

Wild Goose Association

Minutes of the 88th Meeting of the Board of Directors October 29, 1989

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at the Tara Hyannis Hotel in Hyannis, MA and was brought to order by the President at 10:00 a.m.

The following board members were in attendance:

John D. Illgen, President
Jim Culbertson, Vice-President
John Beukers, Secretary
Carl Andren, Treasurer
Jim Alexander
Walt Dean
Vern Johnson
Bob Lilley
Ed McGann
Mike Moroney
Dave Scull
Jim Van Etten

Written proxy was received from the following:

Leo Fehlner

Also in attendance were:

Marilyn Beukers (Recording Secretary)
Dave Carter, WGA Member
Bob Frank, WGA Member
Dave Olsen, IOA Representative

The Secretary reported that the attendance by Board Members together with proxies received constituted a quorum in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

The President stated that the agenda for the meeting had been distributed and would be followed.

2. Minutes of the 87th Board Meeting

The minutes of the 87th Board Meeting were mailed to all Board members prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, a motion to waive reading of the minutes was made by Jim Culbertson and seconded by Walt Dean and was passed unanimously.

3. Secretary's Report

A written report was circulated to all Directors prior to the meeting. The Secretary, John Beukers, questioned whether the Director's Newsletter was a worthwhile endeavor and requested a show of hands to indicate if it should be continued. There was unanimous agreement that the Newsletter served a useful purpose. Beukers stated that it would be beneficial if there was more input from the Directors. Bob Lilley requested that information in the Directors' Newsletter be sent to him on disk for use in the Goose Gazette. John Beukers mentioned that the Secretary's position has become a full time job and that the Board must acknowledge this with a plan for continuity. The Secretary noted that there had been significant promotion for the 1990 Convention and that there would probably be a number of new members in attendance.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was sent to all Directors prior to the meeting. Treatment of the cost of printing the Proceedings was questioned. The Treasurer, Carl Andren, stated that this obligation was met from the Treasury when it should be born by the Convention and covered by registration fees. The reason for the bank fee shown on the report was also questioned. The Treasurer noted that this was to process overseas dues and requested that the Secretary make it clear to overseas that all payments be made in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank. The Secretary stated that this has been communicated and should not be a problem in the future. The Treasurer stated that the last Convention's intake covered all costs. Upon a motion made by Dean and seconded by Scull, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

5. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Audit

The Treasurer stated that an Audit will be performed by the accountants in the next 2 months. Jim Culbertson reminded the Board of the duties of the Audit Committee Chairman as defined in Article V Section 3 of the By-Laws. John Beukers recommended that the Auditor's cover letter be addressed to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

(b) Awards

Chairman Bob Frank presented a verbal report. He noted that all award certificates were ready to be handed out at the banquet. The Chairman stated that Jim McCullough will be coming to the convention and that John Illgen had prepared a framed letter citation for presentation to him. (Jim Alexander noted that McCullough had offered to help at the next convention). Beukers mentioned that shortly before the convention he had received three phone calls requesting that people be given awards thereby bypassing the awards committee. The Chairman stated that no awards should be given unless the potential recipients are approved by the Awards Committee. The Best Paper Student Paper award was discussed and Bob Frank stated that the Awards Committee does not give this. Jim Culbertson recognized this as an oversight and recommended a change to the By-Laws to include this award. An Honorary membership for Denny Smith was suggested however the consensus of the Board, while in agreement, expressed the opinion that it was too late for this year. Jim Van Etten thought a cut off date was needed in the By-Laws. Bob Frank said the cut-off date was July 15th. After some general discussion and upon a motion made by Walt Dean and seconded by Jim Culbertson, the Awards Report was approved.

(c) Constitution and By-Laws

Chairman Vern Johnson commented on the need to make a general review and substantial changes in the By-Laws and the Constitution. He suggested that a form be circulated to Directors so that they might express the changes required. The Chairman reminded the meeting that 2/3rds of the Board of Directors are required to approve changes to the By-Laws.

(d) Conventions

1988 Convention. In the absence of the Chairman, Bob Bronson, John Illgen gave a verbal report and provided the Board with the financial results of the 1988 Convention. The convention account was closed out with a balance of \$2,303.40 which is to be transferred into the WGA general account. It was the consensus of the Board that convention funds remaining after the convention expenses have been disbursed, should be returned soon after the close of the convention and not a year later. Printing of the Proceedings, including 50 extra copies, cost \$2680. Contributions for the Hospitality Suite were down compared to the 1985 Convention which raised well in excess of \$5,000. It was agreed that potential convention contributors must be followed up vigorously to ensure adequate support for the hospitality suite. Ed McGann made the point that manufacturers are no longer as supportive as they were and that many have never heard of WGA. Dave Carter suggested that Media covering land-based applications be added to the data base. Truckers' meetings were mentioned as an opportunity to spread the word about the WGA. Upon a motion made by Carl Andren and seconded by Walt Dean, the 1988 Convention Report was accepted.

