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WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fourteenth meeting of the Board of Directors - November 5, 1974.

The meeting convened at 10:00 A. M. at the Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 7424, Washington, D. C. The following were present:

J. Van Etten	R. Doherty
W. Roland	N. Dickerson (for C. Pasquier)
L. Higginbotham	J. Beukers
R. Frank	

Also in attendance:

V. Johnson  
D. Naples  
R. Johler

The attendance constituted a quorum for matters on the planned agenda circulated to directors, but did not constitute a quorum for new business. The minutes of the Thirteenth meeting having been circulated to Board members prior to this meeting, a motion was made by Roland and seconded by Frank to

dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The motion was unanimously carried.

1. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The President announced the following appointments:

R. Johler - Chairman, Historical Committee  
N. Dickerson - Chairman, Technical Papers Committee  
J. Beukers - Chairman, System Specification Committee  
D. Haislip - Chairman, Publicity Committee

The President also reported that a letter had been sent to The Honorable Claude S. Brinegar regarding the Loran-C system specification and stated that a detailed report would be given by the Chairman of the System Specification Committee later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on the convention finances and stated that there was a deficit of approximately \$1,300. This was essentially due to the cocktail party which lacked the anticipated industry support. The

Treasurer stated he felt that this was not because of unwillingness of industry to support the cocktail party, but rather due to the lack of follow up in collecting donations. It was suggested that industry be approached again to provide donations to reduce the deficit. Norm Dickerson undertook to do this through Bob Smith. The convention was reported to have cost approximately \$7,000 with receipts of \$5,700. The Treasurer stated that after covering the outstanding costs of the convention and paying the bill for the workshop proceedings in the amount of \$1,044, the organization's balance stands at \$849.

#### Membership Committee Report

Chairman L. Higginbotham reported that membership stood at 362 and indicated he would follow up expired members. There followed a discussion on the mechanism of reinstating members after their membership had expired and whether or not the renewal dues should apply to time passed or time future. The method of notifying delinquent members was also discussed. A motion was made by Doherty and seconded by Frank that

renewal dues be \$7.50 per year with a cut-off date of 31 March, after which a member would be removed from the mailing list. The delinquent mailing list would be used for mailing ballots for the election in May and counted only if a check was included.

The motion was defeated.

The President referred the matter of renewal dues to the Chairman of the membership committee for consideration and recommendations to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

#### Constitution Committee Report

Chairman Vernon Johnson presented the meeting with proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws:

Change Article IX of the Constitution from:

"The Association may provide by its By-Laws for such Standing Committees as may be deemed necessary. The President, annually, shall appoint the members, designate the Chairmen, and fill the vacancies."

to read as follows:

"The Association may provide by its By-Laws for such Standing Committees as may be deemed necessary. The President, annually, shall appoint the Chairman of each Committee."

A motion was made by Doherty and seconded by Frank to

accept this change to be presented to the membership for consideration.

The motion was unanimously carried.

It was proposed to add a new article, Article XV - Publications, to read as follows:

"Publications that serve to further the aims and purposes of the Wild Goose Association may be authorized and sponsored by appropriate provision in the By-Laws."

A motion was made by Roland and seconded by Doherty to

accept this new article to be presented to the membership for consideration.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Article XIII of the By-Laws. A new article covering the Loran journal was presented to the Board for consideration. After discussion and minor word changes a motion was made by Higginbotham and seconded by Roland for

adoption of Article XIII, Loran Journal, to read as follows:

"Section 1. Purpose. To provide to the membership of the Wild Goose Association and to the loran community at large a compendium of current Association and loran information. It is intended that the Journal will be updated and published annually, closely following the annual elections (approximately July of each year), to provide to the membership an annual report of the significant activities, accomplishments, and objectives of the Association. It is further intended that the Journal will serve the interest of the loran community by providing a compendium of loran information and reference data deemed to be of interest to the Community at large.

Section 2. Journal Committee. A special committee shall be constituted to effect the compilation, editing and publication of the Journal. The President of the Association shall annually appoint the Editor of the Journal, who will serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Editor shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) members to serve on the Committee.

Section 3. Finance. The Journal is intended to be financially self-supporting through the sale of advertising space and copies of the Journal to the Loran community at large. The Editor of the Journal may make application to the Executive Committee for the funds necessary to publish a specific issue of the Journal and may make application to the Treasurer for the funds necessary for the administration of the Journal Committee (i. e.: mailings, telephone, etc.). Such application shall be supported by a detailed budget. The Committee shall not have authority to incur any indebtedness or pecuniary obligation for which the Association shall be responsible except to the extent previously authorized by the Executive Committee, or by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Contents. Prior to final editing and publication, the Chairman of the Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee for approval a detailed listing of the contents of the forthcoming issue.

Section 5. Distribution. At publication, a copy of the Journal shall be provided to each member of the Association at no cost. Copies shall be made available for sale to the Loran community at large at prices to be determined by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the Executive Committee, or Board of Directors."

The motion was unanimously carried.

## 2. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### Loran Journal

Roland brought the meeting up to date with plans for the Loran Journal. A discussion ensued regarding advertising, content, distribution and costs. The meeting agreed that Roland should go ahead with the Journal plans subject to the Constitution amendments reported earlier in these minutes.

### System Specification

Beukers reported on the letter composed by the System Specification Committee and sent to President Van Etten for transmittal to The Honorable Claude S. Brinegar, Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Beukers also reported on the meeting held in the Commandant's office of the Coast Guard attended by Admirals Siler, Price, Moreau, Capt. Manning, Capt. O'Connell and Dave Haislip of the Coast Guard, and James Van Etten and John Beukers of the WGA. Beukers summarized the reaction of the Coast Guard as being positive, recognizing the need for a specification. It was also noted that the Coast Guard felt that they were being crowded and rushed in the matter of publishing a system specification for Loran-C. A copy of the letter to Secretary Brinegar is attached to the minutes.

### Technical Papers

Norm Dickerson discussed the need to have more user oriented papers in future technical sessions. He also recommended that these future technical papers be published in a proceedings. In the following discussion the need for abstracts and advance planning for the technical sessions to prevent duplication and improve standards was noted.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

The selection of a convention site for 1975 was discussed. A motion was made by Dickerson and seconded by Doherty that

the convention site for 1975 should be in the Washington, D. C. area.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The question of a date was raised without a decision being made other than to avoid conflict with the Institute of Navigation, Old Crows, or any other organization having overlapping membership. Suggestions for a chairman were requested by the President, Bill Reveille was given as a possibility.

### 4. OTHER BUSINESS DISCUSSED

John Hopkins made a suggestion of getting users into the organization as Directors. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a committee should be set up consisting of users with an objective of getting one or more of the user committee members to attend the Board meetings as observers. John Hopkins agreed to look into the setting up of such a committee.

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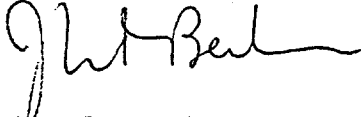
Roland suggested that we look into the overlap between RTCA, RTCM and the WGA special committee addressing receiver specifications.

The possibility of forming a Washington Chapter was mentioned by Norm Dickerson, who indicated that an organizational meeting could take place shortly.

Higginbotham mentioned the need for a descriptive write-up of what the WGA stands for.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Doherty and seconded by Frank and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Beukers  
Secretary

November 21, 1974

cc: All Board Members  
N. Dickerson  
V. Johnson