

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fifteenth meeting of the Board of Directors - January 28, 1975.

The meeting convened at 10:00 A. M. at the Officers Club at Hanscom Air Force Base. The following were present:

15th

J. Parini	F. Chambers (for E. Durbin)
L. Higginbotham	W. Roland
C. Pasquier	J. Van Etten
R. Pasciuti	J. Beukers

Also in attendance:

B. Uttam (Radio Navigation Journal)
N. Dickerson (Technical Papers Committee Chairman)
W. Reveille (Convention Chairman)

The minutes of the Fourteenth meeting having been circulated to Board members prior to this meeting, a motion was made by Pasquier and seconded by Parini to

adopt the minutes of the last meeting without reading.

The motion was unanimously carried.

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, W. Roland, presented a report as of the 29th of January 1975. Receipts from February 1, 1974 to January 28, 1975 amounted to \$7,448. Itemized expenditures amounted to \$7,055.86, leaving a check balance of \$416.19. The Treasurer brought to the attention of the Board the matter of the deficit from the convention cocktail party due to lack of sponsorship from industry. Dickerson was again asked to follow up on the industry commitments which did not materialize. A motion was made by Pasquier and seconded by Higginbotham that

the Treasurers report be accepted as a true record of transactions for the period.

The motion was carried.

2. PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

The President asked the Secretary to count the ballots returned from Directors for the amendments to the constitution and by-laws. The Secretary noted that he had received 11 ballots, all in favor of the proposed amendments.

There then followed a discussion as to the title of the proposed Journal covered under Article XIII of the by-laws. It was the general consensus of the Directors that the title of Loran Journal was too narrow and would not permit the publication of articles and information on other radio navigational aids. After lengthy debate a motion was made by Beukers and seconded by Higginbotham that

the title of the Wild Goose Association publication be called the Radio Navigation Journal; and that this journal should include a statement identifying the Wild Goose Association as publisher, together with a description of the organization; and that the journal's contents include, but not be restricted to, Loran; and be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Wild Goose Association; and in addition the first sentence of Article XIII, Section 1 be changed to read:

"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, and related topics."

There not being a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors present, the President undertook to mail ballots to the Board members to vote on the motion.

3. CONTENTS OF JOURNAL

Discussion ensued concerning the contents of the proposed Radio Navigation Journal. A communication from Bob Doherty recommending symbols and definition for Loran publications was introduced. It was agreed that this was an important contribution, however a number of the definitions were considered controversial. Higginbotham undertook to circulate to all Board members a copy of the document and the President directed that the Executive Committee review the document for action.

4. CONVENTION

The convention chairman, W. Reveille, presented his recommendations for the 1975 convention. There were two choices, the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg-Rockville, Maryland and Keybridge Marriott Hotel in Rosslyn, Virginia. After questioning and discussion, a motion was made by Beukers and seconded by Pasquier that

the Holiday Inn in Washington, D. C. be selected as the site for the 1975 convention to be held during the week of October 6.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Reveille undertook the following actions:

- (1) Confirm the convention site
- (2) Define a list of activities to be discussed at the next Board meeting
- (3) Develop a financial plan and budget to be discussed at the next Board meeting
- (4) Recommendations for convention speaker to be available for review at the next Board meeting

There followed a discussion regarding the cocktail party and it was stressed by the President that the convention chairman get positive commitments from industry to cover the cocktail party expenses. It was also recommended that industry sponsors are recognized for their contribution by prominent display of their names and all logos at the cocktail party. The subject of Miss Wild Goose was discussed and it was agreed that the practice of selecting a Miss Wild Goose for the year should be continued.

5. CONVENTION TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Dickerson presented thoughts on the content and arrangements for the technical sessions. He indicated that it was his intention to provide a proceedings of the technical sessions and that this should be self-supporting by means of a page charge to authors. A lengthy discussion regarding the technical contents of papers presented followed and Dickerson stated that it is his intent to screen prospective papers to ensure a high standard. A motion was made by Higginbotham and seconded by Dickerson to

adjourn for lunch at 12:15 P.M.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with all in attendance except Bahar Uttam.

6. SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

The President called upon Beukers to bring the Board up to date regarding a communication with the Department of Transportation to establish a Loran-C system specification. Beukers stated that the Wild Goose Association received a letter from the Department of Transportation indicating that the publication of a Loran-C system specification was necessary and that the Department of Transportation would be contacting the WGA shortly. The letter was dated November 15th and no further formal communications have taken place. Informal discussions with the Coast Guard and the Department of Transportation indicate that the matter is stuck in the legal department of the Department of Transportation and that the Coast Guard has not been requested to respond.

There was discussion as to the next move to be taken by the WGA. A motion was made by Van Etten and seconded by Higginbotham that

the Loran-C specification committee codify a tentative specification and description of the Loran-C system to be coordinated with the Coast Guard and the Department of Transportation for approval by the Board of Directors. This specification to be published in the proposed Radio Navigation Journal with an editorial qualifier that the specification is unofficial but contains the best available information at the time of preparation.

After further discussion it was agreed that a meeting should be held with the Department of Transportation to inform them of the WGA action. Van Etten and Beukers agreed to do this. --

7. USER PARTICIPATION

A proposed letter was introduced by F. Chambers (for John Hopkins) to be sent as an invitation to Loran-C users to be present at Board of Directors meetings. After discussion it was agreed that this letter would not be effective because of the very low probability of the user being able to attend. Several other methods of increasing user interest in the WGA were discussed. Beukers introduced a letter from Oregon State University concerning their willingness to co-sponsor a Loran-C workshop. Roland agreed to research this with the Coast Guard.

8. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Higginbotham raised the question of the introductory volume on Loran-C by Hefley. This book being currently unavailable, it was agreed that copies of the workshop proceedings should be sent out in lieu of the Hefley book until stock of the proceedings was depleted. Further copies of the Hefley book were on order and, when available, would again be used for new members.

9. PUBLICITY

The President read a letter from Haislip stating that he had formed a publicity committee consisting of Haislip, Brennan and Van Der Meulen. Haislip requested a reading from the Directors as to suggestions for publicity, and the following were made:

- (1) Publicity within the Coast Guard using Coast Guard publications such as Engineers Digest
- (2) Editorial and general articles to be placed in magazines such as Yachting and Boating

Van Etten agreed to interface directly with the publicity committee and pass down the recommendations and discussions of the Board.

10. CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Constitution of the Board of Directors was again discussed and it was suggested that the number of directors from any one section of the Loran community (manufacturer, government, etc.) be limited so that a broader representation of the Loran-C community could be represented. It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

11. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Van Etten agreed to contact Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Dean, to remind him of the date for nominations.

12. CHARTER FOR THE WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

A lengthy and lively discussion ensued relating to the Charter for the WGA. The pros and cons of opening the WGA to Omega and other radio navigation disciplines such as global positioning system, were debated. It was generally agreed that the WGA was too narrow in its outlook and that users were more interested in solving navigation problems than buying Loran-C equipment. A motion was made by Beukers and seconded by Roland that

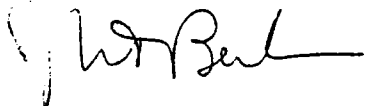
the Constitution and Charter be reviewed with the objective of increasing the scope of the WGA to include other radio navigational aids.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The President stated that he would appoint a committee to study this motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Beukers
Secretary

January 29, 1975