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1. Call to Order

The President, Jay Stokes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 on July 21, 2017.

The directors in attendance were Luke Aikins, Chuck Akers, Sherry Butcher, Shauna Finley, Josh Hall, Steve Helffrich, Larry Hill, Shawn Hill, Al King, Mike McGowan, Jan Meyer, Mike Mullins, Tom Noonan, Gary Peek, Jack Pyland, Jay Stokes, Tony Thacker, Kirk Verner and Michael Wadkins. Absent directors were Albert Berchtold, Jason Putnam Gordon and Chris Nunn.

2. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting

Motion 1: Passed Unanimous Consent (Mr. Stokes)
Move to approve the winter 2017 minutes.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2: Passed Unanimous Consent (Mr. Stokes)
Move to approve the agenda.

4. President's Report (Mr. Stokes)

None submitted.

5. Alternative Motions of the Full Board (Mr. Stokes)

No alternative motions were made from February 2017 to July 2017.

6. Interim Actions of the Executive Committee (Mr. Stokes)

No interim motions were made from February 2017 to July 2017.

7. Treasurer's Report (Mr. Berchtold)

USPA Reserve Fund
The USPA Reserve Fund was valued at $3,249,736 on December 31, 2016. It was valued at $3,472,834 on June 30, 2017. Additions of $24,000 were made during the first half of 2017. The increase from investment activity to the reserve fund was $199,098, or 6.03% YTD.
U.S. Parachute Team Trust Fund
The U.S. Parachute Team Trust Fund was valued at $1,448,954 on December 31, 2016. Contributions of $2,332 were added during the first half of 2017. No distributions were made. There was a gain from investment activities in the amount of $86,430, or 6.33%. Our YTD returns in 2017 were in line with our investment policy and the organization’s risk-assumption profile.

USPA Headquarters Loan
The USPA Headquarters loan has been paid in accordance with its terms through June 2017. The current balance as of June 2017 is $767,237.

8. IPC Delegate Report
Reported out about WS World Cup in NV. Everything is on track.

9. Executive Director's Report (Mr. Scott)
Executive Director’s Mid-Year 2017 Report

USPA’s membership total continues to increase, hitting a record 39,524 at the end of June 2017, which is a 2.8% increase from mid-2016. License applications are up 8.4%, with 3,757 so far this year. A licenses are up 11.6%. Instructional ratings are down 10.6%, with 965 applications received.

Financially, USPA’s net worth increased by 8% and now stands at $3.467 million, the highest ever. Our reserve funds—investment fund, U.S. Team Trust Fund and Airport Access & Defense Fund—are all at their highest levels ever. May 2017 financials show a $26,611 operational deficit, but a $174,403 total excess.

Mid-year, skydiving fatalities stand at 13, with five of those due to intentional low turns (2) and unintentional low turns (3).

Important topics facing USPA at this board meeting include:
- Membership database migration
- USPA digital credentials provided by Sigma
- Minimum age BSR
- Board election changes
- Member dues and fees increases
- Air traffic control privatization
• Parachutist online
• USPA involvement with wind tunnels
• Bylaw provisions for special board meetings

10. **Old Business**

No old business.

11. **New Business**

**International Skydiving Museum Report**

Director of Development, Jim McCormick, presented plans for the International Skydiving Museum and Hall of Fame. Extensive renderings and videos were shown in the VIP briefing. McCormick encouraged board members to consider becoming ambassadors and thanked those that are assisting the museum by serving as councilors.

**Selection of dates and location of the summer 2018 USPA BOD meeting**

**Motion 3:** Passed 16-1-2 (Mr. Mullins)

Move to select three potential cities for the summer 2018 board of directors meeting. Headquarters will then research costs of having the meeting in each of the cities and report back to the full board within 30 days. The full board will then make the final decision in an interim vote.

**Motion 4:** Passed Consent (Mr. Stokes)

Move to select Memphis, Milwaukee and Salt Lake City as the three cities for headquarters to obtain cost estimates for the summer 2018 meeting.

