

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Eighteenth meeting of the Board of Directors held December 3, 1975 at the Sheraton Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

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The following were in attendance:

- D. T. Haislip
- J. Van Etten
- L. Higginbotham
- R. Doherty
- R. Frederick (for E. McGann)
- J. M. Beukers

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p. m.
2. Since the attendance didn't constitute a quorum the minutes of the previous meeting were not read. The meeting was profitably used for the discussion of a number of topics as noted in these minutes.
3. Those attending the Loran-C Workshop were invited to sit in as observers to the meeting.
4. President Van Etten raised the question to Board Members and those observing of how the WGA might serve the user better. A general discussion took place during which the following suggestions were made:
 - a. The WGA should actively pursue the extension of Loran-A coverage to enable the user to convert his Loran-A information to Loran-C information.
 - b. The Sea Grant universities should be approached to assist in Loran-C information dissemination.
 - c. The WGA should be active in evaluating and publishing receiver standards.
 - d. It was recognized there was a need for educational material, articles, training, manuals and films.
 - e. The WGA membership should include institutional membership and the charter should be changed to make this possible.
 - f. The types I, II, and III receivers discussed at the workshop should be defined in terms of their technical performance.

- g. Certification of equipment. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the WGA position regarding certification of equipment and establishing standards. It was generally felt that while there is a recognized need, neither the Coast Guard nor the WGA should undertake this responsibility. An organization such as RTCM should be encouraged to do this work.
 - h. The Loran Users Council was again suggested as a possibility for disseminating information and establishing standards.
 - i. Request was made for a directory of receiver manufacturers.
 - j. User experiences and problems were recommended as useful news items to go in either the Gazette or Newsletter.
 - k. It was recommended that the Sea Grant universities re-publish WGA information.
 - l. The WGA should hold back to back conferences with the user community such as the fishing and boating industry.
 - m. The need for installation information was raised.
 - n. The success of the Loran-C Workshop run by Oregon State University under the Sea Grant Program was noted. It was recommended that other universities in the Sea Grant Program host similar workshops around the country in cooperation with the Coast Guard.
 - o. It was recommended that Oregon State send around news of the workshop to other member universities.
5. The Annual Convention held in October was discussed. An informal statement of receipts and expenditures was submitted to Board Members for their review and indicated that the convention was run at a small profit. The convention was noted to be a success from an attendance, technical and financial standpoint, and Bill Reveille was congratulated on his chairmanship. Van Etten noted that Reveille had offered to serve as chairman for the next convention and had also been approached by Bill Rice for the same job. A general discussion took place to determine the site of the next convention, and it was generally agreed

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because of the convenience to most of the members that it should take place in the Washington, D. C. area. An alternative suggestion is the Copley Plaza in Boston.

Bill Reveille suggested (in writing) recommendations for next year's convention:

Place

- o West Coast (San Francisco)
- o East Coast (Washington, D. C.)

Activities

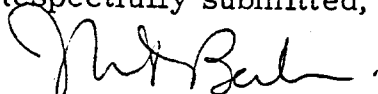
- o Have more hardware displays
- o Have mfg. display hardware to promote user interest/participation. (Especially on West Coast)
- o Tour of West Coast transmitter

Action

- o Pick area now
 - o Determine specific site by 31 December
 - o Begin advertising soon after to promote user interest.
 - o Membership drive
6. The need for more activity in preparation of the ITU Conference in 1979 was expressed.
 7. The need to keep the data flowing for the Loran-C Specification was also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Beukers
Secretary

December 17, 1975