

**ACA Board Meeting**  
**October 17, 2012**  
**10:00 a.m. at Montgomery Regional Airport**  
**Minutes**

Members Present:   Stephanie Blankenship           Russ Kilgore           Ray Miller  
                          Dr. Wayne Cameron           Dr. William Hutto       Phil Perry  
                          Art Morris III           Jerry Cofield           Menzo Driskell  
                          Fred Sington           Jed Blackwell           Bobby Odom  
                          Rick Tucker           Ken Gilbert           Nikki Jordan  
                          Col. Roosevelt J. Lewis

Members Absent:   Bill Sisson, Kevin Vandenberg

Guest:            Jim Dover – FAA FAAS Team Representative

Dr. Cameron called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Board Members by asking them to tell about their aviation background and how they came to be in their present position. New Board Members are:

- Bobby Odom, Volkert
- Nikki Jordan, Bessemer Airport
- Ken Gilbert, Neel Schafer
- Jed Blackwell, Southeast Alabama Regional

Dr. Cameron then asks all other Board Members to introduce themselves to the new members identifying their positions/jobs.

Jerry Cofield introduced his guest Mr. Jim Dover, Representative, FAA FAAS Team who is assisting Albertville Regional with the promotion of the Aviation College there.

Minutes

Stephanie advised that the minutes from the previous meeting held at the Convention were not available and requested to dispense of their approval until the next meeting. They will be typed up and emailed to the Board Members prior to that meeting.

Financial Report

Art Morris, Treasurer, reviewed the treasurer's report as presented to the members. Stephanie gave a report on the Conference results as follows:

Conference Income.....\$69,590.00  
Conference Expense.....\$52,453.17  
Profit on Conference.....\$17,136.83

Stephanie also reviewed the 2012-2013 budget for the Board.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Col. Roosevelt Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Sington, the vote was approved unanimous.

#### Legislative Report

Rick Tucker reported they are waiting on a committee report on the distribution of fuel tax funds. Rick also mentioned that airports and FBO's may need an "Aviation Fuel Purchasers License" from the State Department of Revenue to deduct the proper fuel tax amounts from purchases. Those new taxes were effective Oct 1 (.095 per gallon for Aviation fuel and .035 for jet fuel).

#### New Business

Jed Blackwell advised that HB602 may be brought up again in the Legislature according to his Legislative Delegation. Rick Tucker expanded on the history of HB602 and how it affects aviation in that the new rate increase was in effect but that a distribution process has not been agreed upon. Col. Roosevelt Lewis asks the council to clarify its position to the membership on this issue. After a brief discussion Ray Miller made a motion the Board appoint Fred Sington to contact ALDOT Director John Cooper on behalf of the ACA about the status of this issue and report back to the Board. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Col. Roosevelt Lewis and the vote was approved unanimous.

Stephanie will seek information about the designation of the month of October as General Aviation Appreciation Month and report back to the board.

#### ALDOT Report

No Report

#### Presidents Report

No Report

#### Directors Report

Stephanie advised that membership invoices have been mailed out. She also reported that the Conference at Auburn was a great event and a tremendous success. She complimented the City of Auburn and the Auburn Airport as gracious host making it one of the most attended conferences yet.

Stephanie reported that contracts have been signed with the Renaissance in Montgomery for the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 workshop/Legislative Reception. She encouraged everyone to make plans to attend.

Next year's conference will be held in Huntsville on September 16-18 at the Westin @ Bridgestreet.

Ray Miller spoke of the passing of Brian Townsend who was the guest speaker at the recent conference banquet.

Ray Miller made a motion that the Board asks Bill Hutto to prepare something to recognize Buzz Sawyer's service to the Council and to aviation in Alabama. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Sington. The vote was approved unanimous.

Next meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Montgomery Airport.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Kilgore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Cofield  
Secretary, ACA Board of Directors