

Wyoming Airport Operators Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Call to Order:**

3:31 P.M.

**Board Members in Attendance**

Dan Mann, Chance Warne, Dave Haring, Scott Hinderman, Charles VanSlyke, Gary Valentine, Gene Murphy and Jay Lundell

**Approval of Minutes From Douglas**

Gary Valentine motioned to approve minutes from Saratoga. Chance Warne seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dave Haring, Treasurer explained the report. Dave advised for the period September 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 the revenue totaled \$17,185.00. Expenses for the same period totaled \$24,020.71. Total earning for the money market account for the same period were \$65.78. WAOA cash account balance as of December 31, 2004 was \$16,656.91. Total cash assets on the previous treasurers report were \$64,436.52. Total cash assets as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 were \$57,166.59. This represents a net loss of \$7,269.93. Jay Lundell motioned to approve the treasurers report. Chance Warne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Conference Schedule**

The Fall of 2005 conference will be held in Gillette, WY. While dates are unknown at this time, it is anticipated that the conference will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in September.

**Legislative Update**

- A) House Bill 24 – Sales Tax Exemptions
  - a. WAOA has not had a chance to review
  - b. Attempts to clean up existing language so that the sale of non commercial aircraft is taxable.
  - c. Additionally addresses the exemption of FAA repair stations
  - d. Presently, there are approximately 6 certified repair stations in Wyoming and the process for becoming certified can be time consuming and costly.
- B) House Bill 6 – Transportation Enterprise Fund
  - a. Attempts to remove airports from consideration of Transportation Enterprise Funds
  - b. It is anticipated that HB 6 will die in committee

- C) House Bill 53 – Air Service Enhancement
  - a. It is anticipated that the \$3,000,000 will be appropriated to the Air Service Enhancement funds
  - b. Administration of the funds will be switched from the Business Council to WYDOT.
  - c. There has been some question regarding the cost and use of administration fees.
  - d. WYDOT has explained that the fees will be used for both personnel and database maintenance.
- D) House Bill 166
  - a. The State has \$4,000,000 in loan funding available to airports through the Federal Mineral Royalties Fund
  - b. Program is not used due to the high interest rate
  - c. Pete Illoway took it on himself to increase this amount to \$10,000,000 and attempt to lower the rate to the same rate that the Federal Mineral Royalties fund earns.
- E) Senate File 6 – Civil Air Patrol
  - a. Changes the horsepower of the aircraft that can be utilized by the Civil Air Patrol.
- F) Title X Modifications
  - a. The bill does not have a number yet and, thus, had not been reviewed by WAOA.
  - b. The bill will seek to clean up language in Title X and, among other changes, will remove the statutory debt limit requirement.

### **Website/Newsletter Update**

Dan Mann indicated that while he did publish one newsletter during his two years as President, it was not enough to accomplish the overall objective of a newsletter. The Northwest Chapter of AAAE puts out a brief newsletter monthly and it is very effective. Additionally, WAOA should seek to publish a comprehensive website complete with access to bylaws, membership directories, etc. Mike Becker agreed to take the lead in the development of both the newsletter and the website.

### **Old Baldy Club Rotation**

WAOA received a great deal of positive feedback from the conference at the Old Baldy Club. Survey results sent out prior to the Cheyenne meeting indicated that many people would like to see the Old Baldy Club on a more regular rotation. Most commented that this rotation should be every 2-3 years. While no definite decision will be made until, most likely, the Gillette general membership meeting, it is anticipated that the next Old Baldy Club visit will be in the Fall of 2007.

### **From the Floor:**

There were no comments from the floor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consideration of Membership Fee for Wyoming Aeronautics Commission**

Dan Mann gave a brief background on this issue by stating that WAOA changed the structure of the conference fees two years ago when they went to a 2 year membership drive. Prior to that time, all conference attendees were charged the same rate and it took away the incentive for people to be members. WAOA is making it a point to charge appropriately at conference to give the right message to those who choose to pay membership dues. Shelly Reams pointed out that prior to taking over at Aeronautics, both WYDOT staff and commissioners would attend WAOA conferences and never pay any more than member rates. In order to encourage more participation, Shelly allowed Aeronautics to become a member. She also stated that WYDOT has no other organizations where they pay for each individual member to attend, specifically, AAAE. It would be inappropriate for the Aeronautics Commissioners to become members of WAOA. Ideally, Shelly indicated that she would like to pay the corporate rate and bring as many people as she would like. Dave stated that it does not pose a problem at normal conferences, but at exceptional conferences, such as Saratoga, it can be problematic from a financial perspective. Despite this, the core issue is more of a procedural and systematic issue than a fiscal one. Dan Mann stated that the WAOA board would work to come up with an answer that made sense for both parties since there is obviously a mutual benefit to the interaction between WAOA and WYDOT at conferences.

### **Membership Drive Update**

Dave stated that the membership drive is going well. Most people seem to understand the detailed explanation of the fee structure and those who have questions have been great about calling. Approximately 85 members have already paid.

### **Bylaw Revisions**

Dan Mann explained that he asked for By Law revisions for several reasons. First, the by laws should be included on each agenda so as to not let them become outdated. Second, a question has been raised regarding the 1 airport/1 vote rule. Specifically, the question has been raised on how this rule is interpreted when two members from the same airport the Board of Directors. After a bit of discussion, it was decided that language would be inserted in the bylaws maintaining the 1 airport/1 vote rule for general membership meetings, but allowing for multiple airport votes in Board meetings if it so applies.

### **Nominations/Elections**

Dave stated that there are 3 positions up for election. Those positions are: 1 Air Carrier Representative, 1 General Aviation Representative and the Secretary/Treasurer position. These positions are in addition to the normal rotation of Past President, President and Vice President. After some discussion

regarding those with interest in the position, it was decided that the slate proposed by the Board of Directors would include John Stopka as the Air Carrier Rep. And Mike Becker as the Secretary/Treasurer. The GA rep. Had no interest and it is anticipated that those interested will step forth at the General Membership meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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**Dan Mann, President**

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**Date**

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**David Haring, Secretary/Treas.**

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