

NSRCA – The Book of Motions

March 20, 2012 – Jim Quinn

Motion: NSRCA to purchase Joomla Quiz Deluxe software at Derek Koopowitz's recommendation to place judging certification materials and test online.

Votes: All say yes

Motion Passes

May 22, 2012 – John Gayer

Motion: The Sequence Guidelines be amended immediately to remove the membership restriction on board members and replace it with a requirement that at least one board member be a voting member of the sequence committee.

Votes: Pres – No, VP – Yes, Sec – Yes, Tres.- Yes, D1 – No, D2 – Yes, D3 – No, D4 – Abstain, D5 – Yes, D6 – No, D7 – Yes, D8 – Yes

Motion Passes 7 to 4

May 31, 2012 – Jon Carter

Motion: Approve Jon Lowe, a Masters pilot from D3, to the Sequence Committee to serve out the remainder of this term for the 2013/2014 cycle.

Votes: 7 yes votes – 0 no

Motion Passes

June 1, 2012 – Jon Carter

Motion: Accept the Sequence Committee as (Dale Olstinske, Dave Lockhart, Verne Koester, Derek Koopowitz, John Gayer, Larry Kauffman, and Jon Lowe) for the 2013/2014 sequence.

Votes: 12 yes votes – 0 no

Motion Passes

June 7, 2012 – Brian Clemmons

Motion: Authorize, establish, and maintain a Pattern Hall of Fame by the NSRCA as the S.I.G. for precision aerobatics of the AMA. Up to two candidates may be inducted per year subject to a

Board vote with recognition and records being maintained on the NSRCA website and in the databases. Any Board member may propose a single candidate for inclusion per year.

Votes: Pres – Yes, Sec – No as written, VP – No as written, D7- No as written.

06.11.12 – Motion withdrawn

June 12, 2012 – John Gayer

Motion: Beginning January 2013, NSRCA makes the judging materials obtained online including the test, free of charge to NSRCA members and \$10 to non-members

Votes: Tres – Yes, Sec – Yes, D7 – Yes, D6 – Yes, D8 – Yes, VP – Yes, Pres – Yes

Motion Passes

June 14, 2012 – John Gayer

Motion: Commission a set of trophies from the AMA to be awarded to the highest ranking NSRCA member in each class and a second set of trophies to be awarded to the highest ranking person that is 65 or older in each class.

Votes: Tres – Yes, D6 – Yes, Sec – No as written, D7 – No as written

06.14.12 - Motion withdrawn

June 14, 2012 – John Gayer

Motion: Commission a set of trophies from the AMA to be awarded to the highest ranking NSRCA member in each class.

Votes: Tres – Yes, Sec – Yes, D2 – Yes, D7 – Yes, Pres – Yes, VP – Yes, D6 – Yes, D8- Yes, D1 - Yes

Motion Passes

June 14, 2012 – John Gayer

Motion: Commission a set of trophies from the AMA to be awarded to the highest ranking 65 or older person in each class. The person does not need to be an NSRCA member.

Votes: Sec – No, D2 – No, D7 – No, Tres – Yes, Pres – No, VP – No, D6 – No, D8 – No, D1 – No

Motion is defeated

June 14, 2012 – Scott McHarg

Motion: Commission the following logo as the official logo of the NSRCA:



Votes: Sec – Yes, D2 – Yes, D7 – Yes, Pres – Yes, VP – Yes, D6 – Yes, D8 – Yes, D1 – Yes

Motion Passes

July 6, 2012 – Scott McHarg

Motion: Allow any person and/or company that advertise with the NSRCA the opportunity to list "Specials" in a current NSRCA Hot sheet. The Hot Sheet will be presented via a newly created list on the first of the month by PDF. "Specials" will be due by the 25th of each month. This newly created list will be "read-only" and only the publisher of the hot sheet will be able to send via this list. Members may sign up to receive information if they chose to receive it.

Votes: Sec – Yes, Tres – Yes, D7 – Yes, Pres – Yes, D1 – Yes, D2 – Yes, D6 – Yes, Vice Pres, - Yes

Motion Passes

July 29, 2012 – Brian Clemmons

Motion: NSRCA to immediately donate the sum of \$1000 to the US F3A Team fund as per past practice of the NSRCA

Votes – D6 – Yes, Tres – Yes (2nd), Sec – Yes, VP – Yes, D5 – Yes, D8 – Yes, D7 – Yes, D2 – Yes, D4 – Yes,

Motion Passes

July 31, 2012 – Scott McHarg

Motion: Accept the 2013/2014 Advanced and Masters sequences, Aresti, and suggested downgrades as submitted by the Sequence Committee headed by Dale Olstinske as our sequences for Advanced and Masters for 2013 and 2014

Votes: D7 – Yes (2nd), Sec – Yes, D2 – Yes, Tres – Yes, VP – Yes, D8 – Yes, Pres. – Yes, D6 – Yes,

Motion Passes

August 14, 2012 – Jim Quinn

Motion: Approve Archie Stafford as the Nats Event Director for 2013.

Votes: Sec – Yes (2nd), D2 – Yes, D1 – Yes, VP – Yes, Tres. – Yes, D3 – Yes, D8 – Yes, D6 – Yes, D4 - Yes

Motion Passes

October 11, 2012 – Don Atwood

Motion: Publish the electronic version of the monthly Kfactor on the NSRCA website as soon as it is available instead of waiting for the printed copies to be mailed.

Votes: Sec – Yes (2nd), VP – Yes, D7 – Yes, D8 – Yes, Tres – Yes, D2 – Yes, Pres – Yes, D5 – Yes, D6 – Yes, D3 - Yes

Motion Passes

October 23, 2012 – Don Atwood, Rex Leshner

Motion: Move the deadline date for monthly Kfactor submissions by the Board of Directors and other submitters to the Kfactor Editor from the 10th of each month to the 5th of each month.

Votes: Pres – Yes (2nd), VP – Yes, D8 – Yes, D7 – Yes, Sec – Yes,

Motion retracted for following motion:

October 25, 2012 – Don Atwood

Motion: Move the deadline date for monthly Kfactor submissions by the Board of Directors and other submitters to the Kfactor Editor from the 10th of each month to the close of business on the 1st of each month. This will now be a hard deadline with no grace period.

Votes: Sec – Yes (2nd), VP – Yes, Pres – Yes, D8 – Yes, Tres – No, D7 – Yes,

Motion retracted due to not wanting to make it a “rule”

January 10, 2013 – Jim Quinn

Motion: NSRCA supports and supplies seed money for 3 F3P contests in each 2013 and 2014 assuming venues are available: one contest on the East Coast, one on the West Coast, and one in the Central US.

Votes: John Gayer (2nd) – No vote taken. Motion left open for discussion and DVP's allowed to have time to discuss with constituents.

Motion on 05.29.13 to rescind this motion until such a time that it is warranted. At the time, the BoD will gladly revisit this. This motion is in the meeting minutes for 5.29.13

January 31, 2013 - Jon Carter

Motion: Approve proposed budget for 2013.

Votes: D4 (2nd), Unanimous approval

January 31, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion: Rescind Archie Stafford's motion from August 2011 BoD Meeting (listed in the minutes)

Votes: Jon Carter (2nd), Unanimous approval

February 6, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion: Table Jim Quinn Motion from 01.10.13 BoD Meeting (listed in the minutes) for "seed" money for F3P until such time we know where this is going with the AMA.

Votes: Rex Leshner (2nd), Unanimous approval

February 6, 2013 – John Gayer

Motion: Accept McHarg proposal for KFactor Publishing.

Notes: This motion moves KFactor Publishing from Northeast Group to "in-house" services provided by Jan McHarg (Scott's wife). Payment for services will be \$200 per issue with printing and mailing paid separately to third-party vendors. Proposal stipulated that a fee of \$200 would be acceptable in the beginning with the understanding that this amount could be raised based on availability of money and quality of work as \$200 is a bare minimum. Jan was willing to do this in order to get things started with her as the publisher.

Votes: Don Atwood (2nd), Unanimous approval

February 6, 2013 – Larry Kaufman

Motion: Raise the limit for District Championship funding from \$250 to \$350 per District.

Notes: District Championship funding is for the purchase and delivery of awards that each district may purchase for their class champions yearly. This is not required. Each district is responsible for their own awards. These funds do not include NSRCA purchased District Championship shirts and is a separate fund.

