



Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

MINUTES

Advisory President Deerfield called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Mike Deerfield, Jeff Ratcliffe, Donna Stubenvoll, Steve Johnson, John Burt, Commissioner Paul Liss (ex-officio) Matt Barresi (Director)

Others Present: Greg Wilson Absent: Bill Muzyl, Dan Wagar, Wally McCoy, Jeff Wieber

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the minutes of Jan 10, 2012 Motion Approved.

A. Sub Committee Report

1. Planning/Feasibility Study

Ratcliffe informed the Advisory that he had sent out 183 notifications for input focusing on transportation, education and industry. He received about 10% positive feedback and about 18 businesses will attend over the two days of the Focus Group. This is scheduled for Feb 8, and 9th 2012 at the University Center. This would result in an after action meeting to review the information at 12 noon on the 9th with Explorer and the subcommittee.

2. Flight Training

This subcommittee is still doing research and will report in the coming months.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Business After Hours Event

Barresi briefed that the January 2012 Gaylord Chamber of Commerce, "Business after Hour's" event at the airport was a great success with more than 200 business people in attendance. Numerous positive comments were made by those attending in the days after including great comments about the event and the airport on the local radio.

2. 2011 Year in Review

Barresi handed out the 2011 Gaylord Airport Year in review packet and covered items in it with the committee highlighting what had been accomplished with the support of the Advisory Committee. Both Deerfield and Ratcliffe made some important additions to the report then Barresi would forward it on to the Transportation Airport Committee as the Advisory yearly report.

3. Northern Michigan Airport Managers Association (No-MAMA)

Barresi briefed the committee that he had been working on forming an organization of local (within 60 miles of Gaylord) airport managers who would meet every other month to talk over ideas and issues airports are facing in Northern Michigan. The first such meeting took place at Harbor Springs Airport and had Grayling, Charlevoix, Bellaire and Gaylord attending. The almost 3 hour meeting was very productive and Gaylord will host the follow-up meeting on March 28th with all the before mentioned airports in attendance along with Alpena, Pellston, Rogers City and Mackinac Co. airport.

C. Open Discussion

1. Advisory Membership Vacancy

Mr. Burt informed the Advisory Committee that only one application had been received for the vacant Advisory position. The application from Barry Owens, the GM of Treetops Resort. After some discussion Motion by Ratcliffe to recommend Owens for the Advisory vacancy position and forward onto the Transportation Airport Committee. All in favor, Motion Approved.

2. Airport Open House

Mr. Burt suggested with the success of the Business After Hours, geared more to business owners and managers that had not seen our airport, we should consider an open house for the public at large. Unlike the airshow which draws people's attention to the aircraft and the performances, the open house would draw attention to the airport facilities and its everyday mission. After some discussion all agreed to pursue planning of this event. Barresi stated he would get with the EAA for suggestions and manpower.

3. Military Operations Area (MOA)

Deerfield received a request for information as Gaylord's AOPA representative on a proposed temporary MOA for this coming summer. Barresi stated he had received notification in writing from the FAA of the military exercise from July 22 thru Sept 1. Deerfield stated that the FAA information states that No Restrictions will be imposed on nonparticipating VFR aircraft however all agree that pilots should be vigilant while transiting the temporary MOA and that at the No-MAMA meeting in January it was agreed by all airport managers in attendance to post signs in our lobbies to remind pilots of the MOA. Deerfield stated he would respond to the AOPA request for information on the airport's behalf.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Mar 6, 2012 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 2:00.p.m.