

KAAA Board Meeting  
Feb. 8, 2007 8:00 AM  
Plaza Inn, Garden City KS

Call To Order:

Tim Tyree  
Jeff Chanay  
John Holzmeister  
Robert Grace  
Craig Stratton  
Doug Chanay  
Robert Middleton  
Dave Faust  
Rick Vrbas  
Jill Jordan  
Kathy Diehl  
Randy Hardy  
Rod Young  
Dusty Dowd

**Minutes:** *MOTION* to approve – second. Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Airport relations:** – Tony sent a written report stating that he has nothing to report and due to lack of activity in recent years, he recommends that we disband the committee. *MOTION* to disband the committee – second. Carried

**Convention:** Discussion about signing a multi-year contract with whatever hotel we decide on. Discussion about moving our convention back as different crops with later seasons are causing some operators to still be working at the time of our convention now.

Decision that we post a notice of a possible date change in the next newsletter to advise members, and check with KDA to see how willing they would be to work with us for one year if we switched to a January re-cert date.

**Treasurer's Report:**

*MOTION:* to reduce the money market funds to \$25,000., move those funds to a higher yield money market fund and put the balance of the money market funds into the higher yield 7 month CD. Second. Carried

*MOTION:* to leave Doug Chanay on the signature cards, and add Robert Grace and Kathy Diehl to signature cards for any accounts we have. Second – carried.

*MOTION:* to approve treasurers report Second. Carried.

**Membership:** Kathy