**Motion 5:** Passed 19-0-01 (Mr. Stokes)

Move to hold the summer 2018 meeting July 13-15, 2018.
12. **Committee Reports**

A. Competition

**Chair:** Kirk Verner  
**Members:** Chuck Akers  
Albert Berchtold  
Josh Hall  
Larry Hill  
**Advisers:** Jason Putnam Gordon  
Shawn Hill  
James Hayhurst  
Randy Connell  
Marylou Laughlin  
Steve Kramer

The committee discussed creation of an intermediate class in VFS 4-way. No action taken. Local organizers are encouraged to develop this idea in the field to increase participation in the National Championships.

The committee discussed safety issues in the 10-way event. No action taken.

The committee approved the selection of James Hayhurst as the meet director for the 2017 National Collegiate Parachuting Championships and the 2018 National Skydiving Championships.

The committee approved the selection of Kirk Knight as the chief judge for the 2017 National Collegiate Parachuting Championships and the selection of Jim Rees as the chief judge for the 2018 National Skydiving Championships.

The committee discussed the preliminary draft of a transgender athlete policy. No action at this time. It is probable that a policy will be ready for presentation at the winter meeting.

**Motion 6:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Verner)  
Move to change SCM 1-4.1.1 to read: Meet Directors for the U.S. National Skydiving Championships and the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships selected by the host must be approved by the USPA Competition Committee.
**Motion 7:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Verner)

Move to change SCM 2-4.2.1 bullet 5 to read: train USPA National Judges in disciplines for which they are rated, with the approval of the USPA Competition Committee; and train USPA Regional Judges in disciplines for which they are rated, as approved by the Director of Competition.

**Motion 8:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Verner)

Move to insert as SCM 3-2.8.1.7: All record applications submitted for altitude/fall/WS flight shall include the make and model of aircraft and maximum operating altitude of that aircraft as specified in its FAA Type Certificate Data Sheet or FAA Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH). No record application will be accepted that exceeds such limitations.

**Motion 9:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Verner)

Move to insert SCM 4-4.1.3: All team personnel will be required to purchase the most modern iteration of the uniform in accordance with the guidance of the Team Manager.

**Motion 10:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Verner)

Move to adopt the following resolution:

Board of Directors Resolution

Expressing the position of the United States Parachute Association with regards to “indoor skydiving” and delineating the role of the Association going forward.

WHEREAS, the International Parachuting Commission created a Class G airsport called “indoor skydiving” at its 2014 plenary meeting, and;
WHEREAS, such “indoor skydiving” exists solely within vertical wind tunnels, and;
WHEREAS, such tunnel flight fails to meet the USPA definition of skydiving, and;
WHEREAS, the membership of the Association has made its collective opinion known to the Directors through various informal methods, and;
WHEREAS, the participants in tunnel flying currently lack a National Governing Body to represent their interests on the national and international level,

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that:
Effective 1 November 2017, the United States Parachute Association will not use Association resources to support the sport of “indoor skydiving,” except to nominate International Judges to such IPC events as appropriate. USPA will seek to encourage, foster and cooperate with any emerging national governing body for tunnel flying.

B. Constitution and Bylaws

Chair: Gary Peek  
Members: Jason Putnam Gordon  
          Steve Helffrich  
Advisers: Jan Meyer

The committee discussed agenda items for changes to the bylaws suggested by USPA's counsel to bring the bylaws in compliance with New York corporation law. The committee decided to delay further discussion of this item until the next meeting because of the absence of persons critical to the discussion.

C. Executive Committee

President: Jay Stokes  
Vice President: Steve Helffrich  
Secretary: Jan Meyer  
Treasurer: Albert Berchtold  
Member-at-Large: Mike Mullins  
Chairman of the Board: Al King

NAA LOA
NAA President Greg Principato has been fully briefed on the history of the LOA and the need for a revised LOA. He understands and concurs. Early this year, he asked for an opportunity to brief the other air sport organizations (ASOs) on the topic of a revised LOA before proceeding. That was accomplished in a meeting in Dallas on June 19. Principato has USPA's draft LOA that was presented to Jonathan Gaffney, which he had marked up. Principato also has Gaffney's June 1, 2016, letter. And Principato has agreed to include as an appendix a copy of the FAI form designating the specific sporting powers. With the ASOs briefed, we should now see movement from the NAA.

