

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Aviation Council of Alabama  
August 18, 2004  
Talladega, Alabama

Present: Roosevelt Lewis, Tom Sharp, Jr., John Lehrter, Daniel Boone, Luanne Hayes, Ray Miller and Art Morris

WELCOME

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 1035.

The reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

President's Report

President Lewis presented his report which consisted of the following items:

1. A meeting in Huntsville which concerned the need to raise \$38 million to build a facility to house the Saturn V rocket on display at the museum. General Capps has asked the ACA to join in the effort to support the construction of this facility. President Lewis said that a meeting with Governor Riley did not result in any commitment of resources but that the Governor did not say that resources were not available. John Harrison, of ADECA, did say that no money was available.
2. The Tuskegee Airmen convention will be held in Orlando this year. Kermit Weeks will host a special event at his facility in Polk City.

Financial Report

Tom Sharp presented an abbreviated financial report. There is a balance of \$9,907.81 in the bank at this time. There have been no deposits. We have written a \$200 check for web site maintenance, we have spent \$375 for legal/accounting services and \$5.45 for postage. The board unanimously approved the financial report.

ALDOT Report

Dr. Eagerton was not in attendance and there was no ALDOT report.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Committee Visits/Comments

President Lewis met with 5 members of the state legislature. The Committee has made it clear that the state needs to fund aviation. The Aviation Council of Alabama has a good reputation and a good rapport with our state legislators. The Aviation Council supports an increase in the \$600,000 cap in the annual state grant program to \$1,500,000. President Lewis has worked with John Knight on this issue. President Lewis has also has discussions with Senators Shelby and Sessions. Senator Shelby has helped fund 19 of 22 airports.

There are 9 airports in the state that do not presently meet the requirements for FAA funding. State and local funds have to be used first to get these airports up to the minimum standard.

#### Membership Committee

Luanne Hayes reported that she has gone through the membership list with Robin to clean up the list and drop any members that have not paid their dues. A general discussion ensued and a question concerning the sending of invoices arose. "Do we send out invoices in September while we work on restructuring the dues?" Tom Sharp suggested that a membership drive begin after the first of the year with prorated dues adjusted to the time of the year. Luanne Hayes suggested that invoices for dues be sent out in November with a cut off in December. Everyone agreed that the goal is to clean up the membership list and remove all persons that do not pay dues.

A Motion was made to mail out regular invoices using the current dues structure in the month of September while the committee works on a new dues structure. After a second and a general discussion, the motion carries unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ACA Annual Convention

President Lewis commented that we need to develop leadership for the convention. After a general discussion it was generally agreed that the convention would be in Montgomery this year.

##### ACA Director Position

A proposal to hire Stephanie Blankenship as the acting Executive Director was put forward to the Board. Luanne Hayes commented that Ms. Blankenship would be a good match for this position on a temporary basis. Duties for this position should include the newsletter, conference management, and membership management. John Lehrter commented that Ms. Blankenship would need commitment to take us through the next convention. Mr. Lehrter made a motion that the Board Contract Stephanie Blankenship to act as the ACA Executive Director through the end of the 2005 conference. Her primary duties will be publishing the quarterly newsletter, membership development, coordinating the 2005 conference and web-site updates. The contract fee shall be \$250 each month plus expenses. Luanne Hayes seconded the motion. After general discussion the motion passed unanimously.

##### University Initiatives

President Lewis commented that the ACA needs to use Auburn University and the University of Alabama to full advantage to help solve aviation problems and issues in the state.

##### Webpage

Art Morris advised the Board that he found someone that is able to take over management of the webpage and allow someone from the Board to perform updates to the site without using an expensive middleman. It is estimated that the savings to the

ACA will be between \$150 and \$200 per month. Tom Sharp made a motion to change the webpage management from the present company to Mr. Chris Joiner of Wallace College in Dothan. After a second and brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date/Location

After general discussion it was decided to meet in Montgomery on September 15 at 10:00am.

President Lewis adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:55am.