

*Super Sabre Society (SSS)
Board of Directors
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Super Sabre Society was held by teleconference on 19 June 2018 pursuant to the provisions of Article III, paragraph 9 of the By-laws of the Super Sabre Society.

1. Roll Call. Roll was taken by Jim Williford, Executive Secretary. All Board Members were present.
2. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by the SSS President, Don Shepperd at 1500 hours EDT on 19 June 2018.

Board Members Present

Don Shepperd, President/ Chairman

Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman

Robert Hoppy Hopkins, Executive Director/CEO

Dick Pietro, Director at Large

v. Jim Williford, Secretary
Officers Present

R. Medley Gatewood, Publisher and "Editor Emeritus" of the Intake

JJ Schulz, Editor of the Intake

Win Reither, Chief Information Officer

Dewey Clawson, Membership Committee and Election Committee Chair

ave Hatten, Treasurer

Pete Collins, Legal advisor

Officers' Reports

CEO Hoppy Hopkins provided an update on the flying activities at Fort Wayne. Flying began on Sunday operating from the shorter runway, approximately 8,000 feet. On the last flight of the day, the drag

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chute failed and a go around was initiated by Dean Cutshall. On the subsequent landing the left main tire blew and the wheel was ground to the rim and the magnesium brakes caught fire. The emergency response was quick and the fire extinguished. The aircraft has already been repaired, checked out and is ready to fly again. The FAA inspectors later arrived and after questioning Dean, discovered that he was charging money to fly. This required a change in the aircraft's certification from "experimental" to a "commercial enterprise" and necessitated a change in Dean's pilot certification. At this time, flying is on hold pending a determination by the FAA. Shep indicated that there was no liability for the SSS. He was glad the FAA had become involved and had revealed several things we were unaware of. While the flying status is still undetermined, Hoppy is continuing to plan for the Friday dinner.

Dick Pietro, Director at Large reported on his efforts to obtain a speaker for the San Antonio reunion. Status is pending and will be updated when more information is available.

Hoppy Hopkins continued with an update on reunion planning. Our reunion will be held in San Antonio from 15 to 18 May 2019. We will be staging from the Manger Hotel and rooms have been reserved.

Activities are being coordinated by Ray Casey and will be announced when firmed up.

Dave Hatten, our Treasurer reported the SSS had \$105,000 in the bank with around \$80,000 unrestricted funds. We are currently down approximately \$20,000 for the year, averaging about \$4,400 each month.

Hoppy mentioned that he and Leo Mansuetti have developed a "challenge coin" for the SSS. Everyone who has seen it remarked that it was one of the very best designs ever. Cost is \$7.50 and we will sell them for \$10.00 with the difference going to Hoppy's retirement account.

Our CIO, Win Reither reported that MB, our biographer and design person has completed 676 biographies. She has received \$12.9 for her efforts. The Web site itself is running \$16.2. A discussion followed regarding the Intake which is currently located in the members only section of the Web site. Eddie Bracken, out VP, wanted to move the Intakes immediately to the public section which would provide great exposure for our mission. Win said he was ready to move forward. Medley suggested a slower pace, perhaps starting next Spring. Shep directed Medley and Win to get together and come up with a plan to get the Intakes into the public area of our Web site.

Shep updated everyone on the "Rock" project for Nellis. Gail Peck will be our liaison to check out the two rocks that have been identified and Shep will work with Medley on a plaque design. This will not be an "advertisement" but rather a dedication to the men who flew the F-100.

The "authors corner" will take off after Fort Wayne is completed and the reunion is nailed down. Ross Detwiler will be our mentor in this area.

Hoppy plans to retire from his position as CEO in August. Shep reported that our by-laws say that the Board of Directors names the CEO.

An announcement will be made in the future.

Shep is continuing to search for a follow-on President. He's touched base with some outstanding candidates for this elected position and will continue his search. While he didn't think it was necessary that our President be a general officer, Hoppy said it had proved to be a clear advantage in the past. Dewey, our Membership and Election Committee Chairman reported on our membership trends with an attachment. He also indicated that August was our "nominating month" for the President and we would be using the Web site for the election. A dry run will be held to iron things out.

The meeting was adjourned at 1615.

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