Votes: Jon Carter (2nd), Unanimous approval

February 6, 2013 – Jon Carter

Motion: Approve Dale Olstinske as Chairman of the Sequence Committee

Votes: Rex Leshar (2nd), Unanimous approval

March 6, 2013 – Rex Leshar

Motion: Accept Pat Harris as the new District 8 Vice President

Votes: Seconded, Unanimously approved.

March 18, 2013 – Scott McHarg

Motion: For the NSRCA to pay for the costs of the USA Representative, Derek Koopowitz, of approximately \$2000 to attend the CIAM Meeting in 2013.

Votes: Jon Carter (2nd), Unanimous approval

March 18, 2013 – Jon Carter

Motion: Approve the below urgent rule proposal to be submitted to John Fuqua and the AMA Contest Board.

Votes: Scott McHarg (2nd), Unanimous approval

Brief summary of the proposed change.

Fact of life change to allow certain types of telemetry because built in telemetry is now a part of many radio systems. This change would still prohibit use of any telemetry that gives a competitive advantage to the pilot. The change is urgent because pilots at the 2013 Nats could be protested and disqualified if using certain radio equipment.

Exact wording proposed for the rule book. (List paragraph numbers where applicable. Example: Change “quote present rule book wording” to “exact wording required”).

Change:

“4.4: Equipment Functions. Radio control equipment shall be of the open loop type (i.e. no electronic feedback from the model to the ground). Auto pilot control utilizing inertia, light, gravity, or any other type of terrestrial reference is prohibited. Automatic control sequencing (preprogramming) or automatic control timing devices are prohibited.”

And Change 4.4 8)

“8) Electronic or other signal or feedback from the model of any kind. “

To read:

“4.4: Equipment functions. Any telemetry or other types of radio feedback to the pilot or the caller such as airspeed, position, GPS coordinates, motor rpm, etc, are prohibited during competition. Telemetry that does not give a competitive advantage to the pilot, such as receiver battery voltage warnings, radio interference, radio malfunctions, etc, is permitted. Telemetry data shall not be used as a basis to request a re-flight. Auto pilot control utilizing inertia, light, gravity, or any other type of terrestrial reference is prohibited. Automatic control sequencing (preprogramming) or automatic control timing devices are prohibited. A proven competitive advantage to the pilot will result in the loss of that round.”

And 4.4 8) to read:

Logic behind proposed change, including alleged shortcomings of the present rules. State intent for future reference.

More radio systems are coming out with basic telemetry built in, and the inability to turn it off in certain cases. As an example, if someone showed up at the NATS with a Hitec Aurora 9 or a Futaba 12sg, they are technically illegal radios since you cannot turn off telemetry of the receiver voltage back to the transmitter. If a protest was lodged, the flyer could be disqualified. That wasn't the intent of the original rule. This change allows for certain forms of airplane fault telemetry that is built in to newer radio systems, while disallowing advanced telemetry that could give a competitive advantage to the pilot.

April 10, 2013 – Scott McHarg / Jon Bruml

Motion : Run a full-page ad for the F3A USA Team in the KFactor as space permits on a monthly basis until such a time that it is no longer needed to support the team and directing members to the various items the team is selling to raise money.

Votes: John Gayer (2nd), Unanimous approval

May 29, 2013 – Jon Lowe

Motion : Accept Bob Kane as the new Event Director for the 2013 AMA Nationals.

Votes: Anthony Abdullah (2nd), Unanimous approval

May 29th, 2013 – Brian Clemmons

Motion : NSRCA to cover credit cards for the World Team USA donations.

Votes: Scott McHarg (2nd), Unanimous approval

May 29th, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion : NSRCA to adopt Aircraft Stabilization policy

Votes: Motion 2nd , Unanimous approval

June 26th, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion : Approve appointment by Jon Lowe to make Archie Stafford D2 VP for the remainder of the current term.

Votes: Motion 2nd – John Gayer, Unanimous approval

June 26th, 2013 – John Gayer

Motion : Present highest placing NSRCA member and highest placing NSRCA member that is Elder Statesman (age 60+) a trophy from the NSRCA. Total for all trophies not to exceed \$500.00

Votes: Motion 2nd – Scott McHarg, Unanimous approval

June 26th, 2013 – Scott McHarg

Motion : NSRCA to purchase a gift certificate in the amount of \$100 from each of our 8 current paid advertisers to be distributed to the highest NSRCA member and the second highest finishing NSRCA member in the Intermediate and Advanced classes.

Votes: Motion 2nd – John Gayer, Unanimous approval

July 10, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion: NSRCA to pay Scott Smith \$200 for services rendered at the 2013 AMA US Nationals for Precision Aerobatics.

Motion 2nd – John Gayer

Votes: Pres – Yes, VP – Yes, Sec – Yes, Tres – Yes, D2 – Yes, D7 – Yes, D8 – Yes, Motion Passes

August 8, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion: NSRCA to pay Scott Smith \$200 for services rendered at the 2013 AMA US Nationals for Precision Aerobatics.

Motion 2nd – Jon Carter

Votes: Unanimous approval

September 18, 2013 – Scott McHarg

Motion: Change dues structure to the following:

US Dues - \$40 includes electronic K-Factor magazine. Paper K-Factor delivery available on request.

Non-US Dues - \$40 includes electronic K-Factor magazine. Paper K-Factor delivery not available.

Member Dues - \$10 includes electronic K-Factor magazine. Paper K-Factor delivery not available.

Junior Member Dues (under 19) - \$10 includes electronic K-Factor magazine. Paper K-Factor delivery not available.

Motion 2nd – John Gayer

Votes: Unanimous approval

November 6, 2013 – Don Atwood

Motion: Approve the Sequence Committee for 2014 as submitted by Dale Olstinske

Motion 2nd – Brian Clemmons

Votes: Unanimous approval

November 6, 2013 – Jon Lowe

Motion: Nominate and ask for approval of the board Don Atwood's replacement of Jon Cater for Vice President through the end of the Executive Board cycle which concludes 1.10.15.

Motion 2nd – Brian Clemmons

Votes: Unanimous approval

February 21, 2014 – Don Manson

Motion: Increase publisher pay for the K-Factor from \$200 to \$300 per month retroactive through January 2014.

Motion 2nd – Jon Carter

Votes: Unanimous approval – Scott McHarg abstained

Ammendment: - John Gayer

The amount of money being saved on printing and associated costs and with the fact that the K-Factor timeliness has improved substantially, I recommend passing a portion on to the publisher and making the total compensation \$400 per month retroactive through January 2014.

Motion 2nd – Sean Merish

Votes: Unanimous approval – Scott McHarg abstained

February 21, 2014 – Scott McHarg

Motion: NSRCA to sponsor the AMA Nationals' trophies indefinitely as the title sponsor

Motion 2nd – Matt Finley

Votes: Tabled

John Gayer suggests that, although he agrees that we should sponsor the trophies that he is not happy that we should have to pay for this. Scott McHarg suggests we table this motion and have Jon Lowe speak to AMA about what could be done. This motion to be voted on next month after Jon Lowe has a chance to talk to the AMA about the fact that the NSRCA already runs the NATS and should possibly be already on the trophies without additional expenses. Motion tabled until next month.

April 8, 2014 – Unknown

Motion: Provide up to \$500 for NATS trophies for 2014

Motion 2nd – Unknown

Votes: Unanimous approval

June 26, 2014 – Jon Carter

Motion: Accept Dave Reville as new Canadian DVP

Motion 2nd – Matt Finley

Votes: Unanimous approval

July 21, 2014 – Jon Lowe

Motion: Add a donation tab to the NSRCA site if members want to donate individually to the team fund for our F3A team

Motion 2nd – Robert Green

Votes: Motion passed

Jul 21, 2014 – Jon Carter

Motion: Provide a card / decal to all current NSRCA members

Motion 2nd – Robert Green

Votes: Motion passed

September 10, 2014 – Don Manson

Motion: Appoint Anthony Romano as D1 VP for the remainder of the current term.

Motion 2nd – Unknown

Votes: Unanimous approval

September 10, 2014 – Jon Carter

Motion: Accept the proposed sequences of Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters. Advanced and Masters will be for one year and Sportsman and Intermediate will three years.

