

# **Meeting Minutes**

Granite State Airport Management Association, Inc.
Friday, December 9, 2016
NHDOT
7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

## Attendees:

Harvey Sawyer, Jaffrey Airport Stephen Bourque, Boire Field Dennis Cunningham, Dean Memorial Airport John (Jack) Wozmak, Dillant-Hopkins Airport Mary Everson, Laconia Airport Andrew Pomeroy, Pease and Skyhaven Airports Thomas Malafronte, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Richard Yarnold, BACS Patty Morris, Fine Point/BACS Jorge Panteli, FAA Tom Hettinger, The Codie Experience Tracey McInnis, FAA John Gorham, Jacobs Brendon Hoch, Plymouth State University Tanya Plante, Jacobs Hilary Charest, Avlite Wendell Berthelsen, NH Aviation Museum Janice Bland, Stantec Mark Goodrich, DuBois & King

Matt Caron, Gale Associates Erik Strand, Gale Associates Lorri Badolato, AUAB/Plane Sense Gale Furey, AUAB Carol Niewola, NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics Jean Mongillo, Hoyle, Tanner & Associates Patrick Herlihy, NHDOT/Division of Aeronautics, Rail & Transit Rick Bergeron, Claremont Airport David Rolla, Concord Airport Rita Castonguay Hunt, NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics Jeffrey Trottier, Avlite Arnold Stymest, Gale Associates Armand Dufresne, Gale Associates Christopher Nevins, AUAB Ernie Loomis, AUAB Tricia Schoeneck Lambert, NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics Victoria Sheehan, NHDOT

President Stephen Bourque welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2016 was made by Stephen Bourque and seconded by Andrew Pomeroy; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Andrew Pomeroy presented the Treasurer's Report. Current account balance is \$20,153. The two GSAMA events in 2016 were very successful. The Airport Awareness Day and 5K on the Runway at CON took in \$10,650, expenses were \$7,588, which cleared \$3,062. The Golf Tournament took in \$7,500, expenses were \$2,987, which cleared \$4,513. Together GSAMA cleared over \$7,500 and a decision is needed by the membership where the funds are to go. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Andrew Pomeroy and seconded by Stephen Bourque; motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Bourque introduced the following three speakers:

Thomas Malafronte, AAE, Deputy Airport Director at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, gave
an update on the latest news from his airport. Tom said some very successful projects have
been implemented including MHT FASTPASS (automobile frequent parking program), TSA
passenger queuing improvements, passenger area aesthetic improvements, consolidated rental
car facility, concessions improvements. Additionally, TravelPulse.com has named MHT the Best
Small-to-Midsize Airport in the US and ranked MHT 27<sup>th</sup> out of the best 100 for the best airport
of any size in the US.

- Thomas Hettinger, videographer for The Codie Experience, gave an update on the video production for The Codie Experience that encourages other young adults to consider aviation in terms that they understand. So far there are six episodes ready to post.
- Jack Wozmak, Airport Manager for Keene's Dillant-Hopkins Airport, gave an overview of the tribute the airport provided to the remains of US Navy Fireman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Edwin C. Hopkins on October 15, 2016. Television and newspaper coverage of the tribute, wake, and funeral made the national media (National Geographic, LA Times, and Manchester Union Leader). Helping with the ceremonies including the Rolling Thunder veterans' organization, Civil Air Patrol's Patriot Guard, and many local businesses and organizations.

Under Old Business, Erik Strand, Events Committee Chairman, thanked all who made the 2016 GSAMA outreach events a success. He noted that the 5K had over 100 runners/walkers with over 420 participants in the Concord Airport Aviation Day event. He said that the 2017 event dates have been set:

- Pilots and Drivers Golf Tournament will be held the Pease Golf Course in Portsmouth on September 22, 2017.
- Concord Airport Aviation Day and 5K on the Runway will be held October 21, 2017.

He said that the committee is looking for volunteers to help with all tasks for these upcoming events and The Codie Experience. Erik asked for a motion to authorize up to \$300 from GSAMA to help pay for The Codie Experience handouts. A motion was made by Stephen Bourque and seconded by Andrew Pomeroy; motion passed unanimously. Erik also noted that the annual photo contest, A Focus on Aviation, will be starting up soon and to get ready to submit your photos.

Stephen Bourque, Legislative Committee Chairman, provided an overview of the 2016 Legislative Focus Meeting to be held on February 17, 2017 holding an open discussion of the proposed HB 124 that would repeal all aircraft registration fees and associated costs in NH. Save-the-date reminders have gone out and Steve appealed to the airports to begin conversations with the state legislators if they haven't done so already. Jack Wozmak asked if some data could be provided to NH airports including the total impact of the fiscal note, NH companies that base their aircraft in another state, and reasons corporations base their aircraft at particular airports.

Carol Niewola, Senior Aviation Planner at NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics provided a brief overview of the airport grant program and provided program deadline reminders.

Under New Business, Stephen Bourque called for GSAMA officer elections for CY 2017. The CY 2017 slate of GSAMA officers are as follows [all motions passed unanimously]:

### Executive Officers (one-year terms)

**President**: Stephen Bourque, ASH [motioned by Marv Everson, seconded by Andrew Pomeroy] **Vice President**: Martha Drukker, CON [motioned by Marv Everson, seconded by Stephen Bourque]

**Treasurer**: Andrew Pomeroy, PSM & DAW [motioned by Stephen Bourque, seconded by David Rolla]

**Secretary**: Dennis Cunningham, 5B9 [motioned by Dennis Cunningham, seconded by Stephen Bourque]

## Executive Board Members (three-year terms)

Harvey Sawyer, AFN (1-1-17 to 12-31-19) [motioned by Stephen Bourque; seconded by David Rolla]

Garrett Miller, 7B3 (1-1-17 to 12-31-19) [motioned by Stephen Bourque; seconded by David Rolla]

# Non-Executive Board Members (two-year terms)

Erik Strand, Gale Associates (1-1-17 to 12-13-18) [motioned by Stephen Bourque; seconded by David Rolla]

Jean Mongillo, Hoyle, Tanner & Associates (1-1-17 to 12-13-18) [motioned by Stephen Bourque; seconded by David Rolla]

#### Also under New Business,

- Stephen Bourque recognized Colin McIver's five years of service as GSAMA's secretary and thanked him for his service.
- Stephen also thanked Dean Saucier and Patrick Cotes for an article that will run in NBAA's March/April 2017 magazine about GSAMA.
- Stephen helped to spread the word about the upcoming New England Flying Gourmet Challenge that encourages pilots to fly to two airports in NH (ASH and EEN) and six airports in MA, take pictures of the airport restaurant signs and enter to win prizes in May 2017.
- Gale Furey, who volunteers at St. Catherine of Siena Parish facilitates and after-school aviationthemed club for children, thanked GSAMA for the grant that provided for nine children to partake in this club.

The next meeting will be the GSAMA Legislative Focus Meeting held at NHDOT's large conference room on Friday, February 17, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. motioned by Jack Wozmak, seconded by David Rolla; motion passed unanimously.

These minutes reflect the discussions that took place during this meeting to the best of my knowledge. All corrections or clarifications are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Niewola, PE, CM
Senior Aviation Planner
NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics for GSAMA