1989 Convention

The President congratulated Mike Moroney and Ed McGann, co-chairmen for the 1989 Convention, for an excellent job in bringing the 1989 Convention together. The President also noted the high standard of papers to be presented during the Technical Sessions.

Both Ed McGann and Mike Moroney commented unfavorably on the interface with the hotel stating that it was necessary to have every detail of the hotel's commitments recorded. Good international representation was expected with an attendance of over 150 people. It was noted that the Guest Speaker, Admiral Busey, the FAA Administrator, had had to cancel because of commitments associated with the recent earthquake in San Francisco. Congressman Denny Smith agreed to step in at the last moment. It was stated that 70 new members were expected, and the Board members were requested to go out of their way to meet as many new people as possible. Publicity was noted as being very good.

Seating arrangements for the Luncheons and Banquet were discussed, and it was noted that there would be a table for the recipients of the Medal of Merit.

General Assembly - Jim Culbertson stated that he would introduce the new board members and the board to those present. John Illgen said that he would be talking about his term as President.

Opening ceremonies - John Illgen to open meeting and call color guard in and then introduce Ed McGann and Mike Moroney.

There followed some general discussion regarding the arrangements for the technical sessions and for the registration.

1990 Convention

Chairman Jim Alexander stated that the convention coordinator, Erika Faus, had been at work reviewing several hotels for rates and facilities. The recommendation was to use the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach. Since there was no advantage in rates for the weekend it was suggested that the convention commence on Tuesday, October 23rd, ending on Friday, October 26th. Upon a motion made by John Beukers and seconded by Mike Moroney, the Board agreed to the dates proposed.

Jim Alexander noted that a Convention Theme was needed and requested suggestions from Directors. John Illgen stated that Jim Atkinson could head a session and suggested the possibility of a classified session. There was discussion on the wisdom of introducing classified sessions into the civil loran community. The Board's consensus was that this would not be in the best interest of the WGA.

The Chairman requested authorization to spend an additional \$2,300 with the convention coordinator, Erika Faus. This, he stated would allow her to make all of the necessary arrangements for the convention. There was discussion and it was agreed to contract with Erika Faus for this service providing that this amount was absorbed by the registration fees.

(e) Historical

No report was made

(f) Journal Report

A written report was circulated to Directors prior to the meeting. Chairman John Beukers handed out an update of organizations for reporters and correspondents. He stated that input is needed if the Journal is to get off the ground. He requested that the Board members review the list of organizations and people and fill in where there are gaps. Bob Lilley stated that the response from the FAA was positive and they would support the effort to supply material. The report was accepted upon a motion made by Ed McGann and seconded by Mike Moroney.

(g) Membership

Chairman Walt Dean stated that John Beukers was doing a good job with the membership administration. He suggested that a letter be sent to members who had resigned asking if they would tell the WGA why they were no longer interested. John Beukers gave the current membership statistics: Membership 543, 105 from 1988 delinquent, 710 prospects. Prospects come in at approximately 100/month and about 10% join. ARNAV, Azure, II Morrow, and Landfall Navigation are active in the card program. John Beukers stated that the WGA needs more corporate support. Upon a motion made by Jim Culbertson and seconded by Mike Moroney, the Membership Report was accepted.

(h) Newsletter

Chairman Bob Lilley submitted a written report that was circulated to Directors prior to the meeting. He summarized his report stressing the convenience of using disk or modem as a means for collecting input for the newsletters. He requested updated information on Directors' phone numbers, etc. John Beukers said that he would provide this information after the next Board meeting. It was suggested that the Newsletter could carry some advertising and that perhaps this could be coordinated with the Journal.

Upon a motion made by Walt Dean and seconded by Jim Van Etten, the report was accepted.

(i) Nominations and Election

Chairman Jim Van Etten submitted a written status report which was circulated to Directors prior to the meeting. He thanked the committee for their work during 1989. He further commented that there was a need to broaden the Board of Directors and that the By-Laws should be followed. The Chairman noted that three additional members can be appointed to the Board. Jim Culbertson stated that it was his intent to appoint these three positions at the next Board meeting to be held on November 1, 1989 and would request Board approval at that time. A motion to accept the report was made by Carl Andren and seconded by Walt Dean and was passed.

6. Special Committee Reports

(a) Civil Radionavigation Working Group

Dave Scull, Chairman of the committee, submitted a written report. He advised the Board that he had retired from federal service as of October 3, 1989 and had now taken a job with a small company in industry. He stated that he wants to remain involved in Loran. The Chairman summarized his report for the Board and a discussion followed on numerous issues centering around the National Transportation Policy Plan and the Federal Radionavigation Plan. He suggested that the WGA prepare inputs for both of these plans, Ed McGann said that he would help. Dave Olsen (IOA representative and DOT RSPA member) gave DOT perspectives of the plans and the staff status within the Coast Guard for the FRP preparation.

