



Minutes of the Granite State Airport Management Association, Inc.

Friday, June 13, 2014

10:00 AM

**Hampton Airfield,
North Hampton, New Hampshire**

Members Present:

Tracey McInnis, FAA
Kevin Lesperance, FAA
Tricia Lambert, NHDOT
Glenn Smart, Smart Associates
Melissa Smart, Smart Associates
Bill Hopper, PDA
Harvey Sawyer, Jaffrey
Lee Sawyer, Jaffrey
Rick Bergeron, Claremont
Janice Bland, Stantec
Dave Rich, Stantec
Mark Brewer, MHT
Heath Marsden, Parlin Field
Katie Hogue, Jacobs
Chris Nevins, AUAB
Cheryl Hart, Hampton
Stephen Bourque, Nashua
Randel Weeley, NAA
Carol Niewola, NHDOT
Chris Willenborg, Mass DOT Aeronautics

Ed Mattern, Keene
John Henry, Century Air Mgmt.
Kimberly Peace, Hoyle Tanner
Michael Rogerson, Hoyle Tanner
Royce Rankin, Gale
Andrew Pomeroy, PDA
Jorge Panteli, McFarland Johnson
Patrick Herlihy, NHDOT
Rick Dymment, KLEB
Dennis Guilfolle, Guest
Richard Cumming, Guest
Michael Plonffe, Guest
Bob Casian, Guest
David DeVries, NHPA
Sean Collins, AOPA
Todd Baker, Hampton
Garrett Miller, Hampton
Martha Drukker, Concord
Colin McIver, Plymouth

Call to Order:

Vice President Martha Drukker called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Todd Baker and seconded by Glenn Smart to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting minutes as written. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

GSAMA has \$8,643.19 in available funds. In the second quarter of calendar year 2014, GSAMA took in \$250.00 in dues payments and spent \$30.94. \$27.51 for the renewal of the GSAMA Domain Name (through 5/20/2017) and \$3.43 for stamps. A motion was made by Glenn Smart and seconded by Royce Rankin to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

Outreach Committee Status:

The Committee focused on three topics during its meeting in May including:

- **Airport Mentoring Program** The Outreach Committee has identified the questions and scope of a questionnaire that will be sent out to all members of GSAMA via an online survey. Topics to be asked include possible mentor relationships, hosting GSAMA meetings, technical assistance needs, airport personnel training efforts, and media training efforts. Results from this survey will help the Committee better structure an airport mentoring program that meets the needs of the GSAMA members.
- **Legislative Outreach** The Outreach Committee discussed opportunities for airports to reach out to their federal, state and local legislators. All members of GSAMA are encouraged to keep these legislators in mind as the various summer airport activities get underway. What better way to get your legislator involved than in a positive, informative airport event?
- **Newsletter for GSAMA** The Outreach Committee will develop a template that can be used to prepare a quarterly newsletter to be distributed shortly after each quarterly GSAMA meeting. Contributions should be provided from all of GSAMA's members they could include topics of airport events, training opportunities, outreach efforts, project news, profiles of or spotlight on airport personnel, investments made at airports, Airport and Airway Trust Fund updates, and NH legislative updates.

Presentations:

Hampton Airfield's Rich History and Bright Future: Mike and Cheryl Hart; Todd Baker and Garrett Miller

Mike and Cheryl Hart gave a well received presentation of the History of Hampton Airfield. Todd Baker and Garrett Miller spoke about the future of the airport.

Director of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit, Patrick Herlihy presented Mike and Cheryl Hart with a plaque in recognition for growing aviation in NH signed by Governor Hassan.

"Common Problems, Common Agenda: Rebuilding Support for GA" or "Airport Economics in a Declining Market": John Henry, President and Owner of Century Air Management, Inc.

John Henry spoke about the decrease in operations across all of General Aviation and the importance of outreach to pilots to help increase their flying activity. Airports can be an important part of the outreach effort.

AOPA's Support Tools for Airport Managers: Sean Collins

Sean Collins outlined the structure of the AOPA organization and highlighted tools and resources that are very useful for airport support.

ACRP Ambassador Program: Chris Willenborg, Administrator, MassDOT Aeronautics Division

Chris Willenborg provided an overview of the Airport Cooperative Research Program and detailed how airports can get involved.

Airport Grant Program Update by NHDOT and FAA:

Carol Niewola introduced Rita Hunt who is the new aviation planner at NHDOT.

- The third year of FAA's 4-year reauthorization of the Airport Improvement Program is underway. FAA grant offers have started to flow with the Airport Block Grant Program having just been issued its grant offer.
- Grant Assurance #31
- The New Hampshire Aviation System Plan is moving into the evaluation of assets airports can better utilize.

Legislative Update:

Chris Nevins updated GSAMA on the progress the legislative committee has had working with the state to bring funds to the Aviation Trust Fund.

New Business:

Following the success of the December 2013 GSAMA meeting, there was a suggestion for GSAMA to form a committee to plan another legislative meeting. Colin McIver made a motion to form a legislative luncheon planning committee and seconded by Bill Hopper. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Next Meeting:

September 12th, Location TBA

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Stephen Bourque and seconded by Bill Hopper to adjourn at 12:30 pm. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colin McIver

Refreshments provided by Todd Baker and Crew at Hampton Airfield – Thank You!