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**Aviation Council of Alabama
General Membership Meeting
Birmingham, Alabama
August 15, 2007**

The monthly Board Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met in session on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery Airport, Montgomery, Alabama. Those board members present were:

Present:

- Russ Kilgore- President
- Rick Tucker – Vice President
- Fred Sington- Secretary
- Art Morris- Treasurer
- Kent Kelly
- Terry Capps
- Wayne Cameron
- Buzz Sawyer
- Phil Perry
- Stephanie Blankenship

Absent:

- Menzo Driskell
- Ro Lewis
- Bill Hutto
- Ray Miller

President Russ Kilgore called the meeting to order then presented the July minutes for review and approval by the Board. Upon motion by Board Member Terry Capps, seconded by Buzz Sawyer, the motion for approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

President Kilgore called on Art Morris for the Treasurer's Report and on a motion by Fred Sington and seconded by Rick Tucker the motion was passed unanimously. Art reported that after doing some investigating that he was going to leave the money at Regions Bank because they had come up with a good plan for us. Right now the best deal for the Council is a seven month CD, which pays 5% annually by Regions. On a motion by Rick Tucker, seconded by Phil Perry it was agreed we would get (4) \$5,000, seven month CD's at Regions. There was also a motion by Fred Sington, seconded by Kent Kelly that the previous motion passed to move to Wachovia be annulled and it was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Stephanie gave an update on the 2008 Conference, which will be held in Huntsville, Alabama. The Embassy Suites and the Holiday Inn will be the two motels used as they close to the Vaun Braun Center and the South Hall. She announced about our meeting of the Conference Committee, some of the things that we had brought up as far as what types of sessions we would have, as any arrangements made for the exhibitors to show so

that and make sure everybody has a chance to visit with the exhibitors. The pricing package was approved on a motion by Fred Sington, seconded by Rick Tucker. Stephanie also talked about sponsorships and who would be approached for sponsorships and who would do the approaching. It looks like the 2008 Conference is moving along very nicely.

Stephanie talked about our 2009 Conference. The two sites being considered were Mobile and Auburn. We would go to Mobile if they decided to become an active member of the Council. She told us she had been in contact with the Mobile airport and the various people in charge there and it looks like they might come on board. If they do, Stephanie has already started getting information from Hotels in Mobile as to rates.

She also reported that she had received some information from the ACE USA Insurance Company with whom we talked concerning various types of insurance programs. They were unable to come up with the complete program that the council would be able to sponsor for its members. It was suggested that we continue to look. Fred Sington was authorized to approach a company in Birmingham to see if they might be able to accommodate the Council. One possibility is to begin with a workers comp. program and see how it is received. After some discussion, Fred said he would approach the company and give a report in the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

We have our Fall Workshop coming up Wednesday, November 7th, 2007 from 10:00-3:00 (location to be announced). Some of the subjects will be the AARFF legislation, the fire Unions program and AAAE. There were some other things that needed to be brought up at the meeting and Russ and Rick both suggested that we tackle about the height legislation and give certain suggestions to our membership as to what we proposed. When we have our September meeting in Andalusia, we will inform Seth Hammett of our height legislation, what the Alabama Power Company has proposed and the agreement of the cell phone companies. A list will be composed of questions we will use in September.

After some discussion the Council decided to give Stephanie the guaranty to buy a scanner/copier/fax machine at the amount of \$375.00. She would purchase that equipment for use by our headquarters, which is in Headland at Stephanie's airport.

A general discussion about the Federal Legislative and this year in Washington, D.C.. After some discussion about legislation, it was asked that everyone get in touch with their Congressman as to the importance of nullifying the Firefighter Union suggestion as to firehouses at airports and the mandatory use and need for them.

The next meeting will be on September 19, 2007 in Andalusia, Alabama. Seth Hammett, Speaker of the House will be a guest at the meeting

At this time it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

