



**Minutes of the Granite State Airport Management Association**

**Friday, June 18, 2010**

**10:00 AM**

Lebanon Municipal Airport  
5 Airpark Road (Terminal Building)  
West Lebanon, NH

**Attendees:**

Dave Rolla	Concord Airport
Martha Drukker	Concord Airport
Jeri Fortier	Dean Memorial Airport
Jim Fortier	Dean Memorial Airport
Harvey Sawyer	Jaffrey/Silver Ranch Airport
Diane Cooper	Laconia Airport
Rick Dymont	Lebanon Airport
Roy Rankin	Nashua Airport
Russell Kelsea	Parlin Field
Bill Hopper	Portsmouth International Airport
Tracey McInnis	FAA/Airports Division
Lisa Lesperance	FAA/Airports Division
Jack Ferns	NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics
Tricia Lambert	NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics
Carol Niewola	NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics
Mark Goodrich	Dubois & King
Dale Wilde	HTA
Val Mendonca	HNTB
John Gorham	Jacobs
Jorge Panatela	McFarland Johnson
Janice Bland	Stantec
Debbie Ricker	Stantec
Glenn Smart	The Smart Associates
Gerry D'Amico	URS Corp
Steve Riesland	FST
Bambi Miller	

President Rick Dymont called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2010:**

A motion was made by Dave Rolla and seconded by Roy Rankin to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2010 meeting minutes as written. The motion was unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

GSAMA has \$10,103.65 in its checking account and six \$.56 stamps. A motion was made by Bill Hopper and seconded by Dave Rolla to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously accepted.

**Executive Director/Legislative Liaison Position:**

The need for a legislative liaison has been identified; it is vital to educate the NH Legislative body as to the importance of airports as well as to be kept abreast of pending legislation that may affect airports (see attached draft task outline). It is desired by GSAMA to have a representative that is an aviation enthusiast rather than a lobbyist. After much discussion, in light of GSAMA's very limited budget, it was voted that:

1. The "position" would be reimbursed travel expenses up to \$1,500 under the condition that the NH Secretary of State would not consider this person to be a lobbyist;
2. The president will offer the position to Bruce Hutchings;
3. If Bruce declines, a search for another candidate will ensue.

**Legislative Update:**

**HB 1506:** The Finance Committee is scheduling hearings on the Bill and GSAMA has been urged to have an AOPA rep attend

Glenn Smart reported on an effort to impose land use requirements on land abutting wetlands that would create a statewide setback requirement and prevent removal of vegetation. He stated that there should obviously be exemptions for aviation safety and suggested that GSAMA send letters.

**GSAMA By-Law Amendments:**

A motion was made by Royce Rankin and seconded by Bill Hopper to divide the Secretary/Treasurer into two separate positions as revised 3/12/10.

**NHAHS:** Jack Ferns gave an update of the Slusser Aviation Learning Center scheduled to open spring 2011. A lengthy discussion ensued as to what level of membership/sponsorship GSAMA would be able to afford, considering the limited budget and that most of the membership were also individual members of NHAHS. It was voted for GSAMA to continue as a corporate member.

**NHDOT Presentation, "Airport Self-Inspections":** Under NH RSA 422:16 and 422:17, all registered airports are required to meet reasonable safety standards and, NPIAS airports are additionally bound by the FAA Grant Assurances. Carol Niewola presented the components, resources, and tools (checklist) for a self-inspection.

**Grant Program Status:** NHDOT and FAA discussed the status of the program and urged GSAMA to write to the US Congress and Senate.

**Membership:** A general discussion ensued regarding increasing membership. It was noted that the non-NPIAS airports are not well represented and that the pending legislation is mainly for their benefit. Rick will compile a list and assign current members to contact them and perhaps act as mentors.

**Website:** Dale Wilde noted that the GSAMA website needs revamping and solicited content and suggestions.

**GSAMA at the Capital:** Everyone agreed that the event is of great benefit in terms of reaching the legislators to deliver GSAMA's message. As it is an election year, the event will be held sometime in Feb 2011. Rick will send an e-mail to the committee.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting of GSAMA is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, at Parlani Field.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Roy Rankin and seconded by Dave Rolla to adjourn at 12:35pm. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Diane Cooper