Motion 2nd – Sean Mersh

Votes: Unanimous approval

September 10, 2014 – Jon Carter

Motion: Accept the proposed update to the Sequence Development Guide taking our version from 1.3 to 1.4

Motion 2nd – John Gayer

Votes: Unanimous approval

September 10, 2014 – John Gayer

Motion: Set aside \$2000 in the years 2014 and 2015 (for a total of \$4000) for matching funds from other donations to be sent to F3A Team USA

Motion 2nd – Unknown

Votes: Pres – Yes, VP – Yes, Sec – Yes, Tres. – Yes, D2 – Nay, D3 – Nay, D7 – Nay, D8 – Yes. Motion passes.

Note: Nays are due to wanting to include F3P. F3P can be another motion however as this was intended for F3A.

November 5, 2014 – Scott McHarg

Motion: Fund Team USA F3P \$2000 immediately for the 2015 World Championship

Motion 2nd – John Gayer

Votes: Motion passes unanimously

February 4, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: That the NSRCA provide advertising space in the KFactor for the F3A and F3P teams at no charge.

Motion 2nd – Scott McHarg

Votes: Motion passes unanimously

February 4, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: That the current KFactor advertising rates continue.

Motion 2nd – Peter Vogel

Votes: Motion passes unanimously

February 4, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: That Chuck Hockhalter be appointed the new DVP of D6, effective March 1, 2015.

Motion 2nd - Scott McHarg

Votes: Motion passes unanimously

February 4, 2015 – Scott McHarg

Motion: That the Budget Overview 2015 submitted by Peter Vogel, Treasurer, be accepted for 2015.

Motion 2nd – Jon Carter

Votes: Motion passes unanimously

March 4, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: That the F3P team be given an additional \$2000 to help fund competition being held in Poland.

Motion 2nd by Don Manson

Discussion: A discussion was held concerning the appropriate amount of funding the NSRCA should grant to the FAI teams. Should the NSRCA contribute equal funds to the F3A team and to the F3P team? The NSRCA has a long history of supporting the F3A World team. We remain committed to that effort and we fully recognize that F3A is currently where the bulk of our member's interest lies. F3P is a new but growing discipline within pattern. Funding for F3P is a special circumstance due to this being the first F3P World Championship team that is representing the USA. At this point in time, if we authorize this additional \$2000 for the F3P team, we will be funding the F3A and the F3P teams at the same rate. This does not commit the NSRCA to continue this level of funding for F3P in the future. The NSRCA is the AMA recognized SIG for F3P and we are in bootstrap/startup mode for this discipline. All of this contributes to the uniqueness of this particular F3P World Team effort.

F3P style flying is more prevalent in northern locals because of the winter flying season and indoor flying is better suited. The southern DVP's expressed concern because there is little to no indoor flying in southern states. It was also noted that even with proper funding, each member of the F3P team will incur about \$600 individual out of pocket expenses for the World Championships. However, each member of the F3A team will spend approximately \$5000 out of pocket expenses.

Motion passes with 7 YES and 3 NO votes

March 25, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: The NSRCA BoD asks Derek Koopowitz to travel to Switzerland to represent us at the FAI CIAM meeting. He will use the ticket that was purchased previously and not used, and in addition to that we authorize the expenditure of ~\$725.00 to cover additional expenses.

Motion second by Chuck Hochhalter (D6)

Discussion:

Discussion (Jon Carter): Every two years the FAI CIAM board meets to discuss and vote on new rules for FAI. Two years ago we authorized our representative (Derek Koopowitz) to attend. Due to poor weather and other issues he was unable to go. The meetings are again coming up and as you can

see from the attached email from Derek we will need to allocate some funds to send him. The good news is he still has the credit from the last ticket! All we need to cover is the price difference and the hotel and meals. So, based on Derek's estimate, we need to approve roughly \$710 to cover this trip. There are FAI rules that will be discussed that I believe we should have our representative there (both for the discussion and the vote).

(Derek Koopowitz) - "The good news is that because I did not use that ticket 2 years ago due to the weather issues and me being unable to travel, I still have the \$1100 (I don't remember the exact price for the ticket) but prices have gone up and I believe the cost of the ticket is around \$1300 now. I will need authorization from the board to go ahead with this travel which will include hotel costs for 3 nights plus meal expenses - I'm guessing the total will be around \$130+ per night in a hotel and around \$40 a day for meal expenses. Estimate is \$510 for room/board and then another \$200 for the air ticket."

"I get my marching orders from the NSRCA and also from the F3A pilot community... the AMA has no directive on what we do - they can offer input. They rely on my input to vote - I actually don't get to vote at the meeting, only the AMA rep. does (Bob Brown). He can choose to change his vote if he disagrees with me but I haven't seen that happen yet."

Yes – President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7 and D8.

Motion Passes Unanimously

April 28, 2015 – Scott McHarg

Motion: To accept this version of the cross proposal 16-7. The new cross proposal will read as follows:
6.x At no time will a model be left unrestrained or unattended while running or with the electric motor power circuit(s) physically connected unless the model is on the runway. If maintenance or testing needs to be done and the model must be running or have the electric motor power circuit(s) physically connected, this must be done in an area designated by the CD, be physically restrained, and must be attended at all times. First infraction of this rule will result in a warning. Second infraction will result in loss of the highest round. Subsequent infractions will result in loss of the highest round remaining and, at the CD's discretion, up to disqualification of the pilot.

Discussion: There was discussion to change the wording **unrestrained or unattended** to: **unrestrained and unattended.** (Scott McHarg) It is as written with "or". The word "and" does not work in this situation. The model cannot be left unrestrained or unattended which means both. If you put "and" in there, you are saying you cannot both be unrestrained and unattended. "Or" specifies both in this case. There is no motion for an amendment based on "and" which completely defeats the intention.

10 YES votes, 0 NO votes

Motion Passes

May 12, 2015 – Scott McHarg

Motion: Allow any CD of any precision aerobatics contest, primer, event, or judging seminar the ability to place a one-half page ad in one issue of the K-Factor magazine per contest at the rate of \$50.00. Any subsequent ad will cost \$75 for a one-half page ad. The ad must be black and white and cannot exceed one-half page. The digital edition may have color if the advertiser sends in a color version. The ad may include sponsors of the event and should include the NSRCA logo within the ad but should consist mainly of information pertaining to the event.

Motion second by Jon Carter

Discussion: (Scott McHarg) Current pricing for 1/2 page ad is \$130 per month. Current pricing for 1/8 page ad is \$50 per month so that you can see what kind of discount we're talking about. The only con to this could be that we have so many 1/2 page ads (obviously only 2 could fit on each page), our magazine size could become a problem if many folks advertise in the same month. This increases the cost of printing and mailing charges. Another consideration could be a 1/4 page ad but I think the 1/2 page is good. The person that sent in their ad was willing to pay the \$130 for a 1/2 page ad for one month. If we do 1/4 page, do we make considerations for other sizes? Personally, I think it gets too complex creating all the different scenarios. \$50 is cheap and we can all come up with 1/2 page ads to promote our contests.

Motion Passes Unanimously

September 9, 2015 – Scott McHarg

Motion : Approve the addition of new maneuvers to the Sequence Development Guide bringing the version to 1.5

Second by Sean Mersh

Motion passes unanimously

Motion: To approve the 2016-2017 Advanced / Masters Sequences as submitted by the Sequence Committee

Second by Charlie Barrera

Motion passes unanimously

October 7, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: Approve Albert Glenn as the 2016 NATS ED

Second by Scott McHarg

Motion passes unanimously

November 11, 2015 – Charlie Barrera

Motion: That the NSRCA purchase / provide one shirt, similar in design as the Championship shirt, for each officer and DVP, with name, NSRCA position / District Vice President, and years of office, etc., embroidered/silk screened over the left or right front breast of the shirt.

Second by Chuck Hockhalter

Discussion: The shirts will be similar in design to the District Champion shirts. They will be provided to the 2014 – 2015 BOD members, and 2016 – 2017 BOD members. BOD members are encouraged to wear these shirts at NSRCA events, providing visibility to the membership.

Motion passes unanimously

November 11, 2015 – Jon Carter

Motion: That the NSRCA provide a matching grant, dollar for dollar, with a maximum of \$500, to each district, including Canada, that raises funds for the purchase of the Pattern Scoring System. Each district that accepts this grant, agrees to provide / make it available for use at the NATS.

