

**KAAA BOARD MEETING
WED. SEPT. 5, 2007
DODGE CITY AIRPORT**

CALL TO ORDER:

Doug Chanay
Robert Grace
Jeff Chanay
Randy Hardy
Jill Jordan
Craig Stratton
John Holzmeister
Robert Middleton
Dave Faust
Tim Tyree
Rick Vrbas
Angie Banz

MINUTES:

MOTION to approve. Seconded. Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's report:

MOTION to approve statements. Second. Carried.

The association's financial state is very good. One CD is maturing on 9-8-07. That can be renewed on a short term (7 mos) at 5.4%. Otherwise would recommend moving to money market account at 5.1%. CD rates may be lower in the near future, the 5.4 would be a locked rate. If moved to the MM account, that interest can fluctuate.

MOTION to continue with the tiered CD rates, and renew this current CD for the 7 month term. Second. Carried.

Randy will check on how to pay Jerry Cockrell – since we'll be paying him direct as a "contractor" we need his Tax ID number.

Kathy asked for reimbursement of office expenses related to printing KAAA reports. No problem for Kathy to purchase an ink cartridge or any other supplies for KAAA matters.

Scholarship funds – two payments versus one. An applicant for our scholarship has been determined and he has forwarded his enrollment verification to the committee. We need to forward the funds for the scholarship.

MOTION to send one payment, to the school's financial aid office, in care of the applicant's fund. Second. Carried.

KAAA contribution to Athena fund. The Athena fee is \$1,000. WKAAA and KAAA are to split this expense. KAAA did not forward the \$500. for last year's program. Kathy would also like the board to make a decision that this payment be made by KAAA every year, without having to get board approval each year.

Dave suggested that KAAA just forward their portion of the funds to WKAAA every year, then WKAAA can just write one check in lump sum for Athena.

MOTION that KAAA annually distribute \$500. to WKAAA for Athena program. Second. Carried.

Credit Cards – American Express charges a slight bit more for their transactions. Consensus is that we either take credit cards, or we don't – no matter what card. We found out from the credit card companies that we can't surcharge for accepting credit cards. However, we can offer a "non-credit" discount.

MOTION that we accept all major credit cards. Second. Carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Chris and Tony were both absent from the meeting. Randy questioned our relationship with Chris. Asked if anyone on the board had any ongoing communication with her. Robert noticed that her portion of the website is being attended to sporadically. He's not aware of any ongoing communication, however, Chris does seem to be readily available to respond to any requests that members have and is very conversant on issues. Consensus is that Chris is very good at what she does on the hill, however, communication lacks in getting information to us. Doug suggests that since this has been a long-standing problem with Chris, maybe the board should appoint a person to go to Chris and get an update from her.

Board suggested that I contact Chris and ask her to give us a report during the business meeting at convention. No one on the board has spoken with Chris in the last three months, however, this isn't unusual since legislature isn't in session.

INSURANCE: Randy Hardy

There are two new markets, for a total of five companies writing ag insurance. New companies are Allianz and Starr. These new companies have generated more competition which is generally lowering rates this year.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

NAAA: Doug serving on nominating, long range and government relations committees. Nothing much to report at this time. Convention is Dec. 10-13 in Reno this year. Income from the Orlando convention was much less than from Reno and Vegas conventions. It appears that the 2008 convention will be in Vegas.

SAFETY AND SAFE FLY-INS:

Robert and Bob Wolf spoke at great length last year regarding our fly-in equipment. Dr. Wolf has checked into getting new equipment, which he doesn't feel exists. He's trying to get a gentleman from Washington to repair our flourometer again. It's been worked on before, but still isn't functioning properly.

Our spring fly-ins got weathered out. Doug spoke with Tom and at this time there are no more fly-ins scheduled for this year. Tom is thinking about scheduling an event in Goodland in March.

LaJunta's fly-in is scheduled for later in Sept., but they have increased their rate to \$200. per pass this year.

The matter of who owns the equipment was brought up again. It is not clear to anyone on the board or to Dr. Wolf who actually owns the equipment. Robert feels that Dr. Wolf thinks that due to the nature of the equipment, it's of no use or value to anyone but us. He feels that we just need to put up with the cost of repair to the existing equipment, because there is no source for new equipment.

