



Minutes of the Granite State Airport Management Association, Inc.

Friday, March 14, 2013

10:00 AM

83 Perimeter Road

Boire Field

Nashua, NH

Members Present:

Andrew Pomeroy, PDA
Diane Terrill, President, Laconia
Rick Yarnold, Ballantine
Royce Rankin, Gale
Luke Garrison, FAA
Barry Hammer, FAA
Arnold Stymest, Gale
Jean Mongillo, Hoyle Tanner
Bob Furey, Hoyle Tanner
Rep. Jan Schmidt, State Rep. Ward 1
Martha Drukker, Concord
Sean Collins, AOPA
Colin McIver, Secretary, Plymouth
Janice Bland, Stantec
Bill Hopper, PDA
Brian McCarthy, City of Nashua
Ed Mattern, Keene
Lisa Lesperance, FAA
Jorge Panteli, McFarland Johnson

Rick Bartle, NHASEC
Patrick Herlihy, NHDOT
Carol Niewola, NHDOT
Chris Nevins, AUAB
Jen Riordan, Smart Associates
Garrett Miller, Hampton
John Gorham, Jacobs Engineering
Robert Rolla, Concord
Dave Rolla, Concord
Bett Lasky, NH Senate
Tricia Lambert, NHDOT
Val Mendonca, HNTB
Erik Strand, Gale
Matt Caron, Gale
Don Davidson, NAA
Russ Kelsea, Newport
Dave Rich, Stantec
Stephen Bourque, Treasurer, ASH
Rick Dymont, Lebanon

Call to Order:

President Diane Terrill called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

Stephen Bourque, Airport Manager, Boire Field welcomed GSAMA and announced that the 15th annual New England Aviation Safety Expo will be held April 12th at Daniel Webster College. Stephen invited GSAMA to have a presence at this event.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Stephen Bourque and seconded by Martha Drukker to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2013 meeting minutes as written. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

GSAMA has \$8,674.13 in our checking account. \$1,825.00 in membership dues were taken in. In the first quarter of 2014 we spent \$1,583.60, \$1,550.00 was spent on catering and \$33.60 for stamps and envelopes. A motion was made by Bill Hopper and seconded by Mark Brewer to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

Outreach Committee Status:

Several topics were discussed during two committee meetings in January and March including:

- **Press Releases and Positive Aviation Stories**
The Outreach Committee is looking for articles about: meetings with legislators, job creation at airport, upcoming capital projects, new airport board members, profile/bio of airport managers, etc.
- **Aviation Position Papers**
The Outreach Committee has developed a current list of state legislators to help airports reach out and invite them to airport events.
- **Airport Mentoring Program**
The Outreach Committee will develop an electronic survey on the GSAMA website to better identify New Hampshire airports' needs.
- **March 2014 General Aviation Appreciation Month in New Hampshire**
GSAMA was successful in getting March designated by the Governor as General Aviation Appreciation Month.
- **GSAMA Website**
Start an aviation photo contest to solicit aviation photos for the GSAMA website
- **Outreach Plan Update**
The Outreach Committee will update the milestones in the Outreach Plan and request approval of the updated Outreach Plan at the next GSAMA meeting.
- **Assist Aviation Caucus**
The Outreach Committee will reach out to Rep. Ken Weyler, Chair of the Aviation Caucus to offer GSAMA's assistance with Aviation Caucus meeting topics and/or subject matter experts on aviation issues.

A Roundtable discussion was held:

- Heath Marsden produces a monthly newsletter for Parlin Field and has offered to help GSAMA create its own newsletter.

- Diane Terrill and Stephen Bourque have volunteered to create a one page step by step process for reaching out to legislators.
- Hosting airport tours and events and inviting local representatives.
- Developing Synergies with other state aviation organizations. Diane Terrill and Jorge Pantelli are contacting NYAMA and MAMA.
- Social media startup, GSAMA is looking for volunteers and ideas.
- Developing a Poster for NH Aviation, Martha Drukker and Carol Niewola have volunteered for this task.

Presentations:

Wildlife Hazard Assessments: Carrie Stengel – District Supervisor, USDA

Carrie Stengel explained how the USDA can provide technical assistance to help airports with wildlife hazards.

Aircraft Emergency Response Training: Russ Kelsea and Rick Kloeppel, Parlin Field

Russ Kelsea and Rick Kloeppel gave an overview of the course they have designed to help first responders understand the particular hazards that can be encountered at an aircraft accident. They are available to visit airports and provide first responder training or they can supply the training materials to airports for their own presentation.

Safety Programs: Simple Steps to Mitigate Risk: Carol Niewola, Senior Aviation Planner, NHDOT

Carol Niewola presented practices airport managers can use to reduce risks to all activities on airports.

20:1 Obstructions – An Overview of This Hot Topic: Barry Hammer, FAA Airports Division

Barry Hammer updated GSAMA on the FAA's interim guidance for the 20:1 Visual Area Surface. What airports should expect next with the program and what is the future of the Visual Area Surface.

Airport Grant Program Update by NHDOT and FAA:

- The third year of FAA's 4-year reauthorization is underway
- AIP Project Closeout Documentation: Airport sponsors should now follow the new guidelines put out by FAA/New England Region for these documents.
- FAA Policy on Wildlife Hazard Assessments: As of mid-February 2014, the FAA has eliminated the requirement for general aviation airports to prepare WHAs but still encourages their preparation and even supports it with AIP funds.
- NHDOT budget development for SFY 2016-17 starts March 2014-May 2014

- NH State Aviation System Plan is ongoing and data is being collected.

Legislative Committee Update:

Chris Nevins and Mark Brewer provided an update on the changes in language of RSA 631:3-a *Conduct Involving Laser Pointing Devices*. The law has been expanded to include aircraft and the word “recklessly” has been added.

Sean Collins, Northeast Regional Representative for AOPA, advocated that AOPA has an Airport Support Network and legislative resources that GSAMA is welcome to utilize.

Next Meeting:

June 13, 2014, Location TBA

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mark Brewer and seconded by Rick Dymont to adjourn at 12:30pm. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colin McIver