# Wild Goose Association

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# Minutes of the 92nd Meeting of the Board of Directors July 19, 1990.

# 1. Call to Order.

The 92nd meeting of the Board of Directors convened at the USCG Omega Navigation Systems Center in Alexandria, VA. In the absence of the President, Jim Culbertson, the meeting was brought to order by the Vice President, Dave Scull, at 10:10 hrs.

The following board members were in attendance:

Dave Scull, Vice President Carl Andren, Treasurer John Beukers, Secretary Jim Alexander Vern Johnson Ed McGann Mike Moroney

Also in attendance were:

Dave Olsen, IOA Representative and WGA Member. Marilyn Beukers, recording secretary.

Written proxies were received from the following:

Leo F. Fehlner, appointee John M. Beukers Robert W. Lilley, appointee Dave Scull William L. Polhemus, appointee John M. Beukers Jim Van Etten, appointee Vern Johnson

# 2. Quorum

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

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

# 3. Minutes of the 91st Board Meeting.

The minutes of the 91st Board Meeting were distributed to Board Members at the meeting. It was suggested that approval of the minutes be deferred to the 92nd Board Meeting rather than take the time to read through them at this meeting. A motion was made by Ed McGann and seconded

by Vern Johnson to defer approval of the 91st Board Meeting to the next Board Meeting. All were in favor.

## ACTION: Board, approve minutes of 91st Meeting

#### 3. Secretary's Report.

(Mailed to the Board prior to meeting).

The Secretary's report outlined the Secretary's activity since the last Board meeting and the outlook for the balance of the year. John Beukers, Secretary, stated that this was a transition period and he suggested that this report be discussed later in the meeting. A motion was made by Carl Andren to postpone the Secretary's Report until later in the meeting and this was seconded by Jim Alexander. All were in favor.

#### ACTION: Accept Secretary's Report

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#### 5. Treasurer's Report.

(Written report submitted at meeting)

The Treasurer, Carl Andren, presented a detailed financial report for the period of October 1st, 1989 to July 18, 1990 generated using a computer at Navcom. This consisted of a balance sheet and income and expense report with a detail breakdown of income and expense categories. The balance sheet showed a cash balance of \$31,100.51. The Treasurer commented upon the strong financial condition of the Association and noted the financially successful 1989 Convention, the sale of publications and videos, and increased membership. There was discussion on several points. The Treasurer was congratulated for a fine report and the Board expressed appreciation for the additional work that its preparation had entailed. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Jim Alexander and seconded by Ed McGann. All were in favor.

#### 6. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met by means of a conference call on 11 July 1990. The report of this meeting was presented to the Board with recommended actions. There was a general discussion on a number of items and it was agreed to defer further discussion relating to the Secretary's position to the agenda item (9) Old Business. The report was not adopted at this time.

#### **ACTION: Accept Executive Committee Report**

# 7. Standing Committee Reports

## **Constitution Committee**

Chairman Vern Johnson submitted the recommendations of the Constitution Committee for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and explained their intent. He indicated that his committee needed direction from the Executive Committee to generate additional changes. The Chairman reminded the Board that while amendments to the By-Laws can be voted by 2/3rds of the Board, amendments to the Constitution must go before the entire membership by mail ballot. Following discussion there was agreement with the amendments as presented. John Beukers suggested that since there were other changes to the Constitution being contemplated, the changes presented should be held until the additional input had been papered before going to the

membership. Carl Andren moved that the By-Law changes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ed McGann and passed unanimously.

(Secretary's note: There are a total of 17 Directors, a two thirds majority to the higher rounded number is 12. Since there were only 10 Directors present in person or by proxy this motion was illegally passed and must be ratified or brought to a new vote at the next Board Meeting.).

ACTION: Ratify Motion

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#### **1990** Convention

(Report faxed to John Beukers and circulated at meeting)

Chairman Alexander elaborated on the written report and there followed a general discussion concerning various aspects of the Convention. He noted that he was receiving excellent support from the Coast Guard 11th District and expected a good Coast Guard attendance at the Convention. Rear Admiral M. Ed Gilbert of the U.S. Coast Guard, has accepted to be the Keynote speaker. The main speaker for the banquet will be Pat McCormick, who has received four Olympic awards for diving. For the luncheons, Jim stated that he is looking for entertaining speakers.

Jim Alexander stated that he needs an input to the FAA, NASAO, AOPA and other organizations and requested Director help. The Technical Chairman Bob Miller has received sixteen papers, seven of which are coming from overseas. There will be a booklet of abstracts available at the Technical Sessions.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon for lunch and reconvened at 2:20 P.M.

