

Eastern Soaring League  
Minutes of October 6, 2012

The annual meeting of the Eastern Soaring League was called to order at the Daniel Boone Homestead in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 4:55 PM by President Josh Glaab. Approximately 35 members were in attendance.

Old Business:

Secretary's Report –

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting as posted on the web site was made and carried.

Treasurer's Report –

Starting Balance on 1/1/2012: \$5358.36

Estimated 2012 Income \$3704.08

Estimated 2012 Expenses \$3617.04

Estimated Ending Balance on 12/31/2012 \$5445.40 (net increase of \$87.04)

Detailed reports are available on the website at

[http://www.flyesl.org/forums/topic.asp?TOPIC\\_ID=477](http://www.flyesl.org/forums/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=477)

Hand Launch director's report

The following report from Frank Nisita was read by Josh:

**1. Attendance**

Attendance is down in the northern areas.

Attendance is pretty good for the middle and southern regions. There appears to be more flyers in those areas and more contests are springing up.

There seems to be less traveling. Most pilots remain within a smaller zone of attendance based on the number of multiple contests attended.

Thank you all for supporting hand launch. Hopefully this trend will continue and attendance and interest will grow.

**2. Contest date changes:**

SKSS (Delaware) and MARKS (Maryland) have swapped contest dates.

SKSS will now be May 18-19

MARKS will be Sept 14- 15

**3. 2013 US F3K team**

F3K US team has been selected.

Congratulations to Jun Catacutan, Mike Smith and George Morris for the senior team and Mike Seid has been selected as alternate. Team manager is to be Charlie Morris for the Seniors.

The Junior team will be comprised of Alex Parkyn, Alex Trussel and Jason Friedman with Gavin Trussel as Junior team manager.

Go Teams USA!!!

#### **4. F3K rules:**

Several proposed rules changes are in the works. For this CIAM meeting, Terry Edmonds has posted a document in the USA\_FAI\_Soaring section of Yahoo groups. Please look it over and make suggestions and be aware of what changes could be coming around the corner.

There has been discussion on the groups and within the hand launch community to investigate getting changes to the Poker task. Currently, there is a desire for better clarity on the number of calls a pilot can make and allowing the call 'Till End of Window' to be allowed. Nothing concrete has been determined but various pilots have reached out to other HL pilots in other countries to make the proposal.

#### **Scorekeeper's Report**

Luis Bustamante thanked everyone who assisted in handling scoring for the league this season. He noted that the scoring software (ESLScore) is performing well, and has gained acceptance beyond just ESL thermal duration competitions. He also noted that Seeded Man-on-Man scoring with C-Delta landing option has become the most popular format for our contests.

#### **Webmaster's Report -**

David Beach reported that thankfully the website held up for the year! Enhancements planned for 2013 season include membership directory, photo upload/annotate/review, and contest weather forecast. A plea was made for someone to volunteer to act as a backup administrator. The position requires experience in Windows Dot Net web programming using the C# programming language.

#### **Quartermaster's Report**

Steve Lucke reported on the state of the launch equipment. Batteries are holding up well, and replacement chargers are performing acceptably. We have about 20 rolls of unused line to start the 2013 season. Tony Guide will be servicing the winches during the off season, and Pete Schlitzkus will handle any needed maintenance to the turnarounds.

#### **Historian's Report**

Anker Berg-Sonne apologized for the lack of progress on documenting the history of the ESL. He noted that he had some 'interesting' correspondence in the records that he

received from Lois Zeigenfuse. Anker was encouraged to consider using the anticipated website feature of image annotation as a means recording league history.

Newsletter Editor's Report







Ed Anderson expressed regret over only being able to publish one newsletter so far this year. He anticipates publishing an end of season newsletter shortly.











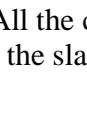
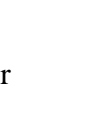
New Business:

Josh announced that the ESL Board had received an email from a member who was displeased by the practice of combining Sportsflyers and Experts in seeded contests. Josh noted that while much of the feedback on this topic has been positive, there is still an opportunity to improve on how contests are being run. As CD for the end-of-season contest, Josh decided to try segregating the Sportsflyers in the final round of today's contest. He asked for feedback from everyone regarding that practice. It was also suggested that segregation of Sportsflyers for the last two rounds might also be appropriate.

Tom Broeski initiated discussion on the establishment of a Master's class. Several ideas were mentioned, but no formal proposal was put forward for a vote.

2013 Contest Schedule

#	<u>Contest name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unl</u>	<u>DLG</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	HRSF/BRASS	Waynesboro, VA	5/4 5/5			Josh Glaab (757)771-1073	In good shape, ready to go.
2	SKSS HLG	Newark, DE	5/18 5/19			Eric Teder (302)723-9468	Traded dates with MARKS. In good shape, ready to go.
3	ESL at Horse Feathers	Warrenton, VA	5/18 5/19			Kerry Cochrell (410)257-0056	???
4	BASS HLG	Timonium, MD	6/1 6/2				No contact for 2013
5	SKSS	Newark, DE	6/8 6/9			Bill Groft (302)451-1088	
6	LISF-1	Syosset, NY	6/22 6/23			Phil Abatelli (516)946-9707	In good shape, ready to go.
7	NATS	Muncie, IN	6/29 7/6			Josh Glaab (757)771-1073	Not an ESL event, but will fly Nostalgia, X/C, RES, 2-M, HLG, Unlimited, and F3J

8	CRRC-HL	Boston, MA	7/6	7/7		Anker Berg-Sonne (978)897-1750	In good shape, ready to go.
9	DBSF-1	Reading, PA	7/13	7/14		Luis Bustamante (908)850-5894	In good shape, ready to go.
10	West Coast PA	Johnstown, PA	7/27	7/28		Will Lipscomb	Negotiating the date and details. Trying to get this setup as an OVSS/ESL Challenge.
11	LISF-HLG	Syosset, NY	8/3	8/4		Frank Nasita (516)390-9108	In good shape, ready to go.
12	CRRC	Boston, MA	8/10	8/11		Anker Berg-Sonne (978)897-1750	In good shape, ready to go.
13	CASA-HLG	Rockville, MD	8/17	8/18		Jay Hunter (202)230-8998	In good shape, ready to go.
14	ESL-Mid Season	Reading, PA	8/24	8/25		Steve Lucke (973)294-9742	In good shape, ready to go.
15	CASA Unlimited	Warrenton, VA	9/7	9/8		Kerry Cochrell (410)257-0056	In good shape, ready to go.
16	MARKS	Salisbury, MD	9/14	9/15		Jeff McCarter (410)251-6882	In good shape, ready to go.
17	LISF-2	Syosset, NY	9/21	9/22		Phil Abatelli (516)946-9707	In good shape, ready to go.
18	DESS/HLG End of Season	Wilson, NC	?	?		Dick Proseus (252)291-8598	Negotiating the date for this one.
19	ESL End of Season	Reading, PA	10/5	10/6		Josh Glaab (757)771-1073	In good shape, ready to go.

#### Election of Officers and Board

Josh asked for officer nominations, and heard none. All the current board members volunteered to continue in their existing positions and the slate was approved by a verbal vote.

The ESL board for the 2013-2014 seasons is:

Josh Glaab – President, TD Contest Coordinator  
 Frank Nisita – HLG Contest Coordinator  
 David Beach – Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster  
 Steve Lucke – Quartermaster  
 Tony Guide – Winchmaster  
 Luis Bustamante – Scorekeeper

Ed Anderson – Newsletter Editor  
Anker Berg-Sonne – Historian

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.