

**Aviation Council of Alabama
General Membership Meeting
Birmingham, Alabama
July 18, 2007**

The General Membership Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met in session on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Capitol City Club, Montgomery, Alabama. Those board members present were:

Present:

Russ Kilgore- President	
Rick Tucker – Vice President	
Fred Sington- Secretary	
Art Morris- Treasurer	
Kent Kelly	Ray Miller
Terry Capps	Phil Perry
Ro Lewis	Buzz Sawyer
Bill Hutto	Stephanie Blankenship
Menzo Driskell	

Absent:

Wayne Cameron

President Russ Kilgore called the meeting to order then presented the June minutes for review and approval by the Board. Upon motion by Board Member Ro Lewis, seconded by Bill Hutto, the motion for approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

President Kilgore called on Art Morris for the Treasurer's Report. Art responded we had \$48,000 in the bank as of May 31, 2007. He then reported that he has done research into interest drawing accounts with Wachovia and several other banks. It was then discussed as to whether we needed interest drawing checking, money market account or short term CD. Each option will be checked into and Art will give a report at the next meeting. It was moved by Ray Miller and seconded by Bill Hutto to approve the Treasurer's Report as well as the budget presented for the next year, 2007-2008.

After further discussion Fred Sington moved that the Council purchase (4) \$5,000 CD's, on a 6 month term; seconded by Ro Lewis which was unanimously passed. Another motion was made by Ray Miller and seconded by Fred Sington to move the bank account to Wachovia due to their desire to cooperate with the Council as far as our bank account.

OLD BUSINESS

Ro Lewis reported on his speaking to the County Commissioner's meeting in Auburn, which he and Art Morris attended; Stephanie was planning to attend but had some business come up and couldn't make it. Ro did a great job and was well accepted. Several County Commissioners have told me in person. Fred Sington suggested that the Council keep a closer relationship with the County Commission, due to the fact that there

are a number of airports that are both municipal and county. Also, it was noted that whatever we could do to stay in constant contact with County Commissioners or Municipal elected officials would be great as far as our airports are concerned.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion about Buzz Sawyer's remark that his airport was having fewer and fewer recreational pilots flying and felt like it was on the decline. Several others discussed the fact that their business had picked up.

We talked a little bit about our governmental program and what we were going to do with our legislative program for the next year. It was pointed out that last year we got started too late and we were unable to do anything as far as meeting or greeting the legislature. One of the problems you have is there is so much happening it is hard to get them to a luncheon or breakfast meeting. We decided that we would talk to Seth Hammett when we met in Andalusia in September and see what he would suggest. We will also talk to him about our height legislation and other concerns and get his advice.

Stephanie discussed the conference planning committee meeting and also the Fall Workshop. The 2008 Conference will be in Huntsville, while the 2009 Conference could be in Mobile or Auburn.

At this time it was moved by Terry Capps, seconded by Ray Miller to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Sawyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F".