

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

30th

Minutes of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Board of Directors held Wednesday, 15 February 1978, at DOT, Nassif Building, Washington, D.C.

The following were in attendance:

Walter Dean
James Van Etten
Leo Fehlner
Lloyd Higginbotham

Vernon Johnson
Edward McGann
William Polhemus
Bahar Uttam

Absent from the meeting:

Ray Abraczinskas
John Beukers
Hank Hilbun

Arthur Pankopf
Richard Pasciuti
Patrick Reynolds

Also in attendance:

James Culbertson
William Mohin
William Roland

The meeting was brought to order at 0945 by Temporary Chairman Leo Fehlner.

1. The minutes of the 29th Board Meeting were adopted following identification of several errors upon motion by Edward McGann and second by Lloyd Higginbotham.
- 2.* Chairman Fehlner presented the President's Report per the agenda. Included were copies of letters to Russ Weaver (1); Acting Assistant Secretary Lloyd J. Money (2); from J. Beukers to members of the Board, dated 7 January 1978, indicating areas of concern or challenge for the coming year (3); and President's Message, also dated 7 January, sent to the Membership of WGA (4). The President also directed attention to the forthcoming IEEE Position Location and Navigation Symposium to be held in San Diego, CA, 7 - 9 November 1978. Copies of "Call for Exhibitors" and "Call for Papers" are attached, (5) (6).
3. Secretary's Report - None Submitted
4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bahar Uttam and is attached herewith (7). The current balance was stated to be \$3,799.75. Application has been made to the Federal IRS for assignment of "non-profit status". The report was accepted by the Board.

* Letters on file

5. Convention Committee's Report

Chairman Vern Johnson submitted a report, attachment (8), which was received by the Board after discussion.

Standing Committees

6. Executive Committee - No Report

7. Constitution Committee - Chairman Vern Johnson submitted his report which was accepted with modifications as noted.

8. Membership Committee - Chairman Higginbotham submitted a report, attachment (10), indicating that 69 new members have been processed in since his last report. With 80 renewals we now have 149 paid-up members.

9. Historical Committee - Dean presented a verbal report indicating no activity for the period.

10. Awards Committee - Fehlner presented a verbal report indicating that no activity had taken place during the preceding reporting period. He requested that a circular describing WGA Awards and methods of nomination be distributed with the next Newsletter.

11. Nominations and Elections Committee - Chairman Walt Dean presented a verbal report indicating no activity during the preceding two months.

Special Committees

12. Congressional Liaison - McGann submitted a formal report, attachment (11), and presented a request for action to be taken on five issues summarized below. His report was accepted by the Board.

(1) Development of a philosophy on qualifications or standards to be met, and methods for satisfactory demonstration, as a corollary to the 1600-ton rule-making kind of activity.

(2) Development of a strategy for activating interest of State and Local Government Agency personnel in the utility of Loran-C for their site location and 'other' needs.

(3) Find some way to provide professional technical advice to critical projects, as for example the Tennessee Loran-C evaluation project.

(4) Form a Critical Issues committee to monitor these kinds of issues. Jim Van Etten agreed to take a look at the problem. (This activity should be entered as New Business in a future Directors' meeting.)

(5) Development of a WGA appreciation of GPS and prepare objective assessments of its probable operational and economic characteristics as a function of time (1985, 90, 95, etc.) for use in challenging overly-optimistic claims made by its advocates.

13. FAA Certification - Pasciuti was not present and no report was submitted.
14. Loran-C Specification - Van Etten submitted a verbal report indicating that the USCG will meet its 1 May deadline for preparation of the Specification. He has been assured that CG will drop other activity, as necessary, to meet date. The report was accepted by the Board.
15. Spectrum Clearance - Fehlner did not submit a report.
16. Publicity - No Report
17. Radionavigation Journal - Uttam submitted a report, attachment (12). The report was accepted by the Board without comment. In addition, Uttam solicited ideas for articles for the Journal. The following topics were forthcoming:

(1) Paper on guidance and control algorithms suitable for marine and air craft.

(2) Paper on the forthcoming Portland conference which describes for the benefit of Users what characteristics to look for in a Loran-C receiver.

(3) Paper summarizing the RTCM Minimum Performance Specification.