Privatization of ATC
USPA is now among 130 general aviation associations who have joined together to oppose the air traffic control privatization concept
proposed in HR 2997. The House had scheduled a vote on the bill for July 19, but the bill was pulled from consideration on July 18, indicating House leadership is uncertain the bill would pass. The bill will be scheduled for a vote and USPA will continue to keep members engaged.

**Holly v. Horry County**
USPA has filed a motion to dismiss, which should be ruled on in August. With a magistrate judge’s recommendation that the suit be dismissed, we’re optimistic that the district judge will accept the magistrate’s recommendation and dismiss USPA from the suit.

**Executive Director Performance Review**
Steve Helffrich presented the full board the latest 360 review of the Executive Director.

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<th><strong>Motion 11:</strong></th>
<th>Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Stokes)</th>
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<td>Move to delegate authority to HQ to decide location and dates of BOD meetings based on cost metrics.</td>
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**Disciplinary Actions**

Passed 6-0-0
"Move to revoke the USPA Tandem Instructor Rating of Debbrah Yocom, #272612, for a period of not less than one year, beginning with the date of this notification. Additionally, before attending a USPA Tandem Instructor Course and receiving a USPA Tandem Instructor Rating, she must do the following:

1. Comply with FAR 105.45 by attending and completing an additional tandem manufacturer's rating course in its entirety.
2. Receive permission from the USPA Board of Directors to both attend a USPA Tandem Instructor Rating Course and receive a USPA Tandem Instructor Rating."

Passed 5-0-1
"Move to suspend the USPA Tandem Instructor rating for Kian Morris, USPA #288515, until September 15, 2017, or until USPA has verified documentation that Mr. Morris has a minimum of 3 years of experience in parachuting. All recurrency TI requirements must be met before reinstating the TI rating."

This motion was later rescinded because the individual provided documented evidence of 3 years in the sport.
Passed 4-0-2
"Move to revoke the D license of Travis Hinton, USPA #278710, and to reject his USPA Tandem Instructor Proficiency Card. Mr. Hinton may not attend a USPA Tandem Instructor Rating Course until 180 days from the date of his notification and must complete said course in its entirety without benefit of any actions completed in any previous Tandem Instructor or Tandem Master course."

Passed 4-0-1
"Move that suspended USPA Tandem Instructor ratings of the Lodi candidates be changed to revoked status."

The following motions were voted on by the Executive Committee and require full board approval at the next regular meeting:

Passed 6-0-0
"Move to approve the amount of $1050 be paid to Zenger-Folkman for a follow-up 360-degree assessment of the USPA Executive Director."

Passed 5-0-0
"Move to direct Ed Scott to coordinate with legal counsel to send a letter to Jim Hayhurst demanding the return of all USPA materials in his possession."

Passed 5-0-1
"Move to direct the Executive Director to have our attorney draft a friendly letter to Jim Hayhurst stating that we (USPA) would be prepared to drop the matter without any publicity if Mr. Hayhurst returns our materials and agrees to request permission before any future reprinting of USPA materials."

Passed 5-0-1
"Move to waive SIM Section 3-1. E.4.c. (D-license night jump requirement) for David Koelling, USPA #269204, so that he may obtain a D license and attend a Tandem Instructor Certification Course. He must make the two waivered night jumps no later than 1 January 2018 or any issued D license or Tandem Instructor rating will be revoked."

Passed 5-0-1
"Move to waive SIM Section 2-1. C.2: Medical Requirements to waive the Class 3 Medical requirement for Jerry D. Luccioni, USPA# 40648, for a period of six months, pending FAA approval of his renewal."
D. Finance and Budget

Chair: Albert Berchtold
Members: Shauna Finley
Al King
Jack Pyland
Tony Thacker
Advisers: Lee Schlichtemeier
Ed Scott
Elijah Florio

Jack Pyland chaired the meeting because of Albert Berchtold’s absence.

The committee reviewed the investment report. Albert and Ed met with our Janney managers about our current position with investments performance just before the board meeting. Albert and Ed recommended that there should be no change in the current strategy. The committee agreed.

We then looked and May’s mid-year financial report and reviewed for anomalies in the actual-expenses-to-budget comparison. We noticed the legal fees over the last few years were trending up. These fees have been higher than the norm because of CAS involvement. Ed thinks that we will be back to the norm in legal expenses and should not see the higher expense we experienced last year. We would just like to remind board members that each time we want to review a question from our attorneys, we are expensed usually two to three thousand dollars.

