

WORLD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

31st

Minutes of the Thirty-first Meeting of the Board of Directors held 11 April 1978 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

The following were in attendance:

John M. Beukers	W. L. Polhemus
Walter Dean	Jim Van Etten
Leo Fehlner	

Absent from the meeting were:

Ray Abraczinskas	Arthur Pankoff
Lloyd Higginbotham	Richard Pasciuti
Hank Hilbun	Patrick Reynolds
Vern Johnson	Bahar Uttam
Ed McGann	

Also in attendance were:

Keith Bruhl	Dave Haislip
Jim Culbertson	Wm. Mohin
W. J. Frederick	Wm. Roland

The meeting was brought to order by the President, John M. Beukers, at 0930 a.m.

1. The Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Board of Directors was adopted on motion of Walt Dean, seconded by Leo Fehlner.
2. The President's Report
 - a. Beukers reported that a letter was sent to Dave Jackson of Fish Expo (refer to minutes of 30th meeting) declining Jackson's invitation for WGA formal participation.
 - b. Beukers announced that Richard Pasciuti had resigned for business reasons.
 - c. The President reported that the Board would receive a briefing from Dr. Goldsmith of the OST regarding the National Plan for Navigation at approximately 10:30 a.m.
 - d. The President stated that the Board would receive a visit from Dr. Jack Fernside, Deputy Undersecretary DOT at approximately 11:00 a.m.

3. Secretary's Report - None was submitted.
4. Treasurer's Report - Report Attached

B. Uttam's report was read by the President. He noted that the current balance was \$4,673.81. Fehlner moved and Dean seconded acceptance of the report as presented.

5. Convention Committee - Report Attached

The report was presented for V. Johnson by J. Van Etten. He indicated that abstracts are due by 15 April '78. Sixteen abstracts have been promised. During the discussion recommendations were sought by Jim Culbertson for luncheon and banquet speakers. The subject of reimbursement for guest speakers' expenses was also discussed. Mrs. Roland, chairman for food and beverage planning, presented her recommendations through Bill Roland. Bill Mohin noted that there would be an important competitive Navigation Conference to be held by DOT at TSC, Cambridge, MA, during the first week of October (3d through the 5th).

6. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Executive - No Report
- b. Constitution - Report Attached

Vern Johnson submitted a report indicating three items of business. Fehlner raised the question as to the possibility of open items ~~re the Constitution~~ appearing in previous minutes of the Board Meetings. Beukers stated that he would review and determine required action.

- c. Membership - No Report
- d. Historical - No Report
- e. Awards - No Report
- f. Nominations - Report Attached

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Walt Dean indicated that suggestions for nominees are past due (due 1 April) and requested help.

7. Special Committee Reports

- a. Congressional - No Report
- b. FAA Certification - No Report
- c. Loran-C Specification - Report Attached
- d. Loran-C Critical Issues - Report Attached

Jim Van Etten prepared draft papers entitled:

- i What Is U.S. National Navigation Policy?
- ii What Is The WGA?

Van Etten briefed his Critical Issues papers and solicited advise from the attendees. Fehlner suggested that the WGA should get a list together of focal points for promoting awareness of Loran-C . . . non-DOT federal agencies, state and local government personnel, major transportation organizations, etc. The approach might be "here are the facts (truth as we know it) re Loran-C capabilities and projected costs. The WGA should attempt to stimulate support through follow-up efforts.

In addition to the problems presented in his report Van Etten raised the issue of stronger effort to clear the band at and near Loran-C frequency. He described efforts of Utilities and others to utilize the frequency as a carrier for internal control signals.

- e. Journal - Report Submitted

(no copy available)

8. At approximately 10:45 a.m. the meeting was recessed to receive briefings from Dr. Goldsmith and later Dr. Fernside. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the conflict between policies and philosophy of the NPN and plans presented by GAO and OMB. The DOT position was clearly stated and ideas were sought for presentation of arguments before the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives.

The DOT position stands upon the authority and responsibilities assigned it by the Congress under U.S. Code Title 14.

Considerable effort is to be expended by DOT through FAA, USCG and the newly-formed Research & Special Programs Administration (which operates the TSC) to demonstrate maturity of ideas, competence, cost effectiveness of DOT-selected systems, long range plans, etc.

(Note: there are three parallel major programs to demonstrate feasibility of Loran-C in addition to its accepted maritime role . . .

- i The St. Lawrence Seaway
- ii AVM and Site Location (Land Navigation) within the State of New York
- iii Aircraft Area Nav and Instrument Approach feasibility in rural areas (Vermont)

Success with these programs can have a major effect on authorization for mid-continent Loran-C.) Secretary's Note.

9. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1330 hours.
10. New Business

Leo Fehlner presented a motion for consideration which would provide funds for reimbursement of certain expenses of individuals invited to address the Convention this fall:

Motion: It is moved that the WGA pay ^{reasonable} ~~the~~ travel and hotel expenses for ~~not more than two (2)~~ ^{Convention Chairman be authorized to} guest speakers for the annual convention; ~~local travel expenses are not to be included. Hotel expenses will be for a period of one (1) day. In addition, each of the guests will be provided with two (2) free banquet and two (2) free luncheon tickets.~~

The motion was not voted on because of lack of a quorum.

11. There being no other business Van Etten moved that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Fehlner. Motion approved and Meeting adjourned at 14:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Polhemus
Secretary