2019 NWSAM Annual Meeting Agenda/Minutes

**Call to order: 5:29pm pst**

**Treasurers Report by Terri Ingram:**

Expenses for the year:

Postage = $20

Trophies = $450.00

Pizza = $150.00 0

Total $620.00

Assets

Cash on hand $ 270.00

Checks on hand $ 75.00

PayPal Act $ 287.67

Bank \_\_\_\_\_$3261.57\_\_\_\_\_

Total $3894.24

**Season Recap: What went well, what didn’t? What did we like, what did we not like? Suggestions? (i.e. Locations, dates, attendance, food, etc.)**

* Suggestion was made that ‘guys that fly and judge should be allowed to fly first for the round’. It was agreed that this would be a good practice.

**Next Years Proposed Season Schedule**

Contest attendance has been down in 2019. Tom began the discussion with the questions ‘do we need fewer contests that may be better attended?’ and ‘could the contests be spread out better?’

* The Spring Opener has low attendance in 2019- the group wanted to continue the event but open it to ALL flying categories rather than just Pro/Am. Proposed dates are May 15th-17th or May 22nd-24th.
* Oregon (Redmond), where attendance is growing, is proposing having their contest the third weekend in June (June 26-28). There was concern that this is traditionally the weekend of the Silver Hills contest in Idaho. Attendance at the Idaho contest has been declining.
* Chehalis is proposing having their contest the weekend of July 24th- 26th.
  + A request was made for better access to the Chehalis contest.
* Championship is proposed for August 20th-23rd in Wenatchee

Discussion on possible alternative venues that meet the necessary space requirements, are centrally located, room for camping, hotels nearby and where there is local interest and participation in scale.

* Suggested venues were: Cambie, Weavers Field, Horn Rapids, Higgen’s, Medford, Bellingham, Yakima, Faragut, Deer Park, Monroe (Die Hard RC). People making the suggestions were asked to go to these fields/clubs and find out if they would be interested.

**Gyro Use – Allow/Not Allow- this agenda item was expanded to discuss AS3X flight stabilization systems:**

* Tom remarked that AS3X receiver, and systems like it, are becoming common for beginning flyers.
* The question was raised if they should be allowed in NWSAM Scale Competitions. After discussion the following proposal:
  + AS3X and other flight stabilization systems will be allowed in the Pro Am Sportsman Class only for one year. Use in any other class will not be allowed. After that year the issue will be re-visited.
  + The proposal will go to the Area Coordinators to take to their area members prior to voting by the Area Coordinators following NWSAM By-Laws sections III, X and XIV.
* No changes will be made to the current rules on the use of rudder gyros.

**Proposed Rule Changes:** Note that any proposed rule changes will go to the Area Coordinators to take to their area members prior to voting by the Area Coordinators following NWSAM By-Laws sections III, X and XIV.

* Tom started the discussion with the statement that he has heard from some members about the current rule stating that if the full size airplane has flaps the use of flaps must be demonstrated during Take-off and Landing or a score deduction in flight realism will occur unless the CD removes the requirement due to weather conditions. *See section 5A1 (Take-off) and 5A4 (Landing) and 5A5 (Overall Flight Realism) in the Competition Guide.*
* Discussion led to the following proposal:
  + Pilots can chose to not use flaps during a contest flight, if they do, they MUST demonstrate that the flaps are functional prior to the flight. If they do not, a score deduction in flight realism will occur.
  + The proposal will go to the Area Coordinators to take to their area members prior to voting by the Area Coordinators following NWSAM By-Laws sections III, X and XIV.

**Elections – Area Coordinators:**

* As demanded by the NWSAM By-Laws Section IX- Elections of Officers, it is time for elections for Area Coordinators. Members were asked to please submit nominations to Director Tom Strom, Jr. or Vice Director Mike Ingram by end of September.

**New Business:**

* Dave Windom initiated a discussion on including a Competition Class for Electric Ducted Fan models. Since these models have limited flying time it would be difficult to do 9 maneuvers- requesting an abbreviated flight routine requirement, perhaps 6 maneuvers.
* Tom said he would be doing some fact finding on the issue.

**Adjourn:** 6:40pm pst