

Wyoming Airport Operators Association (WAOA)
General Session Minutes
September 10, 2009

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Dave Haring at 1:15 pm. Present were: Terry Doak, Sean Christensen, Jerry Hauw, Gene Wasia, Chance Warne, Jim Parker, Jack Skinner, Tom Newell, Jim Fluhr, Dave Rants, Tim Wick, Laura Johnson, Mark Harrison, Dustin Spomer, Mark Hines, Tom Middendorp, Jeremy Gilb, Bill Poole, Rich Patton, John Stopka, and Tim Reid.
2. Approve Minutes of January 30th, 2009 – Motion by Jim Parker, seconded by John Stopka to approve the WAOA Board minutes for January 2009. Motion carried.
3. Finance Report (January – August, 2009) – Exhibit A. Motion by Jack Skinner and seconded by Bob Hooper to approve the finance report. Motion carried.
4. Membership Report – Chance Warne reported for Glenn Januska. Things are going well, should be easier to obtain membership dues with the use of the new WAOA website.
5. Legislative Agenda – Dave Haring reported the FAA Spending Bill has been passed in the House, and is heading to the Senate. The proposed bill will increase the PFC cap, and deal with new ARFF rules. There is also a provision to waive the 10,000 min enplanement requirement for entitlement monies. This would be a temporary waiver for 2008 and 2009 due to financial hardship.

In August Dave attended the Selective Air Service Committee in Jackson Hole, WY and gave a briefing about WAOA. Those in attendance were very complimentary. Dave would like to see more airports getting more involved with the Legislature.

Jay Lundell asked about the frequency of the Legislative Conference. He would like to limit it to the budget sessions only, especially since there is a strain on his and other airport staffs due to the harsh weather and snow removal demands. Dave commented it is possible, but he would prefer to continue holding the conference annually in order to be more effective. Also, he requested more GA participation. Jay asked about how the consultants feel about meeting annually for this conference. Gene responded they are here to support the organization and to follow WAOA. Dave Filtner added there should be an interim type committee to bring these issues before the board before the session, and the organization needs a policy sheet. Dave Haring stated historically, the organization is historically oriented and typically the organization will issue a white paper or letter concerning an issue. The challenge is not the same for GA. Dave Filtner

asked Dave Haring if the organization will be willing to set up a committee for issue pertinent to GA. Dave Haring thinks this is a great idea, just need GA rep to step up to the task. As for the legislative session, WAOA needs to get airport managers to meet with the legislators frequently to forge good relationships with them. Dave Filtner mentioned the need of a voice for GA, but to go to each Legislative session would be too expensive and unnecessary. Dave Haring rebutted the legislators would love to hear from the GA community. Gene Murphy agrees. Chance Warne added this technique has been affective with the legislature, but the organization needs GA participation whether it is talking to the representatives or through other media. Dave Filtner brought up there is a possibility of a tax increase on GA through fuel and other means, and this organization needs to be proactive especially since GA is a major target. Dave Haring asked Mr. Filtner if he had any thoughts on how to comprise a committee for GA. Dustin Spensor suggested a committee for both GA and 139 airports that would organize a position paper for the members to use whenever heading to meet a legislator. Once again, Dave Haring thinks this is a good idea, but the organization needs GA participation. Dave Filtner asked how the organization can solicit information. Dustin suggested the committee should meet regularly, and that the travel and room expense be paid for by WAOA. Dave Haring agrees. Jay Lundell stated WAOA is effective when it comes to legislation, but the organization needs grass roots efforts when it comes to GA. We can do better but we need representation from the GA community.

Jim Parker asked Sean Christensen if he would be willing to participate with the GA effort. Sean responded absolutely. Gene Murphy also would support the effort. Dustin Spomer commented there is a lot of apathy in the GA ranks. Maybe use alternative technology to assist with this goal such as teleconferencing. Jim Parker added maybe a consultant on the committee be the information disseminators from the conferences they attend. Dustin commented he was concerned about the idea of “chasing the money” impression given by consultants performing those duties. Jim Parker clarifies the consultant is only responsible for spreading information. Dave Haring mentioned the group needs to keep moving. At least try emailing each other, and try leaning on the GA reps for support.

6. Discussion on the Opposition to US Bank...Computer Chip Upgrade – Dave Filtner brought this to the attention of the Board and WAOA General Assembly (Exhibit C). US Bank purchased Air Petro, and there is a backlash across the US. He is asking WAOA to support asking US Bank to stop this effort. The bank bought Air Petro as a revenue generator, and they should not pass on the cost of upgrading the hardware of the self serve fuel pumps to the customer. He is asking WAOA to consider a resolution of support.