## 1991 Convention

Dave Scull gave the report for Chairman Zeke Jackson. Joe Cox of Navcom will be in charge of finding a hotel for this convention.. Jim Alexander stated that he will give information to Joe on the convention planner Erika Faust. John Beukers stated that there must be a follow through from year to year for the conventions. Mop up afterwards takes too much time chasing unpaid attendees and consolidating the administrative loose ends. Joe Cox will be in Long Beach to witness the running of a convention. It was suggested that a Convention Planner continue to be used for negotiations for meals, locate and negotiate with the hotel, so that the Convention Chairman doesn't have to be involved. Dave Olsen suggested that the risk of going without a convention planner is taking a chance and once again resorting to every convention starting from scratch. The consensus was that a Convention Planner can get better prices which in itself pays for the service. After further discussion, Jim Alexander made a motion that future conferences use a Convention Planner for selection of and negotiation with the hotel. The motion was seconded by John Beukers and put to a vote. Seven were in favor and three opposed. The motion was carried.

ACTION: Clarification for Joe Cox - Aer-

#### 1992 Convention

Chairman, John Beukers stated that a possible theme for this convention could be "National Operation & Use of Loran-C." The Co-Chairman in U.S. is to be Capt. Rod Stebbins of Florida who has indicated a willingness to be Chairman of the 1993 Convention if held in Florida. Since Stebbins is new to the Convention scene an additional U.S. Co-Chairman is being sought.

John Beukers stated that he would be contacting the U.K. Meteorological Office to get its cooperation for the 1992 Convention to be held in England. John Illgen has expressed the desire to be the Technical Chairman, however, concern was expressed of his availability because he has not attended any board meetings since his term as President. Carl Andren suggested that Rolf Johanessen be approached for the position.

Journal Committee (Report mailed prior to meeting)

Chairman John Beukers stated that he has enough material for the Journal but needs contact and input from manufacturers. Dave Olsen stated that the Radionavigation Bulletin put out by the Coast Guard can be quoted with acknowledgment of source material. The next step is to create a rate card and obtain advertising commitments.

## ACTION: Contacts required for Loran Businesses

Newsletter Committee (Report mailed prior to meeting)

Chairman Bob Lilley stated that he has not been getting reports from standing committees for the *Goose Gazette*. The Board noted with appreciation Bob's dedication to publishing the *Goose Gazette* to such a high standard on a regular basis.

Nominations and Election Committee (Report mailed prior to meeting)

In his proxy to John Beukers, Leo Fehlner stated that he was withdrawing his name from the slate of candidates. Leo gave his reason as being unable to stimulate the Board to address loran technology issues after many years of trying. Leo Fehlner's withdrawal changes the results of the election. Mark Morgenthaler is now elected to a three year term, and Dave Amos is elected for a one year term to fill John Illgen's last year as Director (position is vacant while John Illgen is Past President).

The Board regretted Leo's decision and commended him on his faithful long term service to the WGA as Director and past Secretary. The Board's consensus was to encourage Leo to continue contributing in a technical capacity and suggested that he be asked to become the Chairman of the proposed Loran Technologies and Applications Committee.

**ACTION: President** 

At this point, due to the late hour, the meeting Chairman moved ahead in the agenda to the subject of the Secretary's Position

# 9. Old Business

The current Secretary, John Beukers, made a presentation covering the requirements of a computer system to run the WGA stating that his own equipment would no longer be available for this purpose in the new year. He made a strong case for the WGA to purchase its own system that will permit continuity of the administrative operation that has been set up over the past two years. There followed discussion of alternative approaches to avoid the outlay of funds however the Board's consensus was that the WGA's administrative function should be independent and not tied to a company or a government agency's in-house computer. The Secretary offered to put together a WGA system and run this in parallel to the current system for a short while after which it can be moved to the newly found home at Navcom. John Beukers made a motion that the Board authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$7000 to purchase a system consisting of a 386 computer, laser printer with postscript capability, wide and narrow dot matrix printers, Bernoulli back up removable cartridge unit and uninterruptable power supply. The motion was seconded by Carl Andren. The motion was passed unanimously. John Beukers stated that he would configure such a system and report back to the Board by the next Board meeting.

#### ACTION: Secretary

There followed a discussion of the position of Secretary and how this could be split up. It was suggested that the Secretary's tasks be limited to preparation and administration of Board meetings, that the Membership Chairman run the membership system and that the publications fulfillment be located with Navcom. There were several other suggestions but the matter remained unresolved.

The future for the Manufacturers' Cards Program was discussed without resolution.

The Board's consensus was to send the matter to the Executive Committee to come up with a plan to be presented to the Board at the Board meetings to be held at the Convention on 23rd and 25th of October.

#### **ACTION: Executive Committee**

Motion to adjourn made by John Beukers and seconded by Jim Alexander. The 92nd Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Beukers Secretary