Second by Scott McHarg

Discussion – Jon is in favor of the NSRCA helping districts acquiring the Pattern Scoring system; the larger districts may require two systems due to the size of the district, such as D6.

Motion passes unanimously

January 19, 2016 – Jon Carter

Motion: To accept the 2016 budget for the NSRCA submitted by Peter Vogel

Second by Jon Carter

Motion passes unanimously

February 10, 2016 – Jon Carter

Motion: As you all know, Matt Finlay has resigned his position as DVP for District 4 due to other pressing commitments. He has lined up a replacement, Scott McNickle. I move that we accept Matt's resignation with thanks for his service and that we approve Scott McNickle as District 4 VP for the remainder of Matt's term.

Second by: Scott McHarg

Motion passes unanimously

February 14, 2016 - Peter Vogel

Motion: That we authorize the treasurer to transition our business banking to Capital One as quickly as that can viably be accomplished.

Second: Chuck Hockhalter

Discussion:

The NSRCA currently maintains 4 accounts with Wells Fargo business banking:

- Our operating account (Checking)
- Our savings account (earning .0312% interest)
- The F3A world team operating account
- The F3P world team operating account

Our operating account and the debit card associated with it along with electronic statements has a monthly fee of \$12, waived because our balance exceeds \$10,000, but also incurs a \$2 monthly fee (not waived) for having check images available to us in our statement and a \$10 (also not waived) for having a debit card. Hence we pay \$12/month for our operating account.

Our savings account has a monthly fee of \$6 which is waived due to the balance we maintain

The F3P World team operating account has a \$14 monthly fee associated with it (opened more recently) which, despite being linked with our other accounts which have a combined balance in excess of \$40,000 is NOT waived.

The F3A World team operating account has a \$14 monthly fee associated with it, which IS linked and IS waived because we've put it in a separate "category" which makes it very difficult to transfer funds raised through team activities but billed through our merchant account and therefore deposited to our operating account.

In short, between the 4 accounts we pay \$26/month and we earn .0312% interest on our savings account.

Further, using online banking and online check deposit with Wells Fargo I am limited to depositing \$3500/month and \$800/day using their applications. Any time we have checks amounting to more than \$800 or \$3500/month I have to visit a Wells Fargo branch to make the deposit. This is possible, but inconvenient and sometimes delays deposits by several days. We see checks in excess of that amount in July (advertiser receipts) and in January, as well as, occasionally in December.

Prompted by the customer focus (their key measure of success is net promoter score, which I'll be happy to explain if anyone asks) I decided to investigate the business banking options from Capital One.

Business checking is 100% FREE. No minimum balances, no debit card fees.

Business savings has an introductory interest rate of **1%** for one year and after that drops to the standard rate which is currently **0.4%**

Making this change would save the NSRCA \$168/year and the world teams \$168/year. Further, assuming we maintained our current savings balance (and did not move more money into savings, which, I would actually recommend that we do to maintain an operating balance of about \$20k in the bank and \$5k in PayPal) we would earn \$73.21 in interest (vs \$2.28 from Wells Fargo)

In summary, shifting the status quo from Wells Fargo to Capital One would improve our operating finances by \$238.93 for the NSRCA and \$168 for the world teams in the first year. In subsequent years (again, assuming status quo) we would improve the NSRCA operating finances by \$197.60 using current interest rates and \$168 for the world teams.

Motion passes unanimously

April 12, 2016 – Jon Carter

Motion by Jon Carter: To accept Larry Diamond's proposal, as stated in the following; shirt type, details, to be worked out later

Second by Peter Vogel

Discussion:

Larry's (Diamond RC) Apparel proposal:

- **Inventory**
- 1) I will maintain and service the eCommerce site (DiamondRC.com) for the on-line sales of NSRCA Apparel (No cost to the NSRCA; No Admin Fee)
- 2) I will front the money for the inventory, if NSRCA agrees to purchase any remaining inventory if/when the agreement is terminated by either party.
- 3) NSRCA will establish the maximum inventory level by value amount.
- 4) NSRCA will provide the art work for the shirts to be sold and select the type to be sold.
- 5) NSRCA sets the price point for NSRCA apparel (Anything related to the NSRCA or implied to be related).

- **Proceeds**
- 1) I will provide a monthly report with a check to the NSRCA Treasurer as follows:
 - a. Inventory Value
 - b. Total NSRCA Apparel Sales (Revenue)
 - c. Total Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)
 - d. Actual shipping paid by customer
 - e. Check for the proceeds from sales calculated as:

- i. [(Revenue) – (COGS) – (\$1 per order) – (Credit Card/PayPal Fee)]
- 1. Actual Credit Card/PayPal Fee
- 2. \$1 per order will cover my misc. material cost such as shipping labels, tape, etc...
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- **Administrative and Legal Items**
- A) The NSRCA Apparel will be sold by DiamondRC, LLC
- B) DiamondRC, LLC is a registered Merchant in the state of Indiana and must charge Indiana sales for sales by Indiana residence.
 - a. Out of State sales are exempt from Indiana State Tax.
 - b. Merchant Certificate can be provided on request.
- C) Primary vendor for apparel will be:
 - a. Tri-State Trophy
 - 1200 W. Columbia Street
 - Evansville, IN 47719
 - b. Tri-State Trophy is local for me. My sister-in-law has worked there for more than 20 years.
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- **Why am I making this offer?**
- I have been an NSRCA since 2003. I would like to give back to the NSRCA. I have not been very active over the past several years but still remained a member.
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- My reasoning for having me (DiamondRC) carry the inventory burden is to offer the relief of financial responsibility for shrinkage. This will be wrote off by DiamondRC. It also make the transaction much easier for the NSRCA to control with a single contact point.
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- Please offer your thoughts. I am ready to start as soon as the NSRCA provides approval and we have a signed agreement prepared by the NSRCA showing inventory constraints to limit risk.
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- I will coordinate between the NSRCA District Representatives regarding design or whomever the NSRCA prefers me to work with.

Motion passes unanimously

April 12, 2016 – Scott McHarg

Motion: With the current state of technology and the way that folks interact, the NSRCA formally institutes the position of "Social Media Officer". This position will take care of all public announcements from the Board of Directors via all social media outlets including but not limited to the NSRCA website, FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram, or any other social media that the NSRCA implements. This position does not have limits as far as time in the position is concerned and does not have a vote on the Board of Directors. The position shall report directly to the NSRCA Board of Directors. The Social Media Officer will do his/her best to put all information up

in a timely fashion. This position is also created for the person to offer suggestions on how to better bring this organization together as a community through events, challenges, get togethers, etc. This position is a volunteer position and will be appointed by the NSRCA Board of Directors. Any paid member of the NSRCA may be considered for this position.

Second by Jon Carter

Motion passes unanimously

April 12, 2016 – Scott McHarg

Motion by Scott McHarg: The NSRCA Executive Council, as well as the appointed Social Media Officer(s), shall have administrative access to any and all social media outlets that are created by and for the NSRCA at all times. The NSRCA President shall appoint individuals to have the authority to make posts and all posts should be approved by the NSRCA President prior to posting. Care shall be taken to insure positive and well-meaning posts at all times that maintain neutrality and refrain from offending our members in any way. These posts are to be informative and enlightening.

Second by Jon Carter

Motion passes unanimously

April 21, 2016 – Jon Carter

Motion: That the NSRCA BoD approve for submittal to the AMA Competitions department the following document, NSRCA Pattern Nationals Procedures and Guidelines Rev 0.6

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

Motion by Peter Vogel: That the NSRCA recommend the use of Master Scoring as the preferred scoring software for use in local contests, and that we further endorse the use the Electronic Scribe with Master Scoring at the discretion of the CD and the purchase of Electronic Scribe software shall

be at the discretion of the individual districts and shall continue to be supported by the NSRCA via a \$500 per-district fund to offset some costs of the equipment.

Second by Joe Walker

Discussion:

[Secretary] It is a recommendation, and not set in stone. We still have the option to use other scoring systems.

[D1] What does this recommendation really do for us? Rereading the email about our mission statement where does this fit? I have gotten feedback from D1 members that they feel it is rather arrogant to keep promoting an expensive scoring system when we can barely get anyone to contests.