It was noted that Dan Cross would be leaving Congressman Denny Smith's staff shortly and that the WGA would lose a contact with Congress.

Upon a motion made by Walt Dean and seconded by Jim Culbertson, the report was accepted.

(b) Congressional Liaison Committee

A comprehensive report was distributed to Directors prior to the meeting. Chairman Ed McGann summarized the more important actions and issues. He reminded the meeting of the FRP Users Conference that is to take place on November 16th & 17th in the DOT building in Washington.

Ed McGann drew the Board's attention to the recommendations at the end of his report which suggested that the WGA should become better organized to influence some of the important issues confronting Loran. He also suggested that the Association take a firm stand with respect to GPS and Loran.

The Board recognized that the U.S. Coast Guard was understaffed to tackle the issues surfaced in McGann's report. Jim Culbertson said that in reading the report he felt that the WGA should prioritize initiatives and generate an action plan. A motion was made to accept the report by Walt Dean, seconded by Dave Scull and approved.

(c) DOD Working Group Report

Chairman John Illgen submitted a written report which was circulated to the Directors prior to the meeting which he summarized for the Board. He stated that the DOD report that is in preparation has had some excellent input from several members and non-members and would be available shortly for Board review and publication in the Journal. John Illgen noted that Jim Atkinson was still favorably disposed toward the Loran community. John Illgen raised the question of the WGA covering classified uses of Loran. The consensus of the Board was that the WGA should address issues in the civil community.

The question "Does the WGA have a policy towards GPS interoperability" was raised by Mike Moroney. There was no definitive answer.

Upon a motion made by Carl Andren and seconded by Dave Scull the report was accepted.

(d) Convention Planning

No report was submitted.

(e) Additional Reports not on Agenda

WGA submission to the UK was introduced by Walt Dean along with a report on the activities of the special RTCA liaison committee and Loran Technology committee.

7. WGA Growth Initiative

(a) Status, Publicity, Membership Drive

The paper to be presented by John Beukers at the convention covering WGA growth issues was sent to all Directors prior to the meeting. John Beukers commented that in this paper there was a questionnaire to be answered by those at the presentation, the results of which could be employed to help the Directors chart a course for the WGA. Jim Culbertson indicated that he would use this information in his remarks at a luncheon during the convention.

(b) Five Year Financial Plan

No information was presented.

8. Old Business

(a) Oceans 89

John Illgen stated that Walt Dean and he attended two sessions of this convention.

9. New Business

Mike Moroney stated that the ION meeting to be held in San Diego in January 1990 would have a Loran session which he was chairing. The subject is to be Loran in Civil Aviation.

Jim Culbertson requested recommendations for the 1991 convention.

Epson printer owned by WGA. Leo Fehlner had written asking if can transfer the Epson printer to McChung, the recipient of the Osborne computer. John Beukers said that this was in use printing labels for WGA business. The Board was opposed to the request, and the request was

denied. Carl Andren who carried Leo Fehlner's proxy was asked to return this decision to Leo Fehlner.

IEEE Aerospace Electronics Systems Magazine, WGA Column. John Illgen said that he would report for this month. Jim Culbertson will be picking this up in the coming months. The circulation is 10,000 worldwide and provides the WGA with additional exposure.

John Illgen commented upon his two years as President of the Association stating that it was both challenging and interesting. He noted that the WGA had a lot of work and growth possibilities ahead. He questioned whether the WGA should focus only on Loran-C. He felt the committee structure was good and that the infrastructure was falling into place. He added that the issue of a paid and permanent executive director must be resolved.

A motion to thank John Illgen for a productive two-year Presidency was introduced by John Beukers and seconded by Carl Andren. It was unanimously passed.

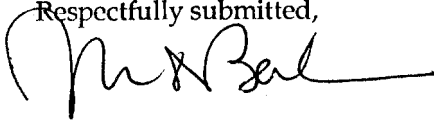
10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is to be held at the Tara Hyannis Hotel at 7 AM, Wednesday, November 1st, 1989, in a room to be announced.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Beukers and seconded by Carl Andren. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Beukers
Secretary

Attachments on File:

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Attendance Sign-In Sheet
3. Fehlner Proxy
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Awards Report
7. Convention Reports for 1988 and 1990
8. Journal Report
9. Membership Report with RTCA and UK Initiative (Dean)
10. Newsletter Report
11. Nominations and Elections Report
12. Civil Radionavigation Working Group Report
13. Congressional Liaison Report
14. DOD Working Group Committee Report
15. Beukers Paper re WGA Growth Initiative
16. "The Future of Marine Radionavigation in United Kingdom Waters" Submission
17. Loran Technology Report (Rear of 16)
18. Summary Report of General Membership Meeting
19. Board Correspondence