

Minutes
State WPA Board Meeting
January 8, 2005,
Paine Field, Everett, Washington

Meeting called to order by Kirk Kleinholz 12:10 PM

Present

John Dobson PAE
Robert Hamilton PAE Pres
Jim Smith, PAE
Tom & Nancy Jensen GRC
Tom Nesko, Harvey
Gary Evans, PAE
Kirk Kleinholz, Pres PAE
Arthur Berkell GRC
Dave Wheeler PAE
Al Banholzer, GRC (arrived 1 PM)
Stephanie Allen, PAE (arrived 1:30 PM)
Bob Mitchell, PAE (arrived 2:12 PM)

Via Conference call:

John Townsley

Tom Nesko 1st Jim Smith 2nd on Minutes approval; unanimous.

Treasurer's report not given due to David Almvig's absence.

Jim Smith 1st to approve by email, Nesko 2nd -unanimous

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Tom Jensen, Airports: Tom's E-mailed report covers activity at 5 airports - attached. Tom emphasized that everybody should memorize 866-GA-SECURE and be conscientious about protecting our airports. He also noted Jim Scott is doing an excellent job of getting irrigation installed at Stehekin.

Jack McGoldrick, Legislative: not present, no report.

John Townsley - prospective Legislative director: John wants to develop a legislative agenda for WPA and a program to make it happen. Since pilot registration fees are to be used for education, according to the RCW, John suggests educating children. Kirk Kleinholz added that he asked John Sibold of Aviation Division to send us a letter detailing how the registration fees are used.

Feeling is that PAC w/b a "raison d'etre" for WPA and for gaining membership. Discussion on lobbyist vs. working with local, county, and state politicians. General consensus was that PAC was an important WPA agenda.

Suggestion was made and consensus given to get 3-4 people together for brainstorming. Jim Smith suggests a meeting at John Dobson's house.

Tom Nesko – WASAR: Activity has decreased.

Passed on to Gary Evans – WASAR: WASAR has donated \$7,000 to the state for their command and control trailer. Otherwise, quiet on the search front. Continuing to develop plans for next year.

Joe Bryant – Membership: not present, no report.

Al Hunter - Safety & Education: not present, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee was not present. John Townsley is running for legislative director. We still need President, VP West. (Also, secretary and treasurer.)

Tom Nesko indicated that Al Banholzer may run for president. Kirk Kleinholz indicated that he'd like to serve the organization again, provided he can resolve his business concerns by February.

KK wants another board meeting last week in January or 1st wk in February to finalize Puyallup arrangements.

John Townsley suggests some kind of reimbursement plan to enable East Side officers - since traveling to meetings etc. Consensus was in favor.

Co-presidency was suggested.

Other presidential candidates suggested: Penny Loomis, Paul Dickerson, Jim Robertson.

Aviation Conference in Puyallup:

Kirk hasn't had success in getting a hold of Rachel during the past 2 weeks, but we're supposed to have an 11-1 venue on Saturday for a meeting. The building is in the VIP building - we should provide finger food - open to all vendors who make walk in and out. WASAR meeting should follow.

John Townsley suggested a dinner meeting for the new board or new officers. Admission will be charged this year, limiting membership attendance - potentially.

Tom Nesko 1st to authorize UP TO \$2000 for meal at Puyallup. 2nd Jim Smith

Discussion: concern expressed over the amount, the number of vendors we need to feed, the logistics of the meeting, etc. Puyallup fair won't allow "outside" food so the food problem may be moot. Tom Jensen suggests we simply rent the room, for maybe \$500?

Kirk suggests we postpone the vote 'till the next meeting. Jim Smith suggests we allocate the \$2000 so that in the event it needs to be spent, we have pre-authorization.

Tom Nesko called the question. Motion amended to include "to secure our facilities" - no objections. The vote - unanimous.

Kirk feels we might see an opportunity for "taking over" the WAA Puyallup show and/or modeling after the Alaska Pilots Association.

Kirk proposes we plan a 2-day board member retreat in March, after 2005 officers installed. (See notes in 12/8 email attachments.)

Tom Nesko moves Current board strongly suggests to new incoming board that suggestions in today's agenda under Member Retreat be implemented. 2nd by Robert Hamilton.

Discussion on mandate such that new board hold the retreat and take on suggestions. Should it be amended to be a mandate for the new board. Or, should we simply schedule a meeting. Al Banholzer suggests as an amendment to the motion, that we simply schedule a retreat in March 2005, such that the new board holds the retreat, eliminating the policy recommendations, Tom Jensen 2nd.

Tom Nesko calls the question again. Jim Smith restated the amendment. Unanimously approved.

Jim Smith suggested we fund members travel or lodging for the retreat. Vote on the amended motion - on the table - unanimously approved.

Suggested the retreat be March 18, 19, 20. Ellensburg and Wenatchee are suggested as possible venues.

Jim Smith moves that we have retreat be scheduled for March 18, 19, 20 and that the hotel stay for the 19th be paid for for all members, up to \$100. 2nd by Robert Hamilton.

Discussion: Reason for Ellensburg - easier to fly into especially at this time of year.

Jim Smith changed motion to Wenatchee - no objections.

John Townsley suggested we amend to make a maximum of \$100 for any legitimate travel cost, provided the attendee participates in the full meeting from beginning to end. Tom Jensen 2nd. Al Banholzer called for a vote on the amendment, which was defeated. 1 Opposed.

Al Banholzer suggests an amendment to say that WPA pay for the rooms directly, for the 1st night of the retreat; and we should organize a committee to handle the logistics and bring back recommendations.

Original motion passed (opposed by 2).

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Awards:

Tom Nesko moved that the single-nominee awards be approved. Unanimous.

Jim Smith moved the president appoint a committee of 3 people to decide upon the awards. Unanimously approved.

Jim Smith requests for a future board meeting, reimbursement expenses be reviewed by the board. Also, he suggests that the President be given additional leeway on personal reimbursement. Also, officers and other committee members be afforded expenses reimbursement.

Al Banholzer suggests we set up a budget - which should be done by Treasurer.

John Dobson - PAE is in the process of negotiating a fuel discount with Air BP at .10 per gallon - may involve an air BP credit card.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Al Banholzer apologizes for being late.

Tom Jensen thanked Jim Smith for the parliamentary help.

Stephanie Allen suggests we rediscuss having a convention.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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

Arthur Berkell, Secretary