

(Letter from Soar Truckee)

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From: Richard Pearl [mailto:Pennyrich@aol.com]

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To: Kevin Smith; Kevin Bumen

Cc: Don Brown; Jan Driessen

Subject: Re: STI-TTAD: Contract Extention - REPLY

Kevin

Don Brown, STI's Secretary-Treasurer, was at the last TTAD Board of Director's meeting to be available to the Board regarding any issues relating to Soar Truckee and the upcoming contract / lease extension. As stated in that meeting by Don, and by myself and our Board in previous communications and meetings with you and Kevin Bumen, we are fully committed to TTAD and the community regarding our noise footprint, subject only to our pilots and customers flight safety. We know you are appreciative of our concerns and we want to work with TTAD in both achieving our goals.

We understand that TTAD is open to extending our current contract for one year while we jointly resolve certain issues re the noise footprint and options to lower the overall noise footprint. Other unresolved issues are ramp area compaction and extension, and possible assistance in the purchase of a larger engine for safety and noise reduction.

For this upcoming year we will begin the year with the following operational changes:

1. We will reinstall a four blade propeller on one of the tow planes. We will use this airplane for our single-place and lighter gliders; we believe at least 50% of our launches fall into this category. We will continue with the two-blade propeller on the other tow plane which will be used for our heavier two-place and heavily-ballasted single seat gliders. We are open to testing the two vs. four blade situation but it should be understood that such tests would need to be done under the following constraints: same airplane and weather conditions; not interfering with our core business, and there is, of course, the issue of cost to remove and replace the propeller(s).
2. We will move our current flight path (assuming normal weather conditions) further south during the flight phase near the "frog pond".
3. We will fly the tow planes no earlier than 8 AM nor later than one hour after sunset.

Best Regards,

Richard Pearl
President, Soar Truckee, Inc.