

Wyoming Airport Operators Association
General Membership Meeting
Douglas, Wyoming
May 7th, 2004

Call to Order:

8:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Jay Lundell motioned to approve the minutes from the Cody, Wyoming general membership meeting. Chance Warne seconded the motion. Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Haring stated that there had been \$5,464 in revenue since the last treasurer's report. Over the same time period, there had been \$11,673.40 in expenses. The money market account earned \$70.80 over the same time period. As of March 31st, 2004, WAOA had a cash account balance of \$21,252.37 and a money market balance of \$40,384.60. In Cody, assets totaled \$58,028.06 and totaled \$61,636.97 for a net change of \$3,608.91. Dave indicated that due to the change in membership drive procedures, significant differences in revenues are to be expected in the off years.

The next treasurer's report will include a more extensive breakdown of accounts and conferences.

OLD BUSINESS

2004 Meeting Schedule

Dan Mann explained that the dates for the Saratoga conference have changed to September 22 – 24, 2004. WAOA is currently waiting for information from Old Baldy regarding conference costs. Most of the conference will be held at Old Baldy with additional rooms available at other hotels. Old Baldy is going to allow WAOA to utilize their full facilities including golfing and fishing facilities.

Legislative Update

Dan Mann presented the following issues for the legislative update:

- 1) Title 10 revisions
 - a. The process of correcting Title 10 began about 2 years ago, but several items still need addressed. The new Air Carrier representative from WAOA will serve as a liaison with WYDOT to aid in the update.
- 2) State Loan and Investment Board Loan Program
 - a. Existing interest rate is too high
 - b. WAOA will work and try to bring the rate to a more reasonable level
- 3) House Bill 60 – Air Service Enhancement
 - a. Dan stated that due to their expertise in dealing with aviation entities, coupled with the Business Council's desire not to deal with it, WYDOT Aeronautics should be the body designated to make the decisions on fund allocation for Air Service enhancement.

From the Floor:

Jerry Delano stated that the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission is continuing their lobbying efforts on behalf of Wyoming's airports.

Both Dan Mann and Gary Valentine expressed WAOA's appreciation for the Aeronautics Commission's efforts when it comes to contact with the legislature.

NEW BUSINESS

WYDOT Economic Benefits Study

Gary Michoud provided a summary of WYDOT's Economic Benefits Study. Wydot will be making a poster to hang in airports. The Study provides a variety of impacts at each airport as well as operational statistics. Copies of the study are available through WYDOT.

Meeting Structure Change

Dan Mann expressed his desire to have the general membership of WAOA consider a meeting structure change from semi-annual meetings to 1 annual conference and 1 legislative conference. The annual conference would continue to rotate throughout Wyoming while the legislative conference would be held in Cheyenne during the first or second week of the legislative session. The conference is envisioned as having a similar agenda in the morning to a normal conference while allowing time in the afternoon for Airport's to meet with their legislative representatives.

Gary Valentine stated that he liked the idea and would like to see the conference scheduled in a timely manner so that we are not disrupting issues during the session. Having the conference in the beginning of the sessions seems to solve this problem. Gary also requested that the conference be structured in such a way to allow members to attend the legislative session and provide speakers that are pertinent to the legislative action.

Dan Mann explained that one of the challenges in the past is that membership of WAOA has difficulties in getting time to attend 3 or 4 annual meetings. This conference alleviates that problem by limiting conferences to two and providing access to the legislative effort.

WAOA will try to schedule a block of rooms and have information available in Saratoga.

Contribution to Greg Isbill Foundation

The Northwest Chapter of AAAE has requested that WAOA contribute to the Isbill Foundation. Greg Isbill did a great deal for Wyoming and aviation in general and NWAAAE is asking state organizations to contribute to his foundation. As a reference, the Colorado Airports have discussed a contribution of \$15,000. The Isbill Foundation specifically aids families of Accredited members of AAAE, of which there are none in the State of Wyoming. At the Board meeting of WAOA, it was mentioned that WAOA currently has a continuing education program for its members funded at \$4,000 per budget cycle. One possibility would be to fund WAOA's program at \$15,000 per budget cycle in the name of Greg Isbill so that it continues to benefit members of WAOA. The WAOA program aids members of WAOA in attending conferences for AAAE and the FAA as well as providing college tuition assistance.

Gary Valentine concurred that the money should stay within Wyoming to benefit its members. Ed Storer commented that Greg Isbill started the education program and was very supportive of providing education assistance for Airport Managers and their families. He liked the idea of renaming the continuing education fund.

Dan Mann stated that he would talk to Isbill's family to insure that they support the idea of the renaming. Dan also stated that he would budget \$10,000 in the next budget cycle.

Contribution to the renaming of the Cheyenne Airport

Dave Haring stated that the Airport Board in Cheyenne has been searching for an appropriate symbol of what Jerry did for the Cheyenne Airport. In July, the Cheyenne Airport Board will officially rename the Airport in his honor. The new name of the Airfield will be Cheyenne Regional Airport: Jerry Olson Field. As part of this process, the Airport has contacted all of the organizations that Jerry was associated with and given them the opportunity to participate in the process through contributions towards new airport signage. The cost of the two signs is approximately \$40,000. Thus far, the Cheyenne Airport has received commitments for 1/3 of the total cost from the City of Cheyenne. Cheyenne would like WAOA to consider a donation of approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000. This equates to approximately 10 – 13 percent of the total cost.

Bill Urbigkit made a motion to contribute 10% of the total signage cost not to exceed \$4,000. Gary Valentine seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Dan Mann stated that both Jerry Olson and Greg Isbill did a great deal for WAOA and it is great to be able to give something back in their honor.

Board Member Elections

The following individuals were elected to the WAOA Board of Directors:

- Air Carrier Airport: Scott Hinderman, Cheyenne Airport
- G.A. Airport: Charles VanSlyke, Afton Airport
- G.A. Airport: Clarence Vranish, Evanston Airport
- Corporate: Gene Murphy, Washington Group International

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

Dan Mann, President

Date

David Haring, Sec/Tres.

Date