[Vice President] This all came about because I made a statement about the NSRCA needing to "officially" embrace a system if we were going to recommend something to the E.D. of the AMA NATS. I also made the statement that I felt we needed to see how the authors of the other software felt about selecting one or the other prior to endorsing a system.

With all due respect to all parties and with Gordon's input, I have an issue with all of this and feel that, while the system makes judging better, there is pressure from individuals to accept a system that is produced by members of both the NSRCA BoD as well as the AMA Contest Board. I do not believe that the purpose is to make a profit however. I'm really having a hard time with this, especially when we haven't tested the "complete system" at a NATS and we are more than willing to dive head first for the 2016 NATS which is a US TEAM SELECTION YEAR instead of taking a more methodical approach and trying the system on one Site or maybe two. What's the rush? In the computer world, if you change more than one variable, you never know what the actual fix was.

[President] I really see no problem with the NSRCA "recommending" a scoring methodology. If a better method of doing something comes up, what is the problem with recommending it? We are not requiring it and we are investing (through the grant program) in improving pattern scoring nationwide, which is probably the single most contentious and bitched about item in pattern. I think this is in our wheelhouse so to speak and if we did not push for it nationwide we would be derelict in our duty. I really fail to see any arrogance here, we are just working to promote and improve pattern, kind of what we are supposed to be doing.

[D3] In terms of utilizing the scribe at the Nats, I have recommended it for the Masters Finals and FAI Semi-Finals and Finals. These portions of the Nats provide a "contained" test bed and are also the most visible and can definitely benefit the most from the significant improvement that the scribe system brings. The final decision is AL Glenn's [2016 NATS ED] however.

We all really need to get on board with the scoring system. It's a huge leap forward in our sport. \$2500 (\$2000 to the folks in your district), is extremely affordable for what you get. At a lightly attended contest, that's the price of a prop. It's not a big ask for such a big gain.

Promoting the idea to the constituents in your district that the system is not worth the investment is counterproductive to our hobby. Sticking with handwritten scores is about equivalent to flying a Heathkit radio in a Dirty Birdy with a muffled K&B.61 and trying to make the FAI finals at the Nats.

[D6] Why are we promoting this system, so it can be mentioned in the NATS recommendation to the ED

and used because some perceive current NATS scoring as biased and can be manipulated.

This is all because no one knows how NATS scoring is run, and how it really is double checked and can be verified that no foul play occurred.

This is because the NSRCA won't stand up and speak for the process we had that was fine.

All that is needed is duplicate score sheets for the pilot and scoring. Problem solved.

AND... This is an FAI problem only at NATS.

[D3] Perhaps we should chat more as a group discussion, but the reason I'm so excited about the system has nothing to do with bias. It's simply a better way to do things. It is automating the grunt work of a contest, and it's a completely transparent system. You see scores and results almost immediately after a pilot lands. I truly believe that once everyone has an opportunity to use it once or twice, you'll be as vocal as I am with support.

I'm not hung up on which scoring program to use. I suspect that an app can be written to make the system work with any of the scoring programs. If the true concern is a proprietary venture, perhaps some other folks would be interested in spending the time to develop their own app version that can work on the hardware that Peter assembled.

That said, I feel that is an incredible waste of effort to have multiple scoring programs out there. It's not a complicated procedure. You add up the numbers, multiply the K factor, and normalize it out. Let's put this creative energy to work on making the master scoring system the best solution possible from a technological and user experience.

[Treasurer] MasterScoring has been the system of record for use at the NATS for at least 4 years now. There is no change from that perspective.

I completely rewrote Gordon's app (which is in now unsupported and very fragile VB6 embedded in excel) for the original implementation of the scribe. Before that I ran several contests with scoring on Gordon's program. I don't think I've seen a contest happen that didn't have at least two crashes of the VB code in Gordon's app that required a complete restart. People who aren't technically savvy can get themselves into real trouble on Gordon's app as evidenced by an AZ contest that didn't have final results until 3 days after the contest because of data loss/crashes. It's a huge support burden for Gordon.

My rewrite worked reasonably well, but still had to occasional issue in score reporting that required minor manual intervention in the spreadsheet formulas.

Fundamentally, neither solves for the NATS scale contest, there is zero support for Matrix scoring or anything beyond a small local contest. There is also no support for TBL and neither would ever be certified for use by the FAI for an FAI national or continental contests.

MasterScoring is an extremely robust program, I've personally scored at least 25 contests with it and have never seen even one incident of data loss or corruption. It does have to very occasional error (i.e., not observed from one judge and no scores from the other judge will cause an exception) but it catches those Exceptions and provides the user with a support path to get the problem resolved.

The other option, PACSS, I have no personal experience with other than some 2 year old conversations with Gene about making the scribe work with it too. It is written in COBOL, has no facilities for importing or exporting scores and, since the platform/language for which it was written is not

supported on modern Windows platforms, does not have much life left in it.

Last year, I made the decision to focus my scribe efforts on making it work really well with MasterScoring because I saw that as the best use of my time.

Fundamentally, I have put my effort into the scribe system for three simple reasons:

1. I think it improves scoring. If you don't believe me, look at the scores of the OCMA contest a few weeks back. Despite every admitted attempt by a certain known-biased judge to tank the scores of a certain rival sandbagging in Masters, scoring by deductions seen meant that the best (sandbagging) pilot got the best scores from all judges. That would not have happened with paper--people remember what they wrote down and can bias from it.
2. As a scorekeeper, I missed being able to interact with people at the contest. Flying a flight literally put me 30 minutes behind in score entry. Even with due care I usually had at least one incorrect entry that was caught by the pilot per contest (20 contestants = 4520 opportunities to make a mistake). I don't think I ever scored a contest in 2 years of manually entering scores without a least 5 N/O's from judges because they were looking at a score sheet instead of a plane.
3. The sheer waste of time at a contest as contestants lost their score sheets between rounds or forgot to pick them up from the scoring table, fighting wind-blown papers for contestants, judges, and scorekeepers, stapling tear sheets to score sheets, etc. Between MasterScoring and the scribe we are typically handing out awards within 5 minutes of the last pilot landing.

Do I want the system used at the NATS? Sure, but only because I see it solves a number of problems and perceived problems.

Do I care if we 'endorse' one system for use at local contests? No.

Do I think the system is 'ready' for the NATS? Yes, for any contest portion run in traditional fashion (Advanced, Intermediate, Masters finals, FAI semis and Finals). No for a contest run with Matrix because there is a built-in assumption of one system running the scores for both sites. Until Scott and I come up with a good way to 'merge' data from two sites running the same contest but different parts of the matrix I'm not ready to declare support in the scribe for the Matrix system.

The scribe has been run for 2.5 seasons (at least 13 contests each season), 1.25 completely in MasterScoring. There has been no loss of data in that time, and only one instance of incorrect data getting into master scoring which was caught and corrected through use of the redundant logs on the scoring devices.

I toured the country with it at my own expense last year (with the exception of the Chicago contest where Steve and Bobby were kind enough to cover my travel expenses) to give as many people possible the opportunity to use the system.

I've invested well over 5K of my own money in the development and touring of this system. I do that gladly for the love of this sport, beyond a desire to help drive the sport forward and make contests run more efficiently I have -zero- motive in pushing this system. I have no desire for any compensation for this system (in fact, due to the inability to get refurbished iPod touches the last two systems I built were at a several hundred dollar loss to me, my 'price' is intended to make me break even on the cost of equipment.

Unlike MasterScoring, I similarly ask for no compensation if the system is used at the NATS. In short, I have no dog in the hunt and I'm not pushing for anything, I have simply indicated my willingness

to burn 1.5 weeks of vacation to help the NATS to be successful if they choose to use the system for any portion of the contest and I leave that decision up to the ED's wisdom.

Personally, having analyzed 30 contests worth of scores before/after scribe use, I have seen the effect the system has on removing even conscious bias from the scoring, to me that means it should be ESPECIALLY used in a team selection year. Even if it didn't make judging bias much harder to pull off, the *perception* of fairness it creates is worth it's weight in gold.

[President] Where did we ever say we were recommending the scribe system at the NATS due to anything other than "IT IMPROVES JUDGING". There are no doubts that the use of the scribe helps the judge to do a better job, again, it improves judging! The most complained about section of our sport is the judging. I have been pretty active in judging at the NATS for the last 5 years and have seen some rather hard to explain things written down on score sheets. The process at the NATS isn't "fine", it was simply the best that has been available. We now have something that is better, let's use it. Judging is difficult. Anything that we can promote that improves it is a big win for the sport of pattern and is right in our mission statement.