Try to invite Dr. Wolf to the spring board meeting so that we can discuss the equipment.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Do we pursue new TV ads including kids and fire fighting footage? Doug has looked into coverage between KSN and KAKE. KSN has better coverage for the majority of the state, however, KAKE is better in the far northwest corner. Since KSN has better statewide coverage, it was suggested that we stay with KSN.

At the February board meeting the board moved to spend up to \$5,000. to make new ads.

Rick Vrbas asked when he needed to start the fund campaign – the sooner the better, so we'll hopefully have funds by year end or the first of year.

Doug was instructed to get with KSN's rep and start putting together a new ad. He'll call Bill Garrison about getting the fire fighting footage.

FIRE SUPPRESSION:

No one did any work this year, due to rain.

WKAAA/ Scholarship:

Jill asked that proceeds from one item in our raffle for this year's convention be set aside for WKAAA.

CONVENTION:

Fundraiser this year will be a raffle again like last year.

BASF has arranged for a Terry Redlin print, fully matted and framed, which they are donating to our raffle.

Jerry Cockrell has been engaged as an evening entertainer, to help our raffle and fill in our evening. Randy and Robert made the decision to bring Jerry in, but needed to make the decision prior to the board meeting. Board feels it's money well spent.

WKAAA needs \$1,000. to purchase the items for the spa package they're putting together.

Most items will be drawn on Thursday evening, but one or two will be held for lunch in Friday in order to keep people at the convention through lunch on Friday.

MOTION to give \$1,000., to WKAAA to purchase the items needed for their spa package. Second. Carried. Understanding that this cost will be reimbursed to KAAA via allied sponsorships for the fundraiser.

Decision to have a "second-chance" drawing on Friday at lunch. Put all the "losing" tickets into one pot to draw from during lunch Friday for \$1,000. cash, but you must be present to win. Don't sell tickets for the \$1,000., just use the "non-winning" tickets.

WKAAA will receive monies equal to the proceeds generated by the number of tickets in the basket for that item.

Eileen Fortmeyer has two wildlife prints, a DeSpain print and some aviation-related books, which she wants to donate to KAAA to somehow be auctioned or raffled off, with half of the proceeds going to KAAA and half going to the scholarship fund. Board recommends that we have a silent auction for these items, with the winner to be announced at Friday's lunch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes said that Robert was to get the domain name transferred from where it was to KAAA. Robert has completed that task. Expiration date is now 2016.

Combined Convention – everyone seems interested, but no one wants to take action. The individual states all act like they want to combine, but they all want it in their state and on the regular state’s date. Board consensus is to let this go for now. Dave recommends that we continue to keep our convention the strongest, biggest, and the best, and if another state wants to join us, they can.

NEW BUSINESS:

KDA is promoting the idea that all underground storage operators (for fuel) have to undergo training. Robert didn’t know how many KAAA members are affected by this mandate, but if there are enough, he’d like KDA to provide a special training session for our members. Robert is going to post this notice on the website and see how many operators are affected. If enough people respond, further action will be decided upon.

PAASS Fees: NAAA has increased PAASS fees by \$15. this year. For this year, the board decided to keep our fees the same and discuss the matter at convention in our business meeting to warn the members that an increase in our fees could be forthcoming. It’s easier to increase fees slightly every few years, than to keep eating the increases and then hit members with a large increase a few more years from now.

Consensus is to increase the convention registration fees by \$15. for 2008, to cover the current PAASS fee increase.

EPA aerial category test. EPA is trying to formulate an assessment exam for aerial category, so that states who have a specific aerial category to their licensing can use this test, in an effort to standardize testing. They have asked us to have a select group of people to volunteer to take this test. For our schedule, we’d have to do this Wednesday afternoon. Tim Tyree and Robert Grace both volunteered. Robert suggests that we make an announcement on Wednesday afternoon that we need a handful of people to volunteer to take this test and have a room set aside where the test could be taken.

2009 convention site – stay at Hutchinson or move? Advantage to booking for three years is that we can lock in room rates. Provided we get a contract from the hotel, it would be okay to stay there for 2009 to allow us get a long-term contract.

MOTION to stay in Hutchinson for 2009 also. Second. Carried.

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