Leah Henderson asked Mr. Filtner if his airport had an agreement in place that covered the cost of upgrades. Dave Filtner did not know. Dave Haring added passing on the cost to end users is a common practice by airports, including tax, equipment, and energy surcharges. Jim Parker mentioned his airport had to do the upgrade due to a new requirement to take off the credit card numbers that were printed on the receipt. All end users pay for the safety feature. Dave Haring asked how frequently these updates occur. Jay Lundell responded this is their first one. Dave Haring asked if the upgrade was bought outright. Dave Filtner was unsure. Jay Lundell asked Dave Filtner who paid for it. Dave Filtner the cost would be passed on, but the chip has only been billed to the airport. He also added passing on the charges is not ethical. John Stopka asked if this is the first upgrade to the system. Dave Filtner said it was the first within the 5 years they have owned the system. Dave Haring asked if there was any talk to raise the cost of fuel. Dave Filtner responded no. Jim Parker asked if this were a government requirement. John Stopka also asked if the changes were a requirement put in place by a government entity. Dave Haring added this is a common practice by airports, and as so, he cannot support any position against the practice. John Stopka added his airport does the same, and this is the cost of doing business.

Dave Haring asked for a motion. No motion was granted, no action was taken.

7. Election of WAOA Officers and Board Members – Chance Warne, John Stopka, Jack Skinner, all members of the nomination committee, offered the following officer slate:
 - a. President: John Stopka
 - b. Vice President: Glenn Januska
 - c. Sec. Treasurer: Tim Reid
 - d. Commercial Airport Rep 1: Jack Skinner
 - e. Commercial Airport Rep 2: Bob Hooper
 - f. GA Rep 1: Sean Christensen
 - g. GA Rep 2: OPEN
 - h. Corporate Rep: Gene Murphy

Jay Lundell asked which positions were open for nominations. Dave Haring pointed out all positions are open for nominations from the floor, but GA Rep 2 is totally open.

Dave asked there are any nominations from the floor:

Dustin Spensor nominated by Rick Patton to be the corporate rep.

A question was raised regarding this recommendation. Corporate members are ineligible to nominate someone for a board position. Jim Parker nominated Dustin, and David Rantz seconded the motion.

David Rants nominated Jim Parker to fill the open GA rep position. John Stopka seconded the motion.

A written ballot was served to vote on the corporate representative position. Results will be announced tomorrow during the lunch ceremony.

8. Financial Audit Report – John Stopka, Paul Griffin, and Jim Parker were tasked to provide the audit, and John presented the findings. John listed documents that were used to audit the organization including statements from First Interstate Bank, First National Bank check details, invoice statements, cost balances, deposits, and surveys. A letter from the members of the Audit Committee is attached (Exhibit D). The committee agrees the secretary/treasurer was doing an excellent job, along with the organization.

Bob Hooper moves to approve the Financial Audit Report. The motion was seconded by John Stopka. Motion carries.

9. Selection of Fall WAOA Conference Location – Dave Haring received 2 proposals from the RFP: Afton and Casper, however he knew of other towns that were interested. Afton applied for conferences during 2011 and 2012, but not for 2010. 85% of all rooms in Afton would be occupied by the event, and the organization would need to work to negotiate a fixed rate. Will require more work to get this meeting in Afton.

Dave Haring brought up next year's location was motioned several years ago by this organization to be held in Saratoga (according to a motion set in place over 3 years ago, WAOA agreed to hold the Fall event every 3 years in Saratoga). Dave feels the organization is outgrowing Old Balde Club, and would like to see a motion on holding off Saratoga every three years, but this would require action by the General Membership to reverse the previous action. There is only one other proposal for the fall of 2010, and that was Casper. Casper can meet the requirements recommended, but would prefer a GA community. However to use a GA community would require the assembly of a committee to evaluate the community to insure the community could hold such an event. Jim Parker asked if we needed a motion to undo the motion. Dave Haring affirmed.

Jim Parker moved to remove Saratoga as the conference location every 3 years. Jack Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carries.

10. Website Redesign – Chance Warne for Glenn Januska. The new website will require members to login, and will have added features such as a template form for several items including leases and rules and regulations.

11. Scholarship and Educational Assistance – Jay Lundell. The Board has issued 4 scholarships, \$1,000 left in the line item for the remainder of the year. The new website is planned to have an application on it, which will be forwarded to the board for recommendations. An item the committee is working on right now is what is considered eligible coursework and what is not. Looking at formulating conference assistance applications.

12. Proposed Bylaw Change (Organizational Purpose) – Chance Warne for Glenn Januska. The change would be to Section 1.2, Para. 1.2.1 and would remove “unified”, “all” from the paragraph, while adding “of interest or concern of the membership;” (Exhibit B). Dave Filtner asked if the purpose of the organization is to serve owners and operators, but does that include GA? After several comments in the meeting the general consensus is this statement is for all airports and is all inclusive.

Sean Christensen moved to approve the amendment, John Stopka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment. Dave Haring asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Parker moved to adjourn the meeting and John Stopka seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.