New Business

18. WGA Chapter - Foreign. A request had been made by Mr. Robert Salusbury, COM DEV-Marine of Vancouver, B.C. to WGA for permission to establish a western-Canada chapter.

Uttam moved that Salusbury be so-authorized and encouraged. The motion was seconded by McGann. Vern Johnson is to supply a 'kit' per the Constitution indicating procedural steps to be followed. A petition will then be submitted to the Board for its approval.

19. Fish Expo - Puerto Rico. Fehlner indicated that it was impracticable for WGA to participate in the forthcoming exposition in San Juan. A letter to the Fish Expo organizational committee will be sent expressing our appreciation but declining the invitation.
20. International Conference on Loran-C. Jim Van Etten reported that he had been approached by Admiral Jim Moreau with the suggestion that an international conference be held at an unspecified location. No action was taken on this item at the 30th meeting.
21. Capt. Bill Mohin presented an hour-long overview of the current status of Loran-C activities across the country with special emphasis on progress with mid-continent Loran-C transmitters (there ain't none), difficulties in Tennessee and elsewhere with land-navigation projects, concern for interference (in or near-band) carriers and power lines, changes in assignments at DOT, etc. These items are worthy of a special newsletter. Ed McGann was given certain documents which are to be reproduced and distributed to Board Members.
22. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



William L. Polhemus
Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

(Board of Directors Meeting 15 February 1978)

Previous Balance - 11/17/77

\$1,513.06

Transactions - 11/17/77 to 2/15/78

Receipts

Dues	878.50	
Journal Sales	44.00	
Journal Adds	2,455.00	
Conv. 76	33.50	
Conv. 77	480.00	
Misc.	3.00	3,894.00

Expenses

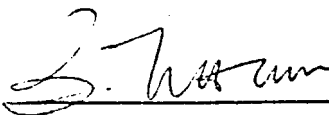
Postage & Printing	525.37	
Conv. 77 Telephone Bill	93.15	
Conv. 77 Publicity	88.09	
Awards	124.70	
Conv. 77 Proceeding Printing	730.00	
Conv. 77 Proceeding Mailing	41.00	
Misc.	5.00	1,607.31

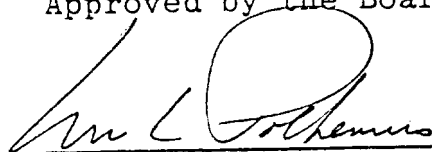
Balance - 2/15/78
Checkbook Balance
Cash in Hand

3,799.75
3,678.75
121.00

Submitted 2/15/78

Approved by the Board of Directors


Bahar Uttam, Treasurer


W.L. Polhemus, Secretary

Pending Receipts

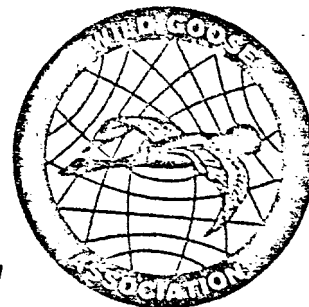
Journal Ads:

Beukers	\$145.00	
EDO-AIRE	145.00	
Internav	300.00	\$590.00

Form 1024 and all pertinent information have been submitted to the IRS for their consideration for granting non-profit status to the WGA.

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February 14, 1978

TO: Secretary, Wild Goose Association

FROM: Chairman, Convention Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

1. Convention Dates - Firm selection of 18-20 October has been made.
2. Hotel - Selection of Le Pavillon Hotel, located in the New Orleans downtown area of Poydras and Baronne streets, has been made. A sales agreement has been prepared covering reservation of a block of 125 rooms and the meeting rooms required for the WGA convention functions. Room rates are \$36-\$44 for singles and \$44-\$52 for doubles.
3. Convention Announcement - to the WGA membership is in preparation and will be mailed by the end of February.
4. Call for Papers - is in preparation and will be mailed with the convention announcement.

Vern Johnson
 Vern Johnson

cc: President, WGA
 Convention Committee Members

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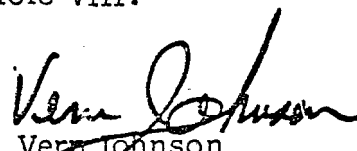
TO: Secretary, Wild Goose Association

FROM: Chairman, Constitution Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Board of Directors, at the meeting of 12/13/77, requested the Constitution Committee to draft provisions for the By-Laws to cover publication of the Newsletter.

