

Southeast Section 99s General Meeting Atlanta, Georgia - Delta Airlines Headquarters September 7, 2024

Before the meeting started, Marilyn Shafer read a proclamation from the Florida Spaceport 99s recognizing Bobbi Lasher and Carol Gosling for their many years of service to the 99s and the aviation community and declaring September 14, 2024 as Bobbi Lasher and Carol Gosling Day.

Rules for the meeting were reviewed.

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Shafer at 9:05am.

Roll call was taken by Mary Bryant. Fourteen chapters and 41 members were in attendance including those physically present and also via ZOOM. A quorum was declared. Board members present were Marilyn Shafer, Governor; Terri Bazacos, Vice Governor; Mary Bryant, Secretary; and Janice Pelletti, Immediate Past Governor. BOD members not present were Meagan Harr, Treasurer; Maria Choi, Director and Vikki Greenleaf, Director.

The Georgia Belles were thanked for their hard work in organizing and hosting the meeting. They were also congratulated for their success in rebuilding the chapter to over 100 current members including 27 new members since January.

Terri Bazacos introduced the IBOD member in attendance, Minnetta Gardinier, IBOD Vice President. Past Governors in attendance were recognized. The SES board was introduced.

Marilyn Shafer called for approval of the minutes for the previous meeting. Anita Mixon motioned that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Lizzie Domingue. They were approved unanimously.

Marilyn Shafer presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the statements provided in the meeting packet. The following details were noted:

1. The amount for the 5K scholarship is a gross number, continues to grow and will be discussed in detail by Terri Bazacos in her presentation.
2. The \$7,000 New Horizons scholarship has yet to be used by the recipient. It must be used within 1 year.
3. Marilyn indicated that this year's budget cannot be changed but proposed that next year' be as follows:
 - a. Line 727 to include all Governor's expenses including hotel, meals, transportation and registration fees (2 nights per section meeting)
 - b. Line 731 be exclusively for International Board representative hotel expenses

- c. Line 736 be exclusively for International Board representative registration expenses
 1. Principal and interest from 2 maturing CDs plus associated interest (operating account and scholarship account) are reflected in the account balance.
 2. Donation to the AE Birthplace Museum of approximately \$500 was made.

Marilyn announced that a Financial Review Committee was being established. Members of the committee include Ramona Banks, Corbi Bulluck and Tiffany Ferrari. Meagan Harr, Treasurer, will be the non-voting advisor to the committee.

Terri Bazacos recognized a number of attendees including the youngest and newest, Natalie Edlund, the oldest, Marcell Bink, and the longest member, Janice Pelletti. Also recognized was the one flying the furthest, Minnetta Gardinier, the one traveling the furthest, Anita Mixon and the most recent check ride, Barcell Bink.

Minnetta Gardinier was introduced and presented the report from International.

1. The last charter member, Josephine Wood Wallingford, (1912-2004) bequeathed \$1 million to the 99s.
2. An Executive Director is being recruited.
3. The website is being rebuilt and assistance is solicited. Contact Robin Hatfield to volunteer. Contact Ramona Banks to link chapter sites to the SES site.
4. Section Chapter Leadership manual is available in the online library.
5. Please submit nominations for International Awards.
6. Nominations are solicited for IBOD and Trust positions by December 31.
7. The next International Meeting is in Burlington Vermont July 8-13, 2025 and speakers are solicited.
8. The next IBOD meeting is October 31-November 2, 2024 in Oklahoma City.

Corbi Bulluck reviewed the 99s Life Member program and encouraged everyone to consider joining. Details can be found on the International 99s website. Life Members present at the meeting were recognized.

Terri Bazacos reviewed the current status of the 5K Scholarship Fund Raiser. It was not as successful as hoped. Although not as many participants registered as desired, significant donations were received. A preliminary gross of about \$4060 was realized. Florida Firstcoast had the most participants at 19. The potential for extending the fund raiser through November 30, 2024, was discussed and the decision made to extend it.

Anita Mixon reviewed the results of the 99 of Note awards. Over 50% participation was achieved with 12 of 23 chapters submitting nominations for the award. Anita indicated that it was very competitive. Kim Ewing of the Georgia Belles was awarded the 99 of Note award for 2024. Certificates and coin mementos were presented to all nominees. Awards will be mailed to nominees not in attendance. All chapters were urged to submit a nomination for future awards.

The New Horizons Scholarship was discussed. The current recipient hasn't yet used their award and has one year to do so. The application window for the next \$3,500 award opens the beginning of 2025.

A discussion of the Trailblazers in Aviation Luncheon (originally the Wasp Luncheon) took place. Questions about the long term viability of the event have been raised. Marilyn indicated the event has not finished in the black except for 2019. Discontinuing the event and donating the remaining funds of approximately \$2250 to several different options is under consideration. Anita Mixon, current Luncheon Chair, and Myra Bugbee, former Chair, reviewed the history of the event and current situation. Chapters or individuals willing to take on responsibility for the event are solicited. International 99s is not interested in being involved. Commitments to adopt the event should be submitted to Marilyn by the end of October. Myra Bugbee agreed to act as an advisor if a group adopts the event. If not adopted, the event will no longer be conducted and funds will be dispersed as determined by the membership.

Lois Horne noted this year is the year to submit nominations for SES officers and committee Chairs for installation spring 2025. If interested, speak to her or other members of the nominating committee.

Mary Bryant presented details of the September-October 2024 ARC Derby and the 2025 Air Race Classic, June 17-20, 2025. Chapters and members are encouraged to fly both events as well as work the 2 ARC stops in the SES in 2025. Stops include the start at KCQF, Fairhope, AL and KSTF, Starkville, MS. Terri Bazacos indicated The Emerald Angels Chapter is already in touch with Fairhope and Ramona Banks is potentially looking at assisting at Starkville.

Florida Heartland will be hosting the spring SES meeting in Lakeland May 16-17, 2025. JoAnne Alcorn provided details and invited all to attend and volunteer. The Daytona Chapter is scheduled to host in the fall.

Alabama and Memphis chapters are hosting a "Witches of the South Wicked Gathering" October 24 at Pell City KPLR and invites participation. Sign up for lunch and activities on the SES website or contact Lois Horne, Chair, for more information.

NIFA is October 14-18 at KLAL and volunteers are solicited.

Terry Carbonell mentioned the National Flight Academy at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola as a possibility to consider for SES scholarships. Other space camps are also good candidates. Weekend deployments at the Flight Academy are also available for groups with a minimum of 36 at a cost of about \$500 for a 3 day deployment, per the website. The SES may investigate the possibility of a group event. (nationalflightacademy.org)

Photos immediately after the meeting ends.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lois Horne and seconded by Anita Mixon. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

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