

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 28, 2010
Montgomery, Alabama

Present

Fred Sington
Ray Miller
Phil Perry
Menzo Driskell
Terry Capps
Kent Kelly
Art Morris
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent

Roosevelt Lewis
Bill Hutto
Wayne Cameron
Russ Kilgore
Buzz Sawyer

Also present was: Alan Thames.

President Fred Sington called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

Ray Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Phil Perry. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Terry Capps. A motion was made by Ray Miller and seconded by Menzo Driskell to approve the report as submitted. The motion carried.

Old Business

Legislative Committee Report

Fred Sington commented that funding for the Aeronautics Department was taken out of the last proposed bill but there is a good chance to get it in a bill next year. Charlie McDonald sent two pending bills to the ACA from the cellular industry for review. Neither bill made it through the session. President Sington pointed out that Mr. McDonald sent the bill to us for review out of the kindness of his heart and that it might be a good idea to have someone in Montgomery to review pending legislation and alert the ACA on any potential conflicts with airports or aviation.

Aviation Directory Report

Stephanie Blankenship reported that Fred, Terry and Phil did an outstanding job working on their assigned updates for the directory. Ms. Blankenship is currently waiting on board members to send in updated information for the directory

Statewide Aviation Impact Forum

Stephanie Blankenship reported that a video is being produced. An attempt is being made to get the Governor to issue a proclamation to make September the State Aviation Month.

New Business

Menzo Driskell reported that Walker Sorrell, with Business Alabama, expressed interest in doing a story on the Aviation Council.

ALDOT

There was no report from ALDOT this month.

President's Report

President Singleton reported that the Financial Expansion Committee will probably meet in May or June to produce some short term and long term plans to enhance revenue for the Council.

Executive Director's Report

Stephanie Blankenship reported that she attended the AAE-SEC meeting in Memphis and managed to pick up a new sponsor and exhibitor for the ACA conference.

Membership update – A few members have been slow in renewing memberships but a few brand new members have joined.

ACA Conference – There was a brief discussion of the agenda and proposed events. The Alabama Aviation hall of Fame has decided to not combine their awards ceremony with our conference banquet. The Conference Committee is scheduled to meet on May 19th.

Sponsorships – Ms. Blankenship reported that we still need a large sponsor for the banquet. There was a discussion of businesses that may possibly be willing to sponsor the event. There is a total of \$40,000 worth of sponsorships available. There was a brief discussion of the specific contents of the conference packages that will be given to each conference attendee.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16th in Montgomery.

Ray Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Menzo Driskell seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.



Art Morris III
Secretary