

Wyoming Airport Operators Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Gillette, Wyoming  
September 16, 2005

**Call to Order:**

8:10 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve minutes from Cheyenne, Dave Haring seconded the motion. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 was \$62,224.91. That represents a net increase of \$5,058.32. Gene Wasia motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. John Stopka seconded the motion. 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 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. Dave Haring opened the discussion up for questions- there were no questions.

**Status Report on WAOA's Website**

Michael Becker reported on that he gave a presentation to the general membership on Thursday so unless there are any questions I will continued as planed – there were no questions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Spring Conference Schedule**

Michael updated the general membership on the discussion the Board had regarding the location of the Spring 2006 Conference. Generally, the question is 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 presents at the committee meeting and general legislative sessions was critical to the success of WAOA’s efforts. At this point Michael opened the discussion up to hear from the general membership. Gary Valentine spoke in favor of a conference light option as long as we keep the emphasis on the Wyoming legislative process. Shelly Reams spoke to the general membership to convey her opinion that WAOA’s role in the legislative process was critical as well as trying to have the WAC meeting along with the WAOA conference. Bill Urbigit also spoke in favor of a conference during the legislative session because it is an excellent opportunity to meet with the legislators. The consensus of the membership was to continue to have a full legislative conference during the legislative session and to conduct it along with the WAC.

### **Fall 2006 Membership Conference**

The membership 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 president of the Gurnsey Airport Board offered to host the conference. Charles VanSlyke, the Airport Manager of Afton, also offered to host the conference. Gary Valentine made a motion to make the Gurnsey Airport the primary location and have Afton as the alternate for the Fall 2006 Membership conference. Scott Hinderman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Membership Directory 2006/2007**

Dave Haring reported that the board would finalizing the membership and would be putting together a new updated membership directory the plan is to have this completed within the first quarter of next year.

### **Adjournment**

Gary Valentine made a motion to adjourn. Dave Haring seconded the motion. Motion Passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

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**Chance Warne, President**

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**Date**

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**Michael Becker, Sec/Tres.**

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