

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 13, 2008  
Dothan, Alabama

Present

Rick Tucker  
Wayne Cameron  
Russ Kilgore  
Art Morris  
Fred Sington  
Terry Capps  
Bill Hutto  
Ray Miller  
Menzo Driskell  
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent

Buzz Sawyer  
Phil Perry  
Roosevelt Lewis

Meeting was called to order at 10:09 am by President, Rick Tucker.

Ray Miller made a motion to approve the June 18, 2008 minutes as read with Russ Kilgore providing a second. Motion passed.

Treasure's Reports were given by Art Morris. The balance sheet as of July 31, 2008 and budget for June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008 were presented. Fred Sington made a motion to accept the May 31, 2008 balance sheet and the June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008 budget. Ray Miller provided the second. Motion was approved.

Art Morris reviewed the recent audit performed by McClintock, Nelson & Associates, P.C. Motion to accept the audit was made by Ray Miller with a second by Bill Hutto. Motion was approved.

Rick Tucker discussed correcting the language in the Airspace Safety Act before it is given to Senator Jim Pruitt. Ms. Blankenship recommended that all of the large airports (Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile) be brought on board and that legislation be filed prior to the meeting. President Tucker is to have Al Jemison call Russ Kilgore to workout a document that ACA can begin using.

Stephanie Blankenship has mailed letters and Buzz Sawyer has made phone calls regarding the Ag and Industry Airport Survey. Ms. Blankenship will now send emails to remind airports to return the survey.

Ms. Blankenship presented a draft of the ACA Strategic Plan. President Rick Tucker requested Board Members review the document and email him with their suggestions.

Committee Assignments – President Tucker asked Board Members to consider their interest and he would make assignments later based on interest.

Fall Workshop – After some discussion it was decided that the Fall Workshop would be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Ms. Blankenship was asked to review the legislative calendar before setting the date. Russ Kilgore suggested a mini van be made available to shuttle Board Members to and from the State House. Several topics for the Workshop were suggested including, land use, bringing in a lobbyist to explain how they work and what you can and cannot use airport property for. President Rick Tucker stated that the Airport Safety Act should be mentioned at the Workshop.

Fee for Stephanie Blankenship’s lobby registration – Motion was made by Ray Miller to approve payment of the \$100.00 fee required to register Ms. Blankenship as a lobbyist. Second was made by Terry Capps. Motioned passed.


Membership Dues for 2008 – 2009. After some discussion it was determined that dues would remain the same. The Board will revisit this matter next year.

In an effort to provide a service to ACA members and a source of revenue to the Council Fred Sington has contacted a credit card rebate company. The Company is willing to come to Alabama to do a presentation for the Board. Mr. Sington will have more information at the next meeting.

2009 ACA Conference update – Ms. Blankenship advised the Board that RSA was working with her to hold cost down and that a price for the Riverview Hotel has been worked out. Also, the Mobile Airport as host, has agreed to contribute \$15,000 toward the cost of the banquet and speaker. One gold sponsorship has been added this year.

The date of the next Board Meeting will be September 17, 2008 in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray Miller, seconded by Fred Sington and unanimously approved to adjourn the Board Meeting.

  
Menzo W. Driskell  
Secretary