



Minutes of the Granite State Airport Management Association, Inc.

Friday, December 14, 2012

10:00 AM

**NHDOT – “Large Conference Room”
7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH**

Members Present:

Rick Dymont, President, Lebanon
David Rolla, Vice-president, Concord
Royce Rankin, Treas. Nashua
Diane Cooper, Secretary, Laconia
Ed Mattern, Keene
Harvey Sawyer, Jaffrey
Rick Bergeron, Claremont
Jorge Panteli, McFarland Johnson
Martha Drukker, City of Concord
Jean Mongillo, Hoyle Tanner
Bruce Hutchings, HIE
Ervin Deck, Stantec
Patrick Herlihy, NHDOT
Richard Towne, Sealite USA/Avlite
Richard Fixler, MHT
Barry Hammer, FAA
Mark Brewer, MHT
Mike Bramhall, GeoInsight
Rick Kloeppe, Newport

Nik Ippoito, Gale Associates
Carol Niewola, NHDOT Aeronautics
Michael Pouliot, NHDOT Aeronautics
Rick Yarnold, Balentine
Stephen Bourque, PDA
Colin McIver, Plymouth
Cheryl Hart, Hampton Airfield
Mike Hart, Hampton Airfield
Bill Hopper, PDA
Arnold Stymest, Gale Associates
John Gorham, Jacobs
Erik Strand, Gale Associates
Mark Goodwin, Sealite USA/Avlite
David Nelson, McFarland Johnson
Tracey McInnis, FAA
Brian Smith, McFarland Johnson
Richard Ludders, NHAHS
Armand Dufresne, Gale Associates

Call to order:

President Rick Dymont called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

Public Comments:

Director of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit, Patrick C. Herlihy, welcomed GSAMA to NHDOT.

Approval of Minutes - September 14, 2012:

Royce Rankin made a motion to accept the September 14, 2012 minutes with a correction to the treasurer's report. Diane Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

GSAMA has \$7590.46 in its checking account, a contribution of \$500.00 was made to the NHAHS, \$105.00 to the Saymore Trophy Company, and six \$.56 stamps.

Old Business:

Status of Aviation Trust Fund for Non-NPIAS airports

There is now \$525 in the Aviation Trust Fund that was raised from the NHAHS event: "New Hampshire Airports – Past, Present, and Future" on October 27, 2012.

Outreach Committee

Stephen Bourque presented a draft plan from the outreach committee. A comment period is open until December 31st.

- Bruce Hutchings suggested GSAMA establish relations with news media to provide them with a source of information to improve their reporting of aviation news events.
- The NHDOT created an Airport Preservation Toolbox years ago that could have useful information for GSAMA outreach.
- Rick Kloepfel suggested that GSAMA let communities know the importance of airports and that increased aviation activity is good.

Presentations:

Avlite: Solar-powered LED Aviation Lighting Systems

Richard Towne introduced Avlite's product line of LED Aviation lights that can be implemented quickly are a reliable backup lighting source and use less energy.

Gale Associates: Lessons learned on building a new runway at ASH

Erik Strand, PE, and Nik Ippolito, EIT, provided a recap of the successful new runway construction on budget and on schedule with a completion date for the spring of 2013.

NH Aviation Historical Society

Richard Ludders explained how NHAHS Education Outreach parallels GSAMA's aviation outreach and how the two organizations can work together.

Airport Grant Program Status by NHDOT: Carol Niewola spoke about the following:

- AIP improvement program is in the second year of a 4 year reauthorization and is partially funded through march 2013

- Sequestration's impact on FAA is unknown
- News from the FAA
 - FAA Mineral Rights Revenue Exemptions
 - FAA Annual Financial Reporting
 - FAA Airport Design manual
- Airport sponsor reminder
 - Aviation outreach efforts
 - System for Award Management registration renewals
 - NPIAS scoping meetings
- Operational Budget Status
 - NHDOT budget development
 - Governor budget review February 15, 2013
- Still no funding available for the 80-20 state-local airport grant program or grants to airport sponsors
- Grant assurance #20 review
- ACRP published a guidebook on how to develop business plans for small airports
- 2013 International Aviation art contest is ongoing

New Business:

Nominations and Elections for the following Officers and Directors were put forth:

- President: Diane Cooper
- Vice President: Martha Drukker
- Treasurer: Stephen Bourque
- Secretary: Colin McIver
- Board of Directors: Erik Strand, Mike Hart, Harvey Sawyer, Jorge Panteli

All Officers and Directors were unanimously accepted.

Bill Hopper presented a plaque to Rick Dymant in appreciation of his service as president of GSAMA.

Next Meeting:

March 8, 2013, at the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society Museum at 10:00am

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Colin McIver, Secretary