

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Seventeenth meeting of the Board of Directors held September 24, 1975 at U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 7200, Washington, D. C.

Attendees: J. M. Beukers (J. C. Morgan)*- For J. Parini
 ✓ L. F. Fehlner J. P. Van Etten
 D. T. Haislip (N. C. Dickerson)*- For C. Pasquier
 E. L. McGann (W. F. Reveille)*
 (K. R. Bruhl)* R. H. Doherty
 (V. L. Johnson)* W. N. Dean

17th

*() Denotes Non-Directors

Absent: W. F. Roland L. Higginbotham J. A. Parini
 E. Durbin T. Daniels
 R. A. Pasciuti C. J. Pasquier

The meeting was brought to order at 10:15 A. M.

1. The Secretary read the Minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 6, 1975 which were approved as written.

2. President's Report

In the absence of Bill Roland, Treasurer, the President submitted the Treasurer's Report. The total expenditures amounted to \$940.85, receipts of \$1,910.35, making a current balance of \$2,385.68 from a previous balance of \$1,416.19 on the 29th January, 1975. A motion was made by Ed McGann

to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted

Motion was seconded by Dave Haislip and unanimously passed.

The President noted that there were a total of 318 paid up members and that of this total, 161 were new members. Ninety-one had not renewed their subscription.

3. Radio Navigation Journal

In the absence of the editor, Bill Roland, the President reported on the Radio Navigation Journal. A proof of the Journal was submitted to the Directors for their review. There was some question as to whether the Journal would be printed in time for the Convention due to the lateness in getting the material to the printer. Every effort was being made to speed things up. The President stated that there is every indication that the Journal will pay for itself through the advertising already purchased. The Directors were unanimous in their approval of the organization and content of the first issue of the Radio Navigation Journal.

4. Loran Systems Specification

John Beukers gave a brief report on the status of the Loran-C Specification. Because of the descriptive nature of the material it has been decided to call the material that will be published in the Radio Navigation Journal a system description rather than specification. Beukers stated that the work was not complete and that his committee had every intention of continuing the work during the coming year so that a complete specification can be published in the next issue of the Radio Navigation Journal. Discussion followed the report and it was agreed that there is a need for a method of clearing technical controversy arising out of the publication of technical specifications. Beukers felt that it was within the charter of his committee to set up such a panel.

A proof of the specification was sent to Al Manning of the Coast Guard with a request that a replacement for Don Naples be nominated by the Coast Guard or for liaison purposes.

5. Congressional Activity

Ed McGann gave a brief report of the activity in the House and Senate on FY76 appropriations.

"Members of the House and Senate Appropriation Subcommittees on Transportation have been contacted and their staffs briefed to help resolve the controversy regarding the "potential duplicity of Loran-C and VOR/DME". The end effort is to help assure that the funding for the Gulf Coast CCZ expansion of Loran-C is included in the FY76 DOT budget. Also the ground is being laid for next years justification of continental Loran-C as a DOT budget line item."

A discussion ensued regarding the National Plan for Navigation and in particular, the article that appeared in Aviation Week, September 22, 1975 written by Philip Klass. This article discussed the possible replacement of VOR/DME by Loran-C.

6. Newsletter

In the absence of Lloyd Higginbotham the President read news items contained in a newsletter being sent out by Higginbotham. There was discussion about the Loran-C Meeting to be held on the West Coast, December 2nd and 3rd in Portland, Oregon. Dave Haislip indicated that Dr. Panshin of Oregon State University was organizing the conference

with Bob Dugin of the U. S. Coast Guard. Dave Haislip is the contact in Washington.

7. WGA Convention

Bill Reveille gave a report on the arrangements for the WGA Convention to be held at the Hunt Valley Inn on October 15-17th. Reveille reported that industry had pledged approximately \$2,100 which would be more than sufficient to cover the cocktail party and other incidental expenses. He noted that we had received 60 reservations and that this was running about the same as last year. No speakers had accepted their invitations and there was discussion for alternative suggestions. It was agreed that to get an individual representing the Omega Association for a luncheon speaker would be desirable and Irv Lublin was named as a possibility. Charles Sakkrin was a second suggestion. For the banquet speaker, it was recommended that Ed McGann contact the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Ted Lutz, again for an acceptance.

It was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that a request had been made by ONSOD to have an Omega display at the WGA Convention. It was generally agreed that unless there was an equivalent Loran-C display, that this would not be a good idea and the proposal was not approved. Reveille noted that a selection had been made for Ms. Wild Goose, Karen L. Corey, a Secretary with ONSOD.

8. Technical Meeting

Norm Dickerson gave a report of the arrangements for the Technical Program and provided the meeting with an agenda for the technical presentations. All authors have been advised of the format required for publication and have been provided with the necessary materials for compliance. The subject for the topic of the panel discussion was reviewed. It was recommended that there be a small panel and that audience participation should be encouraged. The subject is to be "The Expansion of the WGA Charter to Include Other Forms of Radio Navigation".

9. The President brought up the subject of awards and requested suggestions from the Board. There followed discussion. The President indicated he would be in telephone contact with Board members concerning his choice for the President's Award.

10. Publicity

The President asked if there could be more activity in the way of publicity. The Publicity Chairman, Dave Haislip, indicated that he would look into this and determine how he could effectively contribute in spite of his heavy schedule.

11. The President asked for suggestions as to new activities for the WGA. The problem of spectrum clearance to permit reception of Loran navigation signals without interference was agreed to be a worthwhile pursuit for the WGA. The formation of a user liaison committee made up of users/suppliers - not manufacturers or government was brought up. Other suggestions were better communication with members, additional publicity and the possible formation of regional clubs.

A motion was made by Beukers to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Fehlner, and the meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Beukers
Secretary

September 30, 1975

cc: All present and Directors listed as absent