

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

7 January 1981

MINUTES OF THE 47th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was held in conference room 8238 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D. C. We are grateful to Capt. W. W. Kohl for the conference room reservation. The following Directors were present:

B. Ambroseno
L. F. Fehlner
C. S. Andren
E. L. McGann
V. I. Weihe

No business was transacted by motion due to the lack of a quorum. However, the Directors present agreed to discuss each of the agenda items (Attachment 1) as indicated below.

Item 1 - Call to Order

President B. Ambroseno called the meeting to order at 1010, 7 January 1981. He announced that the next meeting would be held on the second Wednesday in March 1981.

E. L. McGann announced that WGA member LCDR Brent Mills is very seriously ill at Walter Reed Hospital. He is not seeing visitors but cards expressing the concern of other members would be greatly appreciated.

Item 2 - Secretary's Report

President B. Ambroseno read the minutes of the 46th Board Meeting (Attachment 2). No corrections were noted. Formal acceptance of the minutes was tabled until the next Board meeting. He also reported that he sent a letter to the FCC (Attachment 3) stating the position of the WGA in regard to RF emissions from power lines in the low frequency (LF) radio spectrum.

Item 3 - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer C. S. Andren read and discussed the Treasurer's report (Attachment 4). He noted that the treasury balance at the end of 1980 was substantially less than the balance at the end of 1979. There was unanimous agreement that this reflected the inflation rate. He also noted that the 1980 Convention is expected to close its books with a small surplus of funds which will be deposited in the WGA account. It was recommended that the WGA checking account be converted to a NOW account. The Directors present concurred that the trend in the WGA end-of-year balances indicates that an increase in dues may have to be considered at the next meeting.

Item 4 - Committee Reports

E. L. McGann, Chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, reported on the events leading up to President B. Ambroseno's decision to write to the FCC as noted above. Chairman McGann submitted for the record a copy of the petition of the Utilities Telecommunications Council (UTC) to the FCC, which was the initial disturbing event, and a copy of the comments submitted to the FCC by Megapulse, Inc. (Attachment 5). He also noted that in addition to Megapulse, comments in opposition were submitted to the FCC by AIRINC, IRAC, the Coast Guard and possibly Motorola and AOPA. Attachment 6 is a copy of the Executive Summary of the UTC petition.

Item 5 - 1981 Convention

The 1981 Convention will be held in October at the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay in San Diego. Walter Dean has been appointed Convention Committee Chairman. Members of his committee are J. Illgen, Technical Sessions Chairman, J. F. Culbertson and J. O. Alexander.

Item 6 - 1982 Convention Site

The Directors present concurred that the Board will pick a 1982 Convention site at the next Board meeting. The Secretary was directed to include in the minutes a request to each Director to consider very seriously the question of a desirable site and be prepared to participate in the decision at the next Board meeting. The following sites have been suggested so far:

- New Orleans - great place for a convention as per 1978 Convention, continued Loran-C activity in area,
- Hunt Valley, Baltimore - good facility as per 1975 Convention, Washington, DC area,
- Annapolis - other organizations have had success there with conventions, Washington, DC area,
- Halifax - Canada has ever increasing interest in loran, close to Canadian Coast Guard activity and the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, very delightful place,
- Toronto - have not yet visited the Great Lakes Chain area, good convention city,
- Bermuda - interesting place for a convention, cost competitive with other sites.

Item 7 - 1981 WGA Plans

The Directors present discussed a number of current matters of concern to the WGA in its loran advocacy role. The Secretary was requested to include in the minutes a request that each Director consider the way in which the art of loran can best be fostered in exploring and developing positions on the following matters and participate in planning WGA 1981 activities concerning these matters at the next Board meeting:

- a. seminars with people associated with commercial fishing to help with their problems,
- b. extension of Loran-C coverage to the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, southerly off the tip of Florida,
- c. completion of coverage of the Continental United States,
- d. coverage of the Alaska North Slope,
- e. helicopter traffic control in Gulf of Mexico and Gulf shore,
- f. North Atlantic Chain reconfiguration,
- g. formal publication of the Loran-C Signal Specification,
- h. publication of testing procedures for the minimum performance of loran receivers,

- i. upgrading the means by which the sequence of times at which Loran-C transmitters emit pulse is controlled.

Each Director is also asked to submit for consideration any other matters that may concern him, at the next Board meeting or by mail.

Item 8 - Other Business

- a. Nominations for Chairman of the Journal committee are requested.
- b. The matter of dues increase will be on the agenda of the next Board meeting.
- c. President Ambroseno will take appropriate action to invite loran enthusiasts affiliated with the Coast Guard back into active participation in the activities of the WGA.
- d. A card expressing the concern of the WGA will be sent to Brent Mills.

The 47th Board Meeting was adjourned at 1245, 7 January 1981 on a motion by E. L. McGann, seconded by C. S. Andren.


Leo F. Fehlner
Secretary

Attachments:

- (1) Agenda Items of Jan. 7, 1981 Meeting
- (2) Minutes of 46th Board of Director's Meeting
- (3) WGA ltr. to FCC, Dec. 31, 1980
- (4) Treasurer's Report of Jan. 7, 1981
- (5) Megapulse, Inc. comments to FCC, dtd Dec. 17, 1980
- (6) Executive Summary of UTC Petition

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Attachment 1



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December 12, 1980

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The next WGA Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7, 1981 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room 8238, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. Contact, if needed, is Capt. Bill Cole, Room 8117

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order, 9:30 a.m.
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. 1981 Convention, call for papers, publicity, committees, etc.
6. 1982 Convention site
7. 1981 WGA plans

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Ambroseno", written in a cursive style.

B. Ambroseno
President