

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 108th Meeting of the Board of Directors.

1. Call to Order

The 108th meeting of the Board of Directors was convened at 4:40 pm on 31 October, 1994, in the Presidential Suite of the Viking Hotel, Newport, RI, by President Dale Johnson.

2. Attendance, Proxies and Statement of Quorum

The following Board members were in attendance:

Dale Johnson, President
Dave Amos, Vice President
Walt Dean, Secretary
Bob Lilley, Past President
John Beukers
Frank Cassidy
Laura Charron
Jim Culbertson
David Last
Mike Moroney
Ben Peterson
Dave Scull

Also attending:

Bill Brogden
Ellen Lilley
Norm Matthews
Linn Roth
L. Staudmeister for John Illgen

The secretary reported that the number of Directors present constituted a quorum, and equaled the two-thirds required for ratification of amendments to the By-Laws.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the 107th meeting were accepted by a motion by Lilley, seconded by Beukers.

4. President's Report

Johnson reported that his major activity has been the collection of petitions, to be reported on by Linn Roth. He stated that the Board had voted by fax to approve active participation in IALA, with Beukers as representative.

It was reported that the Russian representative who was scheduled into Boston had been taken by American Airlines to Albany, which delayed his arrival in Newport by a day.

5. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report as Andren had not been heard from. Johnson promised to contact him before the Membership meeting. Charron reported on the audit committee that Norm Meyers had audited through 1992, but had no data from Andren for '93.

6. Old Business

Minutes of the XCOM meeting of 11 August were approved, with the correction of spelling of Frank Kruesi's name, on motion by Deukers, seconded by Scull.

Ellen Lilley noted that there is confusion as to exactly what constitutes a paid-up member, when a membership starts and ends. She said 385 ballots were sent out on the name change, but there is still confusion as to the definition of a member in good standing. The problem was referred to Charron's Constitution Committee for clarification.

Johnson brought up the problem of finding a "strawperson" to run against a president for his second term, and the possibility of making a two-year term standard for president. It was decided to maintain the status quo.

7. Committee for a Balanced Radionavigation Policy

Linn Roth reported on the activities of the Committee for a Balanced Radionavigation Policy. One of the most important activities is stimulation of letters to influential members of the Administration and Congress. A sample letter and suggested targets was published in the Gazette.

Over 10,000 signatures on petitions urging the continuation of Loran well into the next century have been collected and transmitted to the proper destinations. Linn mentioned Bill Drogden, Megapulse, Bob Lilley and John Deukers as primary contributors to the effort. Continued effort is needed, and coverage of added marine shows was discussed. Scull reported the Virginia CAP is interested in the effort, and other groups may also be contacted.

Bob Lilley commented that there is no great rush by the public to buy GPS receivers, contrary to the opinion of many policy makers. He also reported that he would be going to Washington on Wednesday to accompany Bob Anoll, chairman of SC-159 to report to the FAA's SOIT (Satellite Operations Implementation Team)

8. Moscow Convention

Deukers, reporting on the Moscow convention, said 12,000 advance notices had been printed. They are missing some session chairmen, but abstracts are coming in. Communication with Russians is very poor.

Norm Matthews commented that Denisov is running this conference to make money. He feels Denisov has a very laid back attitude toward the conference. Denisov asked Wally Blanchard if he could have his DNSI conference in Moscow in 1996. Blanchard is apparently taking a waiting attitude.

9. New Business

Will Johnson and Dr. Francis Kane of the GPS International Association sat in for a portion of the meeting. Kane claims to have started GPS by requesting funding from the Navy in September of 1966 for a satellite navigation system. They say their organization represents the GPS users, and they claim to have much in common with the WGA.

RTCA SC-176 is upgrading the Loran MUPS, DU-194. Pearsall will deliver a copy less the testing procedures which have not yet been completed. It calls for a multi-chain master independent sensor, and 0.3 nm full scale deflection on CDI for approach.

Regarding the name change, Johnson reported that the membership vote was 100 yes, 20 no, so the WGA will become the International Loran Association, ILA. Beukers moved, seconded by Lilley, that the By-Laws be amended to reflect the name change. The motion was passed unanimously, representing the required two-thirds of the Board, and the matter was referred to the Constitution Committee.

Johnson received a letter from Andre Nieuwland which suggested that the constitution Article II, Aims and Purposes, be amended to reflect the original purpose "to commemorate fittingly the memory of fellow wild geese". No action was taken on the suggestion.

The subject of business cards for officers and directors was brought up. Costs are relatively high for color cards, but it may be possible to get a number of cards printed with just the color logo, and provided to those wanting cards printed to do it themselves. Ellen Lilley will follow up on this.

10. Awards Committee Report

The following awards were proposed by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board:

Medal of Merit - Ed McGann, Bill Roland
President's Award - John Beukers, Linn Koth, George Quinn
Service Awards - John Illgen, Jim Alexander, Dave Last,
Walt Dean, Durk van Willigen, Jim van Etten, Norm Matthews.
Best Student Paper Awards - Richard van Mee, Hein Anderson
Best Loran Paper Awards - David Last with Yi Bian (2)

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Minutes of Annual Membership

Meeting 1 November, 1994

The 1994 Membership meeting of the Wild Goose Association was called to order at 2:04 pm at the Viking Hotel, Newport, RI by president Dale Johnson.

The president stated that 1994 had been a challenging year for the association, principally because of the announcement by the Coast Guard that were considering termination of support of the Loran-C system. This has created problems and opportunities for the WGA, and has resulted in a number of new memberships.

Johnson reported for Treasurer Andren that the association has a bank balance of approximately \$30,000, with no outstanding debts.

Linn Roth, chairman of the recently formed Committee for a Balanced Radionavigation Policy, reported that the letter campaign to key members of the Administration and Congress is well underway, with several thousand letters already sent. Petition gathering at Oshkosh and other air and marine meetings has resulted in over 10,000 signatures. Petition forms and sample letters will also be sent to Transport Canada, IALA, the National Boating Safety Council, AUPA and others.

Johnson reported that RTCA is updating the Loran-C MOPS, DO-194, with test procedures in process. RTCA SC-159 is writing standards for GPS/Loran interoperability. Marty Shuey commented that the Loran-C MOPS should be ready by June, 1995. Bob Lilley is going with Dob Anoll to brief the FAA SOIT on Loran progress.

The 1995 meeting in Moscow is scheduled for June 26-30

The change of name to the International Loran Association was approved overwhelmingly. It will be used henceforth, the only detail remaining being amending the Massachusetts charter, a routine legal matter.

The Goose Gazette will need a new name to reflect the change. Suggestions were solicited, to be submitted at the registration desk for consideration at the BOD meeting on Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.