

Wyoming Airport Operators Association
General Membership Meeting
Saratoga, Wyoming
September 24th, 2004

Call to Order:

10:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Valentine motioned to approve the minutes from the Douglas, Wyoming general membership meeting. George Larson seconded the motion. Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Haring, Treasurer explained the report. Dave advised for the period April 1, 2004 through August 31, 2004, the revenue totaled \$20,200.00. Expenses for the same period totaled \$17,789.49 Total earnings for the money market account from April 1, 2004 through August 31, 2004 were \$59.30. WAOA's cash account balance as of August 31, 2004 was \$23,992.62. The money market account balance was \$40,443.90. Total cash assets as of the last treasurer's report through March 31st, 2004 were \$61,636.97. Total cash assets as of August 31st, 2004 were \$64,436.52. That represents a net change of \$2,799.55. Dave also presented a summary report to the Board providing a greater detail of WAOA's cash flow.

Chance Warne made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Scott Hinderman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2005 Meeting Schedule

- A) The next conference will be the 1st Annual Legislative Conference and will be held in Cheyenne, WY at the Plains Hotel on January 19th – 21st. Twenty rooms are being held on Tuesday the 18th and 70 rooms are being held on both the 19th and the 20th. The rooms will only be held through the 18th of a December. Cost of the rooms is \$65 for a standard room and \$72 for a parlor. Dan pointed out that the downtown location of the Plains provides easy access to all necessary amenities such as restaurants, the capital, etc.. Dan also pointed out that while there are some bills on the legislative agenda that WAOA will have an interest in, the primary purpose of this conference is to make the legislature aware that WAOA still does have a presence within the legislative process.
- B) The Fall meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in Gillette. (Date TBD).

Legislative Update

Dan Mann presented the following issues for the legislative update:

- 1) State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) Loan Program

- a. Presently, SLIB has a loan program that is funded but not utilized due to the fact that the interest rate is not a market rate. WAOA would like to convince legislatures to put in a rate that is more competitive to allow airports to seek funding for programs that are not fundable by other streams such as fuel farms, hangars, etc.
- 2) Transportation Enterprise Fund (TEF)
 - a. Historically, Airports throughout the state have not been successful in obtaining TEF funds. WAOA is going to talk to Legislatures to determine the best way to address this problem.
- 3) Title X Revisions – Scott Hinderman
 - a. A committee was created at the Douglas meeting to participate in the re-codification of Title X. The committee is recommending the following changes:
 - i. Striking all references to aerial hunting
 - ii. Striking language addressing the reevaluation of the Aeronautics Commission (Old Commission)
 - iii. Removing debt limit based on population
 - iv. Striking of language pertaining to fines levied as a result of violating certain aviation activities

Isbill Continuing Education Assistance Fund

Dan Mann reminded the membership that at the Douglas meeting, it was decided by the membership that the most appropriate means to honor Greg Isbill while still benefiting the members of WAOS would be to rename the Continuing Education Fund in his honor and fund at a level of \$10,000. The fund can be used, up to \$500.00 for conferences, college tuition, accreditation expenditures, etc.. Applications will be made available to all WAOA members who would like them. Approximately \$2,000 has been spent out of the fund since the Douglas meeting.

From the Floor:

No comments were made

NEW BUSINESS

Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status

Dan Mann pointed out that upon review of the WAOA records, Dave Haring discovered that WAOA was not a tax exempt organization and one of the primary reasons for that was the fact that we were not incorporated in the State of Wyoming. Dan had the Natrona County International Airport go through the process of both incorporating with the State of Wyoming and filing for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. At this time, WAOA is incorporated but are still waiting for the results of our tax exempt filing.

Membership Drive

Dave Haring indicated that the 2005/2006 membership drive will begin in November or December. One of the major changes for this drive includes the clarification of member status and the addition of “blank” memberships. In the past, the assumption has been that a paid membership to WAOA by an Airport, Town or Corporation permits the entity to send as many individuals to the conferences as they want at member rates. This was not the intent of the fee structure. In consideration of the confusion, further explanations

have been added to the membership application and a “blank” membership option has been included. The blank membership is ideal for entities that send multiple individuals to conferences, but don’t always send the same individuals. Costs are the same as the last drive. Spaces in the membership directory will be allocated based on the number of paid memberships that each entity purchases.

Nominations/Elections

Dave Haring stated that there will be several positions up for election at the Legislative Conference in January. Those positions are:

- 1 Air Carrier Airport
- 1 General Aviation Airport
- Secretary/Treasurer

From the Floor

George Larson expressed his appreciation to the work that Dan, Chance and Dave did in planning the Saratoga conference. George presented for the consideration of the membership the thought that WAOA look at returning to Saratoga and the Old Baldy Club on an every other year basis due to its great location and availability of recreational opportunities. Scott Hinderman indicated that he would love to see the Old Baldy Club in some sort of rotation but would hate to see it every year since one of the benefits of rotating the conferences is the ability for WAOA members to see areas of the State that they would not go to on a normal basis. Scott also indicated that he would like to see the Aeronautics Division or the sponsoring Airport organize a tour of the local Airport during the conferences. Dan indicated that a questionnaire would be sent out via email to the membership to get a sense of what their opinion was on the rotation of the Old Baldy Club. Dan Mann stated the he felt it was worth consideration and would love to come back. Kim Lorenzen thanked the Old Baldy staff for the work that they did during the conference.

Adjournment

Hugh Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Chance Warne seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Dan Mann, President

Date

David Haring, Sec/Tres.

Date