This all came out because Scott felt uncomfortable with the section in the NSRCA NATS Guidelines that recommended the phase in of the use of the electronic scribe for the NATS. That document is now approved and at the AMA. We have been "recommending" the electronic scribe to the tune of \$500 to each district and the world hasn't ended. We are not forcing anyone to adopt the system. Per Anthony's point, contest attendance and the NSRCA recommending an electronic scribe system seem rather unrelated on the face of it. That being said, I do not see how improving the quality of judging and making the judging task easier can HURT contest attendance!

Vote Tally:

Yes	7
No	4
Abstain	1

Motion carries.

Motion by Jon Carter: I move that the NSRCA BoD nominate and approve Mr. Chris Fitzsimmons to serve the remainder of the current term as NSRCA District 7 vice president.

Second by Scott McHarg

Motion passes unanimously

Motion by Scott Mcharg – Each District may set up their point system for their NSRCA Season Championship as they choose. Any amendments to an approved points system must be submitted to the BoD for approval no later than 10 days prior to the respective District's first contest and published on the NSRCA web site once approved by the NSRCA BoD. That each district set up their point system as they choose. However, the point system must be submitted to the BOD for approval no later than 10 days prior to the respective district first contest and published on the NSRCA web site. Further, any amendments to an approved points system must

be submitted to the BoD for approval no later than 10 days prior to the respective District's first contest and published on the NSRCA web site once approved by the NSRCA BoD.

Second by Terry Terrenoire

Discussion:

- [VP] Once approved, any amendment must be approved by the BOD; these revised rules must be published to the web site no later than 10 days prior to the respective district's first contest
- [Tony F] Scoring system should be for AMA sanctioned contest
- [President] Each DVP should submit their current rule document for approval to the BOD

Motion passes unanimously

August 3, 2016

By Anthony Romano

Motion - That the NSRCA place an add in Model Aviation celebrating our District Champions at the end of the contest year

Second by Scott McNickle

Motion passes unanimously

By Chuck Hockhalter

Motion - That the NSRCA provide matching funds to the Canada District for the purchase of the eScribe System the same as they provide matching funds for the US districts

Second by Terry Terrenoire

Motion carries unanimously

August 24, 2016 by Jon Carter

Motion - That we accept the NSRCA Club Class as proposed and have it posted on our website as a

potential additional class of pattern competition that a CD can use at local contests to attract more club/sport flyers.

Second by Scott McHarg

Motion passes unanimously

November 15, 2016 by Jon Carter

Motion - That we accept Terry Terrenoire resignation, District Vice President District 2, and that we appoint Tim Pritchett to serve out the remainder of Terry's term in office for DVP2.

Second by Chuck Hochhalter

Motion passes unanimously

December 16, 2016 by Jon Carter

Motion - That the NSRCA Mission Statement be approved by the BoD and a voting tab be placed on the NSRCA web site for voting by the general membership

Second by Peter Vogel

Proposed new Mission Statement:

“The National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics is an organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of competitive flying of radio controlled precision aerobatic model airplanes. Our goals are:

- To create a national community of competitive pilots that share information on flying and building pattern aircraft through printed, digital and social media*
- To develop new aerobatic sequences for all AMA based competition classes*
- To encourage fellow sport flyers to increase their skill level through competition*
- To work with the Academy of Model Aeronautics Contest Board for R/C Aerobatics to provide counsel on rules changes based on member feedback*
- To develop and maintain judging criteria”*

Motion passes unanimously

December 16, 2016 by Jon Carter

Motion - That Sean Mersh, D8, be appointed the NSRCA Sequence Committee chairman

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

December 21, 2016 by Jon Carter

Motion - That we accept Chuck's resignation and that we appoint Monte Richard to be the District 6 Vice President to serve out the remainder of Chuck Hochhalter's term in office.

Second: Scott McHarg

Motion passes unanimously

January 9, 2017 by Jon Carter

Motion - That we accept Chris Fitzsimmons' resignation and that we appoint Dan Lipton to be the District 7 Vice President to serve out the remainder of Chris Fitzsimmons term in office.

Second: Scott McHarg

Motion passes unanimously

January 11, 2017 by Jon Carter

Motion - That we accept Jerry Budd as chairman of the rules committee

Second: Joe Walker

Motion passes unanimously

January 27, 2017

Motion: Whereas that Anthony Romano has assumed the office of Vice President of the NSRCA and that the DVP 1 position is open, that we appoint Sal Piu as the District 1 DVP, to complete the remainder of Anthony Romano's term in office.

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

February 8, 2017 – by Charlie Barrera

Motion: That the proposed budget submitted by the Treasurer for 2017 be accepted

Second by Scott McNickle

Motion passes unanimously

February 8, 2017 - by Anthony Romano

Motion: Whereas the NSRCA cards are expensive to produce, and, based upon our proposed budget shortfall for this year, that NSRCA membership cards be discontinued.

Second by Tim Pritchett

Motion passes unanimously

February 8, 2017 – by Monte Richard

Motion: I move that we approve the District 6 District Champ point's formulae changes as presented.

Second by Peter Vogel

D6 District Champ points formula for 2017:

The intent of this points system is to reward promotion of pattern locally by recognizing those that participate often and fly consistently well. The overall goal is to develop leaders, encourage new participation, and create a sense of fun and pride in our district.

Points are accumulated at a contest in Intermediate, Advanced, Masters, and FAI classes based on the position you finished in and how many people you beat. The Sportsman class will not be awarded a District Championship. Sportsman is an entry level class, and pilots are encouraged to move up to Intermediate upon completing a season or two.

- 1. Your best 5 performances are counted and two contests can be out of district. The Nats will not be used for the point system, only for a tie breaker (It cannot be used as an out of District contest). Pilots are encouraged to compete in the Nats as their finish in the Nats will be the tie breaker.*
- 2. NSRCA membership is required before contest results begin to count toward district*

championship points. (IE: To gain points, one must be an NSRCA member).

3. Points accumulation will end and the winners will be announced after the final contest of the season as listed on the Contest Calendar.
4. There will be no district championship meet that carries double points because we haven't solved the problem of making a single contest accessible to all, or a way of combining results of a collection of contests.
5. The pilot is responsible for delivering out-of-district results to the [scorekeeper](#) for contests they want counted. It will only count if he receives the final results for the entire class flown, not just your finishing place. Sorry, contests held outside of the continental U.S. may not be used.

Place	Points
1	7 + number people beat
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Ties will be broken in this way:

1. The pilot finishing highest in the Nationals. (If only one of the tied pilots attended the Nats, then he will be declared the winner). If neither attended the Nats then go to tie breaker #2.
2. The pilot who attended the most in-district contests during that season. If still tied go to tie breaker #3
3. Points winner at the last contest both pilots attended together. If this doesn't work, go to the previous head to head contest, until exhausted. If still tied go to tie breaker #4
4. The larger number of people (in the five counted contests) that the pilot beat.

Discussion

D6: The reasoning behind the changes are as follows:

1. Taking the Nats out of the system as a point earner simplifies the scorekeepers job as the current rules only allow for a max points for the Nats based on the largest contest in D6, since the largest contest is normally well after the Nats, those points cannot be calculated until after the last contest of the season. We still use the Nats as a tie breaker so it still encourages attendance at the Nats since there are at least 3 contest in D6 after the Nats, one being the largest contest in

D6, and since we use the top 5 best finishes for the pilots this leaves more than half the possible points coming from contest after the Nats. Therefore no one can be sure they won't be tied at the end before Nats time.

2. Before, we allowed pilots to count points at contest they attended before they became NSRCA members if they join by the first round at the Nats. The new rule requires NSRCA membership before earning points, and no previous contest will count for that pilot prior to his joining. Encourages joining early, but doesn't leave out the pilots who join later as they will earn point for any remaining contest after they join.

3. Tie breakers have changed in that we would now use the Nats as the first tie breaker, and the flyoff has been eliminated as the last tie breaker as it was deemed impractical since by the time we go thru all the other tie breakers it will be days after the event anyway.