We agreed there was no need for action for changing the budget.

USPA has not been covering its operational expenses with operational revenues. The staff and Albert have made a recommendation to increase fees. USPA has not raised fees for 9 years. Ed and staff have recommended an across-the-board 20% increase overall. Albert has worked with the staff and agreed that an increase is justified. The committee also reviewed operational expenses and feels that an increase is justified. The committee did not want an odd number for a fee structure so we rounded fees to an even amount. We also considered the S&T Committee’s decision that USPA should furnish the IRM with an instructional rating with instructional fees. We studied the idea and determined that the increase in instructional fees would cover the loss of revenue from the sales of the IRM.
**Motion 12:** Passed 17-1-1 (Mr. Noonan)

Move to use a roll call vote for the fee schedule increase motion.

**Motion 13:** Passed 15-4-0 by roll call vote (Mr. Pyland)

Roll Call Vote:
Nays: L. Hill, S. Hill, G. Peek, T. Thacker
Abstain: none

Move that USPA increase its fees structure to the attached list:

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Non-U.S. addresses will no longer receive the paper magazine unless they pay for air mail rates.

Effective date 1/1/2018
E. Governance

Chair: Jan Meyer  
Members: Sherry Butcher  
Steve Helffrich  
Mike McGowan  
Michael Wadkins  
Advisers: Gary Peek  
Elijah Florio  
Clint Vincent

The committee discussed the rule that allows foreign members to vote for a regional director candidate of their choice and took no action to change the rule.

**Motion 14:** Passed 18-1-0 (Ms. Meyer)  
Move to change the balloting time period to one month, starting October 1.

**Motion 15:** Passed 19-0-0 (Ms. Meyer)  
Move to replace the paper insert ballot with a standard page with ballot image and allow ballots to be postal mailed upon request.

The committee discussed the changes to Governance Manual Sec. 1-5 and decided to postpone those to a future meeting.

The chair wishes to thank committee members and advisers for their efforts.

F. Group Membership

Chair: Chuck Akers  
Members: Jason Putnam Gordon  
Larry Hill  
Al King  
Jan Meyer  
Chris Nunn  
Jack Pyland  
Advisers: Randy Ottinger  
Nancy Koreen
The committee discussed allowing Group Members to pay dues in installments. No action taken based on information provided by headquarters about difficulty and cost of implementation.

The committee discussed dues increase for Group Members. Committee voted 3-0-1 to recommend not increasing Group Member dues.

**Motion 16:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Akers)
Move to change the Group Member pledge by deleting "1. All licensed U.S. skydivers (a skydiver is considered a student until licensed)" and inserting "1. All U.S. skydivers cleared for self-supervision."

The chair would like to thank the committee for their hard work.

**G. Membership Services**

**Chair:** Steve Helffrich  
**Members:** Sherry Butcher  
Shauna Finley  
Josh Hall  
Shawn Hill  
**Advisers:** Michael Wadkins  
Elijah Florio  
Clint Vincent

**Motion 17:** Passed 18-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)
Move to award Chuck Karcher, USPA #27444, the USPA Gold Medal for outstanding service to the skydiving community.

**Motion 18:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)
Move to award Ben Crowell, USPA #73563, the USPA Gold Medal for outstanding service to the skydiving community.

**Motion 19:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)
Move to award Mark Baur, USPA #9091, the USPA Gold Medal for outstanding service to the skydiving community.

**Motion 20:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)
Move to award Miles Hubbard, USPA #1697, the USPA Regional Meritorious Award for outstanding service to his skydiving region.
**Motion 21:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)  
Move to award Harry Ervin, USPA #555, the USPA Regional Meritorious Award for outstanding service to his skydiving region.

**Motion 22:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)  
Move to award Dewayne Bruette, USPA #812, the USPA Regional Meritorious Award for outstanding service to his skydiving region.

**Motion 23:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)  
Move to award Marilyn Wuest, USPA #56785, and Doug Wuest, USPA #57623, the USPA Regional Meritorious Award for outstanding service to their skydiving region.

**Motion 24:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)  
Move to change the cost of the introductory membership from $20 to $30. These introductory memberships will have a duration of 3 months.

