

Wyoming Airport Operators Association

General Membership Meeting

Friday, September 22, 2017

Afton Civic Center - Afton WY

Attendees:

Paul Griffin, Debbie Weckler, John Stopka, Bob Hooper, Todd Chatfield, Jay Lundell, Devon Brubaker, Rick Sessions, Jim Parker, Warren Hendrickson, Jim Elwood, Dustin Havel, Vince Tomassi, Glenn Januska, Holden Wright, Wesley Hanson, Bruce Ransom, Bob Adrian, Chuck Kellerman, Sheri Taylor, Christy Yaffa, Cheryl Porter, Shawn Burke, A.J. Schutzman, Brian Olsen, Bill DeVore, Amy Surdam, Gretchen Eichstadt, John Newton, Chuck Brown, Jack Skinner, Andy Remstad, Bill Panos, Bruce McCormack

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Jay Lundell called the meeting to order @ 7:54 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Paul Griffin – distributed copies of the minutes and a motion was made by Jim Elwood, seconded by Glenn Januska to approve the September 16, 2016 WAOA General Membership meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Membership dues 2017/2018** – Jack Skinner

Jack updated the board on membership renewals and asked that if you know of any airport or Corp. Member, on the list that has not renewed as of yet to please reach out to remind and encourage them to renew.

4. **Cheyenne Fall Conference/Financial Reports** – Jack Skinner

Jack Skinner presented the Financial Report and said that the financial statement will be coming the end of September. Jack will get it to Glenn for posting on the web page.

For 2017/2018 we increased our line item for the continuing education fund. We budgeted \$3,000 and have used somewhere around \$1,000 so far, but our physical year is on a calendar year basis and there is still plenty of time. We had increased the line item to somewhere around \$1,790 as more people were wanting to use this.

Jay Lundell asked for a motion to approve the Cheyenne Fall Conference/Financial Report. Motion made by Glenn Januska, seconded by John Stopka. Motion carried.

5. 2018 Legislative Session Update – John Stopka

The Budget session will start the second week of February. John will put together a calendar for this next year and people can sign up for time slots during the four-week short session. We will need two people per week since we did not renew Pete Illoways contract. John emphasized that we need all members to step up so our voice is heard. Jack Skinner added that WAOA does reimburse you for your expenses during that time.

John Stopka announced that our 2018 Legislative Reception will be at Little America on February 21, 2018 and he will get the information out at a later date.

6. WAOA web-site and logo update – Glenn Januska

Glenn stated that the WAOA website was last updated nine years ago. The content is up to date, but the look of the site has not been updated. At the board meeting a decision was made to put out a survey to all members in October as to what should we keep, change, update, add or delete from the site. Glenn noted that NWAAAE had just updated their logo and it may be time to look at potentially updating ours also. The board had decided that this will be a part of the survey as well. Glenn will bring the results of the survey back to the board to decide if it is something that needs to be budgeted and moved forward on or not.

12. Fall Conference 2018 in Rock Springs – Devon Brubaker

Devon expressed Rock Springs's excitement about hosting next year's conference. We are working around other events and trying to lock down a date so that the state and everyone can attend this event. The dates as of now look to be either, September 12th, 13th, 14th, or September 19th, 20th 21st. Once Devon talks to State Aeronautics he will lock down a date and send out an email to everyone so that you can get it on your calendar. This year's theme will be Economic Development and Diversification and how airports play into that.

13. Fall Conference 2019 – Jay Lundell

Jay said that the board will put out a solicitation letter that will go out to all airports to see if there is any interest in applying to host one of the next two years Conferences. Glenn will send this letter out to all airports.

14. General Discussion – Board Members

A. Warren Hendrickson, this regions AOPA representative talked about ATC Privatization and asked for WAOA and the Wyoming airports to support AOPA's petition to not privatize ATC.

Bob Hooper made a motion to sign on with AOPA to not support the privatization of ATC, seconded by Jack Skinner.

Discussion, Glenn Januska, said he did not want to take any action at this time so we don't upset any airline partners and wanted to wait it out and see. Jim Elwood, said that with a six-month extension of the FAA bill that is being introduced today, WAOA needed to wait and see, but feels it's in the best interest of the individual airports to voice their opinions. Jim Parker, spoke in support for GA airports after their roundtable discussion as to the smaller private pilot couldn't afford to fly under the new proposed system.

Jay Lundell called for the Question, it has been moved and seconded, yeas - 8 and nays - 5, The yeas have it, Motion carried.

B. Bob Hooper stated that we should give Sierra Mitchell the host at this year's Afton conference \$200.00 for doing such a great job. Devon Brubaker made the motion to give Sierra Mitchell a \$500.00 gratuity for all of her hard work and it was seconded by Rick Sessions, motion carried.

C. WYDOT Director, Bill Panos spoke to the general membership about the future of Wyoming Air Service. He touched on EAS and how it looked like it will hold for now. Director Panos talked about the 10K enplanement extension again this year and the growing pilot shortage. Director Panos went on to state that his staff has been working on some concepts with a capacity purchase model and a business model that the University of Wyoming and others have run for the state, and a draft will follow soon.

15. Adjourn – Jay Lundell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Skinner, Motion carried and was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.