Secretary:

1. Eliminating point accumulation from the NATS discourages participation at the NATS
2. A district champion should compete at the national level

Motion passes unanimously with one dissension

February 8, 2017 – by Joe Walker

Motion: That the NSRCA approve the expenditure for a representative at the CIAM meeting

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes unanimously

February 13, 2017 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: To accept **Stephen Franc** as the Assistant Vice President of the NSRCA, for District 2.

Second by Anthony Romano

Motion passes unanimously

February 13, 2017 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: That the ADVP's be provided with an NSRCA shirt, similar to the District Vice President shirts, to be worn at district meets and any other official NSRCA event.

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes unanimously

April 19, 2017 by Monte Richard

Motion: Accept the District Points Championship proposal as written by Tim Pritchett, v5

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion Passes

April 19, 2017 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: That the NSRCA Board of Directors recommend approval of RCA 18-8, and 18-10. I also move that RCA 18-9 be tabled at this time. The Board will reconsider RCA 18-9 only after the FAI Rules committee rules on a like amendment.

Second by Monte Richard

Motion Passes

June 14, 2017 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: That Al Glenn and Mike Harrison be appointed Co-ED for the 2017 NATS

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

June 22, 2017 by Scott McNickle

Motion: That the Board of Director Meeting Minutes be reviewed by the NSRCA officers, approved (via email vote tally), and posted on the NSRCA web site within five days after the meeting.

Second by Monte Richard

Discussion: It is requested by the board members that information concerning the meeting be distributed to the officers for review in a timely manner prior to the meeting.

Motion passes unanimously

June 29, 2017 by Monte Richard

Motion: That the 2018-2019 Proposed sequences add a BoD member to the sequence committee, if possible a non-Masters Pilot from mid-America or East coast, delete the Masters F sequence, then with revised committee agreement post the Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters sequences to the membership for review & comments.

Second by Anthony Romano

Discussion:

With added guidance that we close the Int./Adv. difficulty gap.

Motion passes

August 21, 2017 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: As part of the entry fee at the 2017 NATS, all Sportsman pilots that registered and competed be afforded a 1 year membership in the NSRCA at no cost to them.

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes

October 6, 2017 by Peter Vogel

Motion: To increase funding for the 2017 F3A US World Championship team, I propose:
1. To redirect the unspent \$2000 matching funds budgeted for the F3P team to the F3A

team

2. To bring forward the unspent \$2000 matching funds budgeted for the F3A team in 2016 into 2017

3. To match the team's fundraising for 2017 using the above funds and the \$2000 matching funds already budgeted for 2017.

Thereby providing \$6000 in total matching funds from the NSRCA to support the team in 2017.

Second by Joe Walker

Discussion:

To be clear, \$4000 in world championship matching funds was ALREADY budgeted and approved by the board in 2017, so this is a spending increase over budget of \$2000, considerably less than the profit made on the NATS this year.

Motion passes unanimously

November 8, 2017 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: D2 moves that the states of Maryland and Delaware be switched from NSRCA District 1 to District 2, effective January 1, 2018.

Second by Sal Piu

Discussion:

Originally, Delaware and Maryland were part of District 2. According to K-Factor VP captions, Delaware was changed in August '05. I could not determine when MD was changed, but it was earlier than that. This probably reflected the changing demographics of active pilots, and their preference of association, as is the case now. As Sal mentioned in his survey/email, pilots now have a choice to join districts in adjoining states, which D1 and D2 have exercised. Currently, there are only ~3 active pilots between these two states, and they all have joined with D2. They are unanimously in favor of this motion, as are all survey respondents in both D1 and D2 (through email, fb, and fff discussion).

Additionally, a previous D2 VP believed that this 'switch' had already been acted on several years ago during his tenure, and was surprised to find that these states were still in D1. The history of all previous dealings on this subject is somewhat 'murky'. I believe the overriding issue is the pilot's desire for this change to occur.

Motion passes unanimously

November 11, 2017 by Anthony Romano

Motion: Whereas the feedback from our members in this years survey felt that the Sequence Committee has too much latitude by creating sequences and controlling the guidelines, therefore, I move that the NSRCA create a Sequence Rules committee. This committee will be convened in years between sequence selection to build the framework for new sequences to be generated. They will control the NSRCA Pattern Sequence Development Procedures and Guidelines creating the skeleton for the sequence committee to fill in.

The committee will consist of at least 6 members with no more than two from any one NSRCA district including one member of the NSRCA board. As many classes as possible should be represented and each member will have one vote. The committee will maintain the sequence development guidelines as well as the approved maneuvers and kFactors for those maneuvers.

Rule changes must be approved by a simple majority vote of the committee. All changes that are passed by the committee will go to the judging committee for review and comment. From there they must be approved by the BoD, then published on the NSRCA web site and in the K-Factor before becoming official.

Second by: Larry Kauffman

Motion passes unanimously

November 13, 2017 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: I move that we constitute and include a Classifieds section in the K-Factor, beginning Jan., 2018, and going forward.

Second by Anthony Romano

Discussion:

Only personal items

Free to members

Motion passes

December 13, 2017 by Monte Richard:

Motion: To update D6 District Champion point system as follows:

District Champ points formula for 2018:

The intent of this points system is to reward promotion of pattern locally by recognizing those that participate often and fly consistently well. The overall goal is to develop leaders, encourage new participation, and create a sense of fun and pride in our district.

Points are accumulated at a contest in [Sportsman](#), [Intermediate](#), [Advanced](#), [Masters](#), and [FAI classes](#) based on the position you finished in and how many people you beat.

1. Your best 5 performances are counted. Two out of district contests can be used to make up your best five. The Nats will be used for the point system as an in district contest. However, in the Nats you will only earn points for the number of pilots beat based on the largest number of contestants in your class at the D6 contest that has the largest number of pilots in that class in the previous year, plus the place points shown below.

(IE: If 20 in your class at the 2018 Nats, but only 10 in that class at the 2017 D6 contest with the largest number of pilots in that class, then placing first in that class at the Nats earns 7 point for placing first plus 9 point for the number of pilots beat.)

2. NSRCA membership is required before contest results begin to count toward district championship points. (IE: To gain points, one must be an NSRCA member).
3. Points accumulation will end and the winners will be announced after the final contest of the season as listed on the Contest Calendar.
4. There will be no district championship meet that carries double points because we haven't solved the problem of making a single contest accessible to all, or a way of combining results of a collection of contests.
5. The pilot is responsible for delivering out-of-district results to the [scorekeeper](#) for contests they want counted. It will only count if he receives the final results for the entire class flown, not just your finishing place. Sorry, contests held outside of the continental U.S. may not be used.

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3. Points winner at the last contest both pilots attended together. If this doesn't work, go to the previous head to head contest, until exhausted. If still tied go to tie breaker #4
4. The larger number of people (in the five counted contests) that the pilot beat.

Second by Charlie Barrera

Motion passes unanimously

December 13, 2017 by Dan Lipton

Motion: Whereas the ballots for voting for the 2018-2019 DVP elections did not offer a paper ballot, therefore, the January 2018 issue of the kFactor will publish a list of candidates and a paper ballot published in the kFactor will be made available for voting. The DVP voting will be extended and close January 31, 2018, midnight, PST. Ballots will be counted on February 10, 2018, and results will be posted and published in the March issue of the kFactor.

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

December 18, 2017 by Anthony Romano

Motion: Whereas the voting protocol for 2018-2019 DVP elections were followed with voting that began on December 3, 2017, closing on December 31, 2017, and ballots counted on January 10, 2018, and DVP officers assume their new positions on January 15, 2018, that we rescind the December 13, 2017 motion.

Second by: Charlie Barrera

Motion passes unanimously

January 10, 2018 by Monte Richard

Motion: I move that Dan Underkofler be appointed Assistant District Vice President for District 6.

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

February 13, 2018 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: I move for the NSRCA to support AMA submittal for 2021 FAI world championship to be held at Muncie, Indiana

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes unanimously

February 20, 2018 by Vicente "Vince" Bortone

Motion: To accept the proposed budget for FY 2018 as submitted by Peter Vogel, Treasurer

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes

February 19, 2018 by James Hannah

Motion: To accept the proposed the Sequence Guideline Committee Charter

Second by Charlie Barrera

Motion passes

March 3, 2018 by Monte Richard

Motion: I move that we accept and approve the following as members of the 2018 Sequence Guideline Committee:

D2 Candidate: Braxton Dudley – Long time pattern pilot, flying Masters

D3 Candidate: John Fuqua – Long time patten flyer, Flying Masters for several years, has CD'd many contest thru the years, very active in the AMA and NSRCA throughout many years of service.