The addition of a new article and the revision of two articles is recommended by the Committee as submitted herewith as Attachment 1 for consideration by the Board of Directors under the provisions of Article VIII.


Vern Johnson

Attachment

cc: President, WGA
Constitution Committee Members

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO WGA BY-LAWS

1. Add new Article XVII, Newsletter as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. To provide to the membership of the Wild Goose Association a means of frequent communications covering information pertinent to the activities of the Association, the Board of Directors, the individual members and the Ioran community at large. It is intended that the Newsletter will complement the Radio Navigation Journal and be published at quarterly intervals as a minimum and monthly as a maximum.

Section 2. Newsletter Committee. The Newsletter Committee shall be constituted to effect the compilation, editing and publication of the Newsletter. The President of the Association shall annually appoint the Editor of the Newsletter, who will serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) members of the Association to serve on the Committee.

Section 3. Finance. The Newsletter is not intended to be financially self-supporting, and will be supported from the general funds of the Association as a service to the membership. The sale of advertising space is permitted to defray expenses.

Section 4. Distribution. At publication, a copy of the Newsletter shall be provided to each member of the Association at no cost.

2. Revise Article III, Section 1, to add to the listing of Standing Committees the following:

Newsletter Committee

3. Revise Article XIII, Section 3, to read as follows:

Section 3. Finance. The Journal is intended to be financially self-supporting through the sale of advertising space and copies of the Journal to the Ioran community at large. The Editor of the Journal may make application for the funds necessary to publish a specific issue of the Journal in accordance with By-Laws Article III, Section 7.

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13 February, 1978

To the WGA:

Subject: Membership committee report.

Since the month of December 1977 we have processed sixty nine new members. We have also had sixty three renewals. Seventeen had previously renewed to make up the total of one hundred forty nine paid up members.

Lloyd D. Higginbotham
 Membership chairman

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13 Feb 1978

To: WGA Board of Directors

Subj: Report of Congressional Liaison Committee

From: E. MCGann, Chairman

1. Items of concern to the WGA with referenced documents were forwarded to the President earlier and were distributed to the Board as attachments in his communication of 2 February 1978.

2. A draft response on behalf of the WGA was prepared by the author and submitted to the President who reviewed, revised and submitted formal WGA statement to the U. S. Coast Guard on the proposed "1600 ton" rulemaking.

*lunch
forwarded
next mtg*

3. It has been determined that the "1600 ton" rule will be issued in March/April by direction of Secretary Adams and Rear Admiral Siler and will be essentially in the latest form promulgated, except for clarifications of the "warranty" statement (or revised wording in place of that phrase) and with grandfather clauses and most disturbingly a politically acceptable but rather open reception of methods alternative to Loran-C but with little or no specifications imposed thereon.

4. In anticipation of WGA action on certain items of concern, I would propose the following assignments of my committee:

- a. Keith Bruhl - to determine Committees and Agencies now concerned with navigation system requirements or funding and to determine key staff members on each group.
- b. René Vanina - to define the key states involved in the Loran-C continental coverage and prescribe a plan for informing State Governors and Agencies and Federal Senators and Congressmen for the concerned areas.

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- c. Ed McGann - to assist Vanina in (b) and to define contacts WGA should inform and work with on potential Caribbean coverage.
- d. Brhar Uttan (nominated by this memo) - to coordinate WGA inputs to Carol Veranda at DOT/TSC on "Economics Benefit Study" related to proposed Continental coverage.

Aside: Late telcon informs me that Dr. Arthur Goldsmith cannot attend this 15 Feb WGA meeting to brief us on revised NPN but will be available for 11 April meeting. I took the liberty of so inviting him.

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February 9, 1978

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Radionavigation Journal Committee
SUBJECT: Report at Board Meeting 15 February 1978

All receipts, except three totalling \$590.00, have been received from advertisers for the 1977 Journal. Potential advertisers for the 1978 Journal have been contacted. The committee requires a commitment from advertisers by March 31st and material by June 30, 1978.

The committee requests a picture for the back cover in keeping with the previous three journals. Also suggestions and assistance for the main chapter of the Journal.

Respectfully Submitted

Bahar Uttam