

Minutes of the Granite State Airport Management Association

Friday, June 12, 2009

10:00 AM

**New Hampshire Fire Academy
98 Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord**

Attendees:

Bruce Hutchings	Mt. Washington Regional Airport
Eric Kaminsky	Berlin Regional Airport
Roy Rankin	Boire Field
Peter Chase	Claremont Airport
Martha Drukker	City of Concord
Joel Godston	Dean Memorial Airport
Harvey Sawyer	Jaffrey Airport/Silver Ranch Airpark
Don MacIssac	Jaffrey Selectman
Ed Mattern	Keene Airport
Diane Cooper	Laconia Airport
Rick Dymant	Lebanon Airport
Jay Fitzgerald	Lebanon Airport
Dean Stetson	Parlin Field
Maura Stetson	Parlin Field
Bill Hopper	Portsmouth International Airport at Pease
Stephen Bourque	Skyhaven Airport
Jack Ferns	NHDOT/Aeronautics
Lisa Lesperance	FAA/Airports Division
Barbara Travers-Wright	FAA New England Region Headquarters
Philip Ahlin	TSA
David Robbins	TSA
Bob Mallard	Airport Solutions Group
Heath Marsden	Jacobs/Parlin Field
John Gorham	Jacobs Eng.
Jerry Dexter	GHD Consulting
Val Mendunca	HNTB Corp
Dale Wilde	Hoyle, Tanner & Associates
Glenn Smart	Smart Associates
Leigh Bartlett	Stantec
Janice Gould	Stantec
Gerry D'Amico	URS Corp
Russ Kelsea	FAASTeam Volunteer
Rep. Chris Nevins	NH Aviation Caucus
Rep. Joe Russell	NH Aviation Caucus
John Uttis	NH Fire Academy

President Bruce Hutchings called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He thanked the folks at the NH Fire Academy for hosting the meeting and Jacobs Engineering for providing refreshments.

Representatives Nevins and Russell were recognized for their roles in the NH Aviation Caucus and reminded the membership that their purpose is to assist and advocate for the needs of the airports in the NH House and Senate.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2008 and December 12, 2008 meeting minutes as written. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Dean & Maura Stetson

“Team Stetson” has resigned from the managerial role at Parlin Field. Dean Stetson noted that they are leaving the airport but not aviation in Newport and NH...

Treasurer's Report

Roy Rankin graciously agreed to assume the position and duties of Treasurer. GSAMA currently has \$8,098.01, and six 56-cent stamps.

GSAMA Officers

President Hutchings noted that the election of officers will be held in December and he suggested that the membership gear up ahead of time – anyone interested in serving should drop Bruce an e-mail.

Large Aircraft (>12,500lbs) Security Program Status

David Robbins of TSA gave a brief update to the program status, stating that there is no defined content at this time – Washington is still sifting through the more than 8,000 comments.

Subcommittee: Alternate Aviation Revenue Sources

Director Ferns suggested a subcommittee be formed comprised of Mark Brewer, Bruce Hutchings, Director Jack Ferns, Harvey Sawyer, Joel Godston, and Bill Hopper. Director Ferns reported that there is an existing Trust Fund, established by the NH Legislature some time ago but which was never funded. Representatives Nevins and Russell stated that GSAMA needs to collectively educate the Legislature, to act as a lobbying group, and that we should spend the next two years doing so. GSAMA and the Aviation Caucus need to meet regularly to develop a united approach.

Legislative Update/SB 65

Adopted.

State Budget 2010-2011/HB 1 & HB2

\$2.5 AIP Matching funds adopted; \$200k non-NPIAS funds were cut. It was noted that this is due to a lack of information by the Senate and is where the Trust Fund would be helpful.

NHDOT/Aeronautics news

Skyhaven

Rick Dymant was introduced and welcomed as the Airport Manager for Lebanon.

Airport Status (see attached)

ARRA/Economic Stimulus

Lisa Lesperence reported that 3 projects have been approved for ARRA funds: Keene, Nashua, and Laconia. Others are still on the list and awaiting funding when available. Director Ferns noted that NH is in the top 10 of states meeting or exceeding the requirements to obligation funds and put people to work.

FAA Re-Authorization

Lisa Lesperence and Dale Wilde commented that is vital for airport to contact their legislators to pass the multi-year authorization, noting that the FAA has been operating under a continuing resolution since 2007.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of GSAMA is scheduled for September 11th at Whitefield Airport. Details will follow.

Presentation: ARRF Training Capabilities:

John Uitts of the NH Fire Academy gave a presentation on the academy's training capabilities. The membership thanked him for his interesting and informative presentation.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:20pm. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Cooper