He also suggested that those positions that require a high level of skills/on the  
23 job learning have a list of instructions and a replacement person identified in case of a  
24 tragedy.  
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26 **8. Next Scheduled Meeting.** 1500 EDT, 9 April 2015.  
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28 **9. Adjournment.** VP Eddie Bracken moved that the meeting be adjourned to Executive  
29 Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion seconded by CEO Hopkins and passed by  
30 unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 1447hrs MDT. The  
31 meeting was reconvened at 1511hrs.VP Eddie Bracken moved the meeting be adjourned.  
32 Motion seconded by CEO Hoppy Hopkins and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting  
33 was adjourned at 1514hrs MDT.  
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36 **Respectfully submitted:**

**Approved and Adopted:**

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

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**Donald Shepperd, President**

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42 9 April 2015  
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