The introductory memberships would be available through the USPA website portal only. The subscription to *Parachutist* will be in a digital medium. Persons may purchase the introductory membership an unlimited number of times.

**Motion 25:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Helffrich)  
Move to continue the relationship with Sigma for USPA member availability to digital credentials.

Database transition to PROTECH is on schedule for a December 5, 2017, go-live launch with complete rollover from the current platform.

Sigma digital credential program has had a successful launch, with approximately 40% USPA member adoption.

USPA third-party insurance program is moving forward with no premium increases/changes for the upcoming year.
H. Regional Directors

Chair: Jack Pyland
Members: All Regional Directors
Advisers: Jim Crouch
Randy Ottinger
Nancy Koreen

The committee received a review from Clint Vincent on some of the issues headquarters was having with paperwork. We discussed the preferred way headquarters would like forms filled out. A sub-committee was formed to update the current RD manual with the new forms being created by the change to new database software.

Jen Sharp gave a short update on the new software and the anticipated benefits we can expect with the upgrade.

Jim Couch discussed the issues of keeping the S&TA list up to date. He was looking forward to the new software reducing the problem he was having with the current system. It was asked that the RDs review their S&TA lists to verify their list is up to date so when moving to the new database we would not use incorrect data.

There was a discussion of how to encourage DZO's, camera flyers and members to abide by the BSRs and not promote possible safety violations by posting these actions on social media.

There was a sharing of ideas between RDs on how they communicated with the membership in their region.

Discussion was open to the floor.

I. Safety and Training

Chair: Michael Wadkins
Members: Luke Aikins
Sherry Butcher
Al King
Shauna Finley
Mike Mullins
Jack Pyland
Advisers: Jason Putnam Gordon
Chris Nunn
Tom Noonan  
Gary Peek  
Tony Thacker  
Jim Crouch  
Byran Burke  
Ray Lallo

The committee discussed raising the qualifying jump numbers to become a Coach Examiner. The committee decided that there is a need to increase the number of evaluation jumps from 15 to 25 to allow the new examiner to get more experience and exposure to teaching coach candidates.

The S&T Committee designated a sub-committee to research the viability of adding a tunnel program to the ISP and the possibility of adding it into the transition protocols. The sub-committee is to report its findings, its research and recommendations during the next BOD meeting in February 2018.

The S&T Committee decided to make the IRM available as a download on the next release of the updated publication. Now both the SIM and the IRM will be available at no cost to the membership. Projected date January 2018. If the member still wants a hard copy of both these references, they will be available at the USPA store for their normal price.

The S&T Committee raised the number of courses that need to be taught to receive the IE rating and endorsement from one (1) to two (2) complete courses for AFF, IAD, static line and coach. This recommendation had come from the AFF and tandem standardization meetings, and the committee felt that it had a lot of merit. The S&T Committee felt that more time and experience under a seasoned examiner will only help them be more prepared and standardized in regard to running their own courses. This will become effective upon the release of the next IRM (projected date January 2018).

The IE proficiency card will now have a more detailed and specific wording when endorsing examiners sign to validate an IE candidate. The verbiage on the IE proficiency card will be changed from “the candidate has administered a course under my supervision” to “the candidate has taught and managed two (2) entire instructional rating courses from beginning to end under my direct supervision.”

The S&T Committee and the USPA defined in the IRM how to use the
option of “Challenging an Instructional Rating Course.” The challenge will now only be used for expired USPA instructional ratings holders and foreign rating holders wanting a USPA instructor rating.

During the last BOD meeting in February, the USPA decided to incorporate the “3 Strike Rule” for examiners in the field who are not upholding the best training standard and are not representing the highest values that this position demands. During this session, the S&T Committee approved of a list that will be applied to all the examiners in the field if they are not upholding the highest standard of training for our membership. This list will soon be published in the “USPA Professional” and Parachutist.

The S&T Committee made it more defined and clearer of what time frame or what requirement is needed to attend another rating course if a candidate has failed or received an incomplete in that course. In the past, there has been some confusion and misunderstanding with the IE cadre and the membership as to what the candidate needs to do to re-enter a course. The S&T Committee defined the criteria by stating that the candidate will be required to wait fourteen (14) days or a detailed plan will be discussed by the IE and the candidate which will be executed within the timeframe decided upon by both parties before attending or retesting at another instructional rating course. This will become effective with the next IRM (projected date of January 2018).

The S&T Committee deliberated on the merits of the new FAA requirement of having an FAA basic medical in lieu of an FAA 3rd class medical or higher regarding applying for a USPA Tandem Instructor rating. The committee voted unanimously to keep the FAA 3rd class medical as a requirement.

In the future, to renew you tandem rating you will be asked to check or verify on your USPA renewal form that you have reviewed your emergency procedures within the last 6 months and you have reviewed the latest information of the system that you are jumping.

The S&T Committee decided that if you are using a digital logbook to track your jumps and you want to apply for a certain license or rating, it must have all the requirements of a written logbook outlined in SIM Section 3-1. C. a & b., no exceptions.

The committee deliberated on requiring a minimum time of 3 years as a method-specific instructor before becoming eligible for the IE rating in that discipline. The committee decided against this.
The committee discussed allowing AFF candidates to use cameras during the AFF IRC. After deliberation, they decided to leave it up to the IEs in the field to allow this or not.

The committee discussed implanting standardized jump scenarios for tandem candidates to perform during their Phase II jumps. The Safety Director was tasked with this, and he will present it at the next BOD meeting.

The committee discussed adding information to SIM 5-3 about military jumpers who are using military parachute systems who are not required to have a rigger’s seal on their reserve. The committee felt that it was not necessary.

The S&T Committee decided to discontinue the PRO rating card and the tandem type rating card.

The S&T Committee deliberated redefining or rewording the “Basic Safety Requirements” as “Basic Skydiving Requirements” or “Basic Skydiving Rules.” The committee took no action on this and will address it again at the next BOD meeting.

**Motion 26:** Passed 18-1-0 (Mr. Wadkins)

Move to add SIM Section 2-1 BSR E. MEMBERSHIP: USPA membership is required of any skydiver cleared for self-supervision at a USPA Group Member drop zone except for non-resident foreign nationals that are a member of their own national aeroclub. Effective at the next SIM release.

**Motion 27:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Wadkins)

Move to change SIM Section 2-1 BSR F.6, Students training for group freefall. The change will read:
a. Student freefall training for group freefall jumps must be conducted by either a USPA Coach under the supervision of a USPA Instructor, or a D-license holder, and;
b. The maximum group size allowed for any group skydive is four if that group skydive includes any solo students cleared for self-supervision. There must be at least one instructor, coach or D-license holder for each student involved. Effective at the next SIM release.
Motion 28:  Withdrawn  (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to change SIM Section 2-1, "Basic Safety Requirements" to read "Basic Skydiving Requirements."

Motion 29:  Passed  19-0-0  (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to change IRM Section 1, D, G coach, Section 1, E, H AFF, IAD and SL to increase the number of courses taught by examiner candidates from one (1) to two (2) for coach, AFF, IAD and SL. Verbiage will read as follows for each rating in the IRM:
Administer two (2) courses under the direct supervision of a current, appropriately rated Instructor Examiner and received an IE's recommendation. It is highly encouraged that IE candidates work under different IEs to gain varied experiences and techniques. Effective with the release of the next IRM.

Motion 30:  Passed  19-0-0  (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to remove verbiage from AFF Instructor Rating Course Section 6.G.4 and IAD and Static-Line Instructor Rating Course Section 6.G.1 & 2 and replace with the following verbiage, AFF Instructor Rating Course Section 6.G.4 to read, "A candidate who fails to obtain a score of Satisfactory in all areas of the AFF Instructor Rating Course will be required to wait fourteen (14) days or a detailed plan is discussed by the IE and the candidate which is executed within the timeframe decided upon by both parties before attending or retesting at another USPA AFF Instructor Rating Course. The disqualified candidate may act as a stand-in student for ground evaluations as approved by the attending IE."
IAD and Static-Line Instructor Rating Course Section 6.G.1 & 2 to read, "A candidate who fails to obtain a score of Satisfactory in all areas off the IAD and Static-Line Instructor Rating Course will be required to wait fourteen (14) days or a detailed plan is discussed by the IE and the candidate which is executed within the timeframe decided upon by both parties before attending or retesting at another USPA IAD and SL Instructor Rating Course. The disqualified candidate may act as a stand-in student for ground evaluations as approved by the attending IE."

Motion 31:  Passed  19-0-0  (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to add a minimum waiting period of fourteen days (14) for a candidate who has failed a rating certification course before they can attend another rating certification course. Verbiage will read in the IRM as follows for each rating certification course:
Coach Rating Course, Section 11.H.3: "A candidate who fails to obtain all the required scores of Satisfactory will be required to wait fourteen (14) days or a detailed plan is discussed by the IE and the candidate which is executed within the timeframe decided upon by both parties before attending or retesting at another USPA Coach Rating Course. The disqualified candidate may act as a stand-in student for ground evaluations as approved by the attending IE."

**Motion 32:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to require validation of all instructional rating examiner candidate’s requirements through the S&T Committee.

**Motion 33:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to have USPA provide a digital download of the IRM to the membership with the next release.

**Motion 34:** Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to change the number of Coach candidate evaluation jumps from 15 to 25 for the Coach Examiner rating. Effective with the release of the next IRM.

**Motion 35:** Passed 11-5 (L. Hill) -1 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Micah John Bramstedt to skydive beginning on February 20, 2018, and obtain an A license.

**Motion 36:** Passed 11-5 (L. Hill) -1 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Dakota Schlater to skydive and obtain an A license at the age of 17.

**Motion 37:** Passed 11-5 (L. Hill) -1 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Andrew Butcher to skydive and obtain an A license at the age of 17.

**Motion 38:** Passed 16-1-0 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Dylan Boks (11 1/2 years old) to make a tandem skydive with Luther Kurtz between the dates of July 28-30, 2017. Cancer may prevent Dylan from skydiving at the age of 18.
Motion 39: Passed 15-1-1 (L. Hill) (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Garrett Scott Hill, age 17, to make a tandem skydive with Luther Kurtz between the dates of July 28-30, 2017.

Motion 40: Passed 11-5 (L. Hill) -1 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Karin Montano, USPA #314582, to skydive and obtain an A license at the age of 17, contingent upon father's written approval.

Motion 41: Passed 10-5 (L. Hill) -2 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Conner Lamb, age 17, to make a tandem skydive with Andy Farrington, USPA #112308, during the month of August 2017.

Motion 42: Passed 17-0-0 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.F.2.a & b to allow Penny Fletcher, USPA #219907, to conduct first-jump course ground training for solo students and non-method-specific ground training at Glider Sports Skydiving.

Motion 43: Passed 11-5 (L. Hill) -1 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Skye Illingsworth to skydive at the age of 17 and obtain a USPA license.

Motion 44: Passed 11-5(L. Hill)-1 (Mr. Wadkins)
Move to waive SIM Section 2-1.D.1 to allow Tristin Brigman to skydive at the age of 16 and obtain a USPA A license.

13. Adjournment

Motion 45: Passed 19-0-0 (Mr. Thacker)
Move to adjourn.

The President adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. on July 23, 2017.
2017 mid-year trends

- 2.8% ↑ total membership
- 8.4% ↑ all licenses
- 11.6% ↑ A licenses
- 10.6% ↓ all ratings
- 10% ↑ investments
- 8% ↑ Net worth
2017 Fatalities

- Unintentional Low Turn (23%)
- Low Cutaway/Low-No Reserve Deployment (23%)
- Intentional Low Turn (15%)
- Freefall Collision-Wingsuit (8%)
- Landing Problem-Drowning (8%)
- Medical (8%)
- No Pull Suicide (8%)
- Canopy Collision (deployment) (8%)

13 Fatalities

Mid-Year Ratings Issued
10-Year Period

Mid-Year Licenses Issued
10-Year Period

Mid-Year Operating Cash

USPA Board of Directors Meeting, Seattle, WA, July 21-23, 2017
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## Statement of Activities
For the five months ending May 31, 2017

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## Current Topics

- dues/fees increase?
- ATC privatization
- Sigma digital credentials
- online Parachutist
- wind tunnels & USPA
- special board meetings

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**member expectations**
- safety
- ratings
- innovation
- government relations

**exceptional customer service**
- insurance
- Parachutist
- competition
- first-jump programs

**current topics**
- member database
- board election changes
- 18+
- minimum age