

*Georgia Airports Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Callaway Gardens
May 8, 2007*

CALL TO ORDER—Mike Van Wie, President, 12:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Holliday and seconded by Lee Rimmel to accept the minutes as written from the January 18, 2007 Board of Directors meeting held at Peachtree City Airport, Falcon Field. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Mathews, Treasurer, was absent. Mike Van Wie distributed and summarized the Financial Report dated January 1, 2007—March 31, 2007 as submitted by Mike Mathews. Mike Van Wie reviewed the financial report by individual line item. There was no discussion or questions from board members. A motion was made by Lee Rimmel and seconded by Steve Brian to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007 Conference- Mike Van Wie briefed board members that he and his Administrative Assistant Cheryl Cosby were in Augusta the previous week (May 3rd and 4th) meeting with the host conference hotel staff. Mike briefed board members that he was able to accomplish setting up the conference, exhibitor and dining rooms. He was also able to lock in the golf tournament and the canal tour with wine and cheese. Mike noted that he would probably be making one more trip to Augusta to arrange some smaller spouse activities. Mike indicated that there is a room lock glitch in the reservation system for those needing to come a day early. This is because Marriot has one central reservation number worldwide. Mike told board members that he would send an email to board members that would provide a good telephone number direct to the host hotel (i.e. Marriot). This would save a lot of time and frustration when making a reservation for the conference thus ensuring the room price of \$135 for either a suite or room

for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (October 23rd -25th) nights. Mike also briefed board members that four (4) exhibitors had already signed up and that \$10,500 in conference revenue has come in thus far. Mike thanked Lee Rimmel, Airport Director DeKalb Peachtree Airport and Balram “B” Bheodari, Operations Manager, Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport for both sponsoring \$5,000 for the GAA 2007 conference. Lastly, Mike indicated that he speaking with Pat Epps in hopes that he will be able to give his presentation on recovering the P-38 adventure in Greenland in the 1990’s at Friday’s (October 26th) morning breakfast.

2008 Conference- John Crosby briefed board members that Jekyll Island, Valdosta, Athens and Callaway Gardens are still candidates for the GAA 2008 Conference. John also indicated that he had followed up with Reynolds Plantation however the impression received indicated that they were not interested in our organization for the 2008 GAA Conference. John asked for feedback from board members on Callaway Gardens for the 2008 conference. John indicated that he needed to lock in the dates and there is a few other conferences that conflict. It was the general consensus that a resort location with reasonable room rates is very important. A motion was made by Lee Rimmel a seconded by Mike Van Wie that Plan A would allow John Crosby the authority to commit to Callaway Gardens as the 2008 conference facility as long as the conference dates were deconflicted and good multiple room rates could be negotiated and settled on. Plan B and C would be the same as Plan A above with the respective cities being Brasstown Valley and Savannah respectfully.

Legislative Affairs- Before the meeting Mike Van Wie recognized Representative Carl Rogers, Vice Chairman for Economic Development (Appropriations); Representative Vance Smith; and Vernon Lee, GAA Lobbyist, for their hard work in the legislature. Mike summarized it was a very good year for GDOT Aviation programs. If signed by the Governor (expected May 30th), a record 11.2 million dollars in State Aviation Airport Aid Program will be awarded.

Mike summarized three (3) reasons why funding at the 11.2 million dollars was successful this year. The first reason given was that GAA had the right lobbyist (Mr. Vernon Lee). Mr. Lee knows the right people in the Georgia Legislature and Capital Building. Secondly, the Georgia Municipal

Association recognized our issues and the need for increased funding and included Aviation in their legislative agenda. And finally, Mr. Matthew Hicks, Associate Legislative Director of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) recently met with Mike and Ed Ratigan and congratulated them on the \$5 million dollars. Mike and Ed will meet with Mr. Hicks in the near future and anticipate having GAA's Bill on the ACCG's legislative agenda.

Mike noted how important it is to GAA that Ed Ratigan is involved with ACCG and Carol Comer is involved in GMA. Mike advised board members that GAA should support Senator Hill and Representatives Ben Harbin, Carl Rogers, and Vance Smith during their next golf tournament fund raising events. A motion was made by Steve Brian and seconded by Mitch Ellerbee to allow Mike Van Wie the latitude to spend up to \$2000 per golf tournament fund raising event and decide who should participate in these tournaments for the above-mentioned politicians. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Mike noted that Greg Kelly submitted a written motion that was seconded by Mike Van Wie that GAA pays Vernon Lee a 10% bonus (\$3,000 one time payment) for his work this past year and only if the Governor approves/signs the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

AIRPORT AFFAIRS

Ed Ratigan briefed board members that he is not sure what is going to happen this year with the Air Georgia Grant Program or if the Governor will continue the program. Ed has made his recommendation known that another \$15 million should be included in the program for next year. Currently, his office has five (5) airports under grants. On June 1, 2007 the program will be accepting more projects in Americus, Ga. Ed reminded board members that it is a restricted program that has been identified for forty-nine (49) communities.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mike Van Wie reported that he is pleased with the changes to the GAA website that Mike Mathews has made and continues to change as requested. Mike also indicated that he also pleased with the newsletter and the various news articles that have been written. Mike indicated that all news articles should be submitted directly to Mike Mathews and encouraged everyone to

participate. The next Newsletter should be coming out in early July. The deadline for submitting a news article is June 1st.

AIRPORT SECURITY

Lee Rimmel led a long discussion on General Aviation Security and FAA's plan to fund operations through user fees. The issues generated a lot of discussion with board members in regards to taking a formal position now or waiting on feedback from the general membership. A motion was made by Mike Van Wie and seconded by Steve Brian to allow Lee Rimmel to contact the other aviation professional organizations (i.e. ACI, AAAE, NBAA, etc.) and write a letter to our Federal Representatives and Senators stating GAA's position on the Federal Government proposed user fee issues. The motion passed unanimously.

FAA

Scott Seritt briefed board members that he has heard from FAA leadership that there will be an AIP Reauthorization. Just in case the Reauthorization fails, the Administration has put forth a proposal for a continuing Resolution. Scott also mentioned that the issue with General Aviation Entitlements involving the Federal Government maybe dead. Scott also briefed board members for 2007 AIP programs (covering three (3) states) his office has sent 188 million dollars to up to Washington for announcements. So far only six (6) congressional announcements have been made known; however Scott expects his office to get very busy shortly with numerous congressional announcements that will lead to numerous grants being issued for airports. Scott also mentioned that his office has hired two (2) new positions. The first being an engineer who has been assigned to North Carolina and the second being a new Planner/Environmentalist assigned to Georgia. Both employees will start May 14, 2007. Scott also put the word out that his office is looking for a civil engineer.

GDOT

Ed Ratigan reported that Monroe-Walton County Airport received the AAAE General Aviation Airport Project of the Year award. This was primarily because it was a multi-year effort on part of Airport Management which took 7 years of land acquisition parcel by parcel that at end enabled the Airport to expand the runway from 4,000 feet to 5,000 feet. Ed thanked his staff employee Carol Comer who submitted a write-up to AAAE nominating Monroe-Walton County for General Aviation Airport project award. Ed also briefed that the Georgia DOT Board will be meeting in

Brunswick sometime in September and he would like to see GAA in some form represented on the agenda for that meeting. Lastly, Ed mentioned the need to update the GAA/GATA video. Mike Van Wie briefed everyone that he is working on a plan to update the video and to pay for it. Carol Comer reported that recently she had received phone calls from airports looking for some direction for ARFF training and a way to pay for it. Carol asked if GAA might be interested in sponsoring money towards propane usage. The issues generated a lot of discussion with the Board of Directors present. Mike Van Wie asked Carol to obtain cost data and to explain what GAA would gain from this. Other board members indicated the big costs for airports and fire training is the expense of sending firefighters out of town and having to pay for hotel rooms, food, per diem, etc. Lastly, Carol reported that the pavement study is still ongoing throughout the state with the hopes of having all the pavement data information to her office by the end of June. After this information is in and processed, airports will begin to receive initial pavement reports. Ed mentioned that his office would like to give a formal presentation to GAA later in the year regarding the overall airport pavement study.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mike Van Wie briefed board members that the membership directory that was recently published turned out very well and it is a good way to improve the image of GAA. Mike asked for future suggestions on expanding and improving the membership directory. Mike also mentioned that he will be writing a letter to the board and will send it via e-mail after June 1st telling the corporate membership that GAA will be adding a corporate representative to the board at the 2007 conference, time will be set aside at the conference for the corporate members to elect their representative, and the acceptable conduct of the representative would be explained. Mike Van Wie briefed board members that he has been in touch with Bill Hogan who is the AAAE Southeast Chapter Corporate Representative. Bill Hogan wants corporate representation to sponsor an Airport Project of the Year award and Airport Manager of the Year award at the GAA Conference. Mike asked if Ed Ratigan would work with him in establishing guidelines in picking the right individuals for the awards in the future. Ed indicated that he would be glad and help provide direction in selecting the right person for whatever awards that might be given by GAA. There was no further business.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:40p.m.