D4 Candidate: Mike Murphy – Long time pattern flyer, Flying Advanced for the past 10 years, Retired GM Engineer, Served as line chief at the Nationals, Has Cd'd many successful pattern contest thru the past years.

D5 Candidate: John Ford – Long time pattern flyer, currently flying Masters. Was a past DVP, Has served on previous NSRCA committees.

D6 Candidate: Don Ramsey – Long time pattern flyer, competing in Master, Served as US Judge for the world championships on several occasions, Very active thru the years in AMA and NSRCA, has been the presenter at many judging seminars, and very active in D6 at clinics and judging seminars.

With candidates from D1, D8, and D7 to be determined and approved to follow at a later date.

Second by James Hannah

Motion passes unanimously

March 14, 2018 by **Dan Lipton**

Motion: That the Sequence Guideline Committee Charter includes an Intermediate class pilot member

Second by James Hannah

Motion passes unanimously

March 18, 2018 by Monte Richard

Motion: I move that we accept John Ford as the Chairman of the 2018 Sequence Guideline Committee.

Second by James Hannah

Motion passes unanimously

May 31, 2018 by Monte Richard

Motion: I move that the NSRCA covers the cost of the banquets tickets for the 2018 Nationals banquet for Ron Van Putte's daughter Kathy, her husband, and son since this year's Nationals is a tribute to her father Ron Van Putte.

Second by Charlie Barrera

Motion passes

June 13, 2018 by Peter Vogel

Motion: That the Sequence Guideline Committee package, as presented to the BoD, and the BoD recommended revisions to the K factor calculator, be forwarded to the Judging Committee for review and input

Second by Charlie Barrera

Motion passes unanimously

June 13 2018 by Peter Vogel

Motion: That all advertising adds in the KFactor be half price for the same advertising space, effective with the August 2018 KFactor

Second by Tim Pritchett

Motion passes unanimously

June 15, 2018 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: That Tim Pritchett be appointed the District Championship Series Coordinator.

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes

June 22, 2018 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: Reduce the number of points earning positions in the DCS system from 10 to 5 per class

Second by Scott McKnickle

Motion fails by simple majority

June 22, 2018 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: Reduce the number of points earning positions in the DCS system from 10 to 7 per class

Second by Vince Bortone

Motion passes

August 8, 2018 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: That Monte Richard be appointed the NATS Event Director (ED) for the 2019 and 2020 NATS

Second by Tim Pritchett

Motion passes unanimously

September 12, 2018 by Charlie Barrera

Motion: Whereas the BoD has reviewed the Sequence Guideline Committee proposals, which includes the Sequence Guideline Committee Charter, Catalogue of Maneuvers, KFactor Calculator, and Proposed New Maneuvers, I move that these documents be approved and published in the next KFactor for review by our membership

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes unanimously

October 17, 2018 by Tim Pritchett

Motion: That a roll call vote be made on the location of the 2019 NATS to be held in Blytheville, AR

Second by Scott McNickle

Discussion: Several leads for possibly having the 2019 NATS at a West Coast location have not panned out. Other locations in other parts of the US were also investigated. No suitable location has been found. The Muncie location was discussed. The DVP's polled their respective members for a preference as to Blytheville or Muncie. The roll call vote reflects their member's preference. The executive officers abstained from the vote.

Motion passes

October 24, 2018 by Monte Richard

Motion: To revise the Nats dates to July 16th thru the 20th, instead of July 15th thru the 19th.

Second by Vince Bortone

Discussion: This allows us to bring in extra well qualified judges for the finals if needed and they don't have to take extra days off of work to attend (like US team members who are preparing to leave for the Nats as well as possibly others)

Motion Passes

November 14, 2018

Motion by Scott McNickle: To accept Sequence Development Committee (SDC) as published

Second by Dan Lipton

Motion passes unanimously

Motion by Dan Lipton: To approve 2019 NATS budget as submitted by Mike Harrison

Second by Peter Vogel

Motion passes unanimously

Motion by Peter Vogel: Put together a form for suggested changes and ancillary modifications. The judging committee will be presented with the proposal for evaluation.

Second by Monte Richard

Motion passes unanimously

December 1, 2018

Motion by Monte Richard: That we accept John Decker for candidate as Treasurer of the NSRCA

Second by Tim Pritchett

Motion passes unanimously

December 12, 2018

Motion by Charlie Barrera: That we accept the following members as the Sequence Development Committee:

Stuart Chale, a Masters pilot from District 1, chairs the committee.

The committee members are as follows;

D2 represented by Braxton Dudley (Masters Pilot)

D3 represented by Randy Forbus (Advanced pilot)

D4 represented by Dave Johnstone (Masters/FAI pilot)

D5 represented by Mark Barnett (Masters pilot)

D6 represented by Monroe Michaels (Intermediate pilot)

D7 represented by Tony Frackowiak (Masters/FAI pilot)

D8 represented by Jim Hiller (Masters pilot)

BOD representative on the committee will be Charlie Barrera

Second by James Hannah

Motion passes unanimously

January 9, 2019

Motion by Tim Pritchett: To define and create an outreach committee dedicated to the promotion of RC aerobatics to other venues.

Second by Scott McKnickle

Motion passes unanimously

January 21, 2019

Motion by Tim Pritchett:

I make the motion to install the following members as the Bylaws Committee

- Tim Pritchett D2VP, Chair
- Charlie Barrera D6, VP
- James Hannah, D3VP
- Tom Stennis D3
- Paul Brine CanadaVP
- Ken Dunlap D2
- Peter Vogel D7

Second by John Decker

Motion passes unanimously

February 8th, 2019

Motion by Tim Pritchett:

We, the NSRCA Bylaws Committee, motion that the Bylaws Committee Charter as written below, be reviewed and accepted by the NSRCA Board of Directors:

At the direction of the NSRCA Board of Directors on January 9, 2019 the Bylaws Committee was established to make proposals for change to the NSRCA's Constitution and Bylaws, and other governing documents to better reflect and enable the use of modern technologies and existing business practices. The Committee is composed of a chair and six members approved by motion of the Board of Directors.

The objective of the Bylaws Committee is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the NSRCA Board of Directors on updating the bylaws in the areas of the NSRCA's structure,

governance, membership engagement, and business processes. The Bylaws will also provide the Board of Directors authority and latitude to execute them efficiently and effectively.

Second by : Justin Wells Motion Passes.

February 13, 2019

Motion by Charlie Barrera:

The NSRCA will match donations up to \$2,000 for the F3P trip to Greece for 2019.

Second by Scott McNickle. Motion Passes

February 13, 2019

Motion by Archie Stafford:

The NSRCA will offer The K-Factor online at no charge, starting in May of 2019 until April of 2020. BoD will re-evaluate after the trial run.

Second by John Decker. Motion Passes

March 10, 2019

Motion by Monte Richard

Regarding the Top Hat from top with options, 1 roll down, 2 of 4 point roll up (Option 3/4 roll down, 2 of 8 point roll up) in the 2020/21 Advanced Class.

I move that given the Guideline committee's and the judging committee approvals, the BoD approves the maneuver and that it be added to the maneuver catalog. I move that given the Guideline committee's and the judging committee approvals, the BoD approves the maneuver and that it be added to the maneuver catalog.

Second by John Decker. Motion Passes

March 13, 2019

Motion by Sal Piu

To add Dean Pappas to the NSRCA By-Laws committee.

Second by Dan Lipton Motion Passed Unanimously

March 13, 2019

Motion by Charlie Barrera

Motion to Accept the proposed 2020/2021 sequences as presented by the Sequence Development committee.

Second by John Decker. Motion Passed Unanimously

August 29, 2019

Motion by Archie Stafford

The NSCRA cover travel costs to send Monte Richard to Muncie, IN for the 2020 NATS planning meeting.

Second by Charlie Barrera. Motion Passes, Monte Abstained.

October 9, 2019

Motion by Charlie Barrera. All NSRCA officers are required to be a member of the NSRCA. In order to serve as an NSRCA officer /BoD member you must be a member in good standing with the NSRCA.

Second by Dan Lipton. Motion Passed Unanimously.