

Wyoming Airport Operators Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Gillette, Wyoming
September 14, 2005

Call to Order:

9:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Chance Warne, Dave Haring, Scott Hinderman, Charles VanSlyke, Gary Valentine, Michael Becker, John Stopka, Gene Murphy and Jay Lundell

Approval of Minutes From Cheyenne

Chance Warne motioned to approve the minutes from Cheyenne, Dave Haring seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Michael Becker, Treasurer explained the report. Michael advised from the period January 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005, the revenue totaled \$25,620.00. Expenses for the same period totaled \$20,817.28. Total earnings for the money market account from January 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005 were \$255.60. WAOA's cash account balance as of August 31, 2005 was \$21,459.63. The money market account balance was \$40,765.28. Total cash assets as of the last treasurer's report through December 31, 2004 was \$57,166.59. Total cash assets as of August 31st, 2005 were \$62,224.91. That represents a net increase of \$5,058.32. Chance Warne motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Dave Haring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Wyoming State Sales Tax Exemptions

Dave Haring started the discussion regarding the process for WAOA to become exempt from State Sales Tax. It was explained that when WAOA filed for Federal Tax exemption, the belief was that WAOA would become exempt from State Sales tax as well. Dave explained that he had been working with Linda James from the State Sales Tax Office to become tax exempt in Wyoming. Linda has requested 5 years of financial statements and audit reports to review before she could make a determination whether or not WAOA would qualify for tax exemption. However, Dave explained that, while working with Linda, Michael Becker became Secretary/Treasurer and he (Dave) no longer has the necessary information. Dave concluded the discussion stating that he would get with Michael and bring him up to speed so that he (Michael) could continue the process with Linda at the State Sales Office and finally determine if WAOA could become tax exempt.

Status Report on WAOA's Website

Michael Becker reported on the new WAOA website. A development contract was agreed too and signed with Vision West, out of Powell, Wyoming, to construct and manage the site for two years. The cost of this two year contract was \$2,975. In addition to the construction of the site, there is a monthly fee to host our site. Currently, the cost is about \$30 a month through a company called Intergiworks out of Billings MT. The web address assigned to WAOA will be www.wyomingairports.org. Michael gave a quick presentation of the website illustrating the features and information it can provide to the members. It was also discussed and agreed that the maintenance and upkeep of the website will be the Secretary/Treasurer responsibility. Michael also requested that if you had any suggestion on ways to improve the site to go ahead and contact him.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Conference Schedule

A discussion was had regarding the location of the Spring 2006 Conference. The initial idea was to have a spring WAOA conference in Cheyenne to help grow the presence of WAOA members during the legislative process and help lobby our efforts. The discussion transition to whether or not to have a full conference with several informational sessions, or just have a "conference light" with the emphasis on the Wyoming legislative process. If the decision was to have a conference in Cheyenne, the dates would have to be February 14-16, 2006 because all the hotels in Cheyenne that could host a conference during the session were already reserved. The board discussed and agreed that having a WAOA presence at the committee meeting and general legislative sessions was critical to the success of WAOA's efforts. It was also agreed to bring the discussion to the general membership on Friday for their input.

Fall 2006 Membership Conference

The board discussed the following locations for the fall 2006 Conference, Buffalo, Pinedale, Lander, Guernsey, and Afton. Survey results conducted at the Cheyenne meeting indicated that many people would like to see the Old Baldy Club on a more regular rotation. The Board indicated that their preference would be to have the conference in Afton or Pinedale with Buffalo as an alternative.

Membership Directory 2006/2007

Michael Becker reported that we will be putting together a new updated membership directory the plan is to have this completed within the first quarter of next year.

From the Floor:

Dave Haring brought to the board that there were three board positions up for re-election at the Spring Conference and that we should use a ballot process when reelecting these positions during the general membership meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Chance Warne, President Date

Michael Becker, Secretary/Treas. Date