

*Georgia Airports Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Augusta Marriot Hotel & Suites  
July 24, 2007*

CALL TO ORDER—Mike Van Wie, President, 10:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Holliday and seconded by Steve Brian to accept the minutes as written from the May 8, 2007 Board of Directors meeting held at Callaway Gardens. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Mathews distributed and discussed the Financial Report dated April 1, 2007-June 30, 2007. The only question was from Bob Holliday who asked what the minimum dollar amount was needed to open the new Money Market account (i.e. River City Bank). Mike Mathews answered the question indicating \$10,000. A motion was made from Tim Weegar and seconded by John Crosby to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP

Mike Mathews indicated that he had received feedback from several GATA members in response to Mike Van Wie's letter sent earlier in the year asking members to join GAA. Mike Van Wie indicated that he would provide a mailing list of approximately 170 names (vendors/suppliers, etc. of GATA) to Mike Matthews. In turn, Mike Mathews will send GAA membership applications and invoices to those on the list in hopes of gaining their membership.

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

Mike Mathews briefed board members that the next newsletter would be coming out at the end of August. Those wanting to submit articles, stories, etc. should forward such to him by August 7, 2007. Mike Mathews also indicated that he would be making changes as needed to the GAA website as the 2007 Conference date gets closer. Mike Van Wie indicated that the "For More Information" link when activated still sends a e-mail to Greg Kelly. Mike Mathews indicated that he would check on it and get it corrected. Lastly, Mike Van Wie asked the question of what the total in membership

dues was. Mike Mathews indicated that there was an increase in membership dues and he would get back with Mike Van Wie with the dollar amount.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007 Conference- Mike Van Wie briefed board members that to date eleven (11) exhibitors and twelve (12) sponsors have signed up. Also, \$30,500 in revenue has been collected to date. Board members were also briefed that Thursday morning of the conference Pat Epps would be speaking about his experience on recovering the P-38 adventure in Greenland in the 1990's. Also, Sam Hoerter, former Airport Director at Charleston Airport and motivational speaker, will speak Friday morning of the conference. Mike Van Wie also mentioned that Friday morning several legislatures will be speaking. Some of these include Representative Carl Rogers, Vice Chairman for Economic Development (Appropriations); and Representatives Vance Smith and Ben Harbin. Mike Van Wie also thanked and recognized Bill Hogan with RS&H for coming to the Board of Directors meeting. Bill Hogan spoke at the Board of Directors meeting last October in Savannah regarding adding corporate membership on the board. Mike Van Wie briefed everyone that he will facilitate a meeting at the conference with the corporate audience informing everyone at that meeting what the rules will be for serving on the Board. Lastly, there was discussion from board members on how to finalize the various yearly awards along with the criteria of each which would be given each year at the GAA Conference. A motion was made by Greg Kelly that the board adopt a Jim Stogner award as a perpetual annual award for an Advocate of Aviation in the State of Georgia. The motion was seconded by Bob Holliway. The motion passed unanimously. This award will also be given annually at the GAA conference. Board members were also briefed that the Thursday night conference dinner would be held in the hotel instead of outside in the Golf Hall of Fame. Lastly, Mike Van Wie gave his opinion that a hospitality suite wasn't needed Thursday night because at the dinner because there would be a bar open and the band would be playing from 7pm to 11pm. There was a general consensus from the board members agreeing with Mike's opinion.

2008 Conference- John Crosby briefed board members that he has a contract with Callaway Gardens for the 2008 conference which will be held October 1, 2, and 3. John briefed Board members that he has been able to

negotiate a better room rate and golf fees. Amanda Welch, Administrative Assistant for Operations, Savannah Hilton Head International Airport has agreed to make a trip to Callaway Gardens to assist John with developing a conference food budget. A motion was made by Mike Van Wie and seconded by Steve Brian to have a check cut from the general fund for \$1000 and given to John Crosby in order to open up a checking account for business associated with the 2008 conference. The motion passed unanimously.

2009 Conference- Tim Weegar reported that he had spent half the day with CeCe Corbin on July 23, 2007 at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & SPA for initial planning. Tim is expecting to receive a contract within the week to review. Tim also reported that the dates for the 2009 conference would be October 28, 29, and 30. Tim also reported that these dates do not conflict with the FAA/ADO, GDOT, AAAE annual conference or the NBAA annual conference. Tim will also be exploring other hotel resort facilities in Savannah. Mike Van Wie reminded Tim that it would be his responsibility to choose his successor for a new Secretary and to have that person attend the Board of Directors meeting on October 24, 2007.

Legislative Affairs- Mike Van Wie summarized the 11.2 million dollars in State Aviation Airport Aid Program that was signed by the Governor in late May. Mike Van Wie also briefed Board members on a successful meeting involving Greg Kelly, Carol Comer, and officials with GMA. Because of the good relationship that has been established, Mike Van Wie indicated that he feels confident that the Constitutional Amendment continues to gain good support and momentum. Mike Van Wie on July 10, 2007 briefed board members that he and Ed Ratigan spoke in Savannah to the Joint Committee on Transportation Funding. Mike indicated that he thought the meeting was very worthwhile. Representative Vance Smith was present at that meeting. Representative Smith is the one who proposed the 1% sales tax for transportation. Vernon Lee thanked the Board members for his bonus check which was approved at May 8, 2007 meeting in Callaway Gardens. Vernon also indicated that he can help airports save on outdoor advertising for airshows and other airport outdoor advertising.

#### AIRPORT SECURITY

Lee Rimmel indicated that there was nothing really new for security to report relating to GA Airports that has not already been discussed at previous board meetings. Lee indicated that he stays in touch with several of

his contacts throughout the State and Washington, DC. Likewise Lee indicated to board members that he continues to stay in touch with his contacts in the various aviation professional organizations as it relates to proposed user fees.

### FAA

Chuck Garrison with the Atlanta FAA/ADO attended the meeting for Scott Seritt. Chuck briefed board members that he was one of several new employees hired for the ADO. Chuck informed everyone that he was the engineer hired for North Georgia. In addition, Chuck indicated that John Marshall was the new Planner/Engineer hired for South Georgia. Chuck also indicated that there had been several other shifting around of personnel in the ADO due to the fact that this was the first time in 10 years that the ADO was fully staffed. Chuck also noted to date the ADO has nine (9) of twenty seven (27) grant offers out. Five (5) of the nine (9) grant offers have been accepted. Chuck indicated that one-half of the old grants have been closed out. Chuck also informed board members that the FAA/ADO has seen a lot of proposals for Residential Airparks. Chuck informed board members that FAA/ADO takes the position that these proposals are a non compatible land-use and are denied for such. Lastly, Chuck indicated that it appears that the Reauthorization funding will fail by October 1, 2007 therefore FAA will operate under a Continuing Resolution.

### GDOT

Ed Ratigan reported that he had been working in the Intermodal side of the State and would soon be back in Aviation full-time. Ed also indicated that this had been one of the busiest years for legislative affairs for the State. Ed informed the Board that the \$11.2 million dollars in the State Aviation Airport Aid program has already been committed for airport projects. Lastly, Ed informed board members that he was pleased with the Governor replenishing the Air Georgia Grant program back to 15 million dollars.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

John Crosby noted to board members that his airport would have exhibit space this September at the NBAA conference in Atlanta and he would be glad to hand out information regarding GAA or if any other airport hand information to hand out he would be glad to do it. Lastly, Steve Brian and Buster Boshears suggested that Mike Van Wie contact Pat Epps regarding GAA Sponsorship of the 100 year of Georgia Aviation movie being prepared by the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. Steve agreed to provide

Mike with the point of contact and Mike agreed to speak with Mr. Epps regarding his knowledge of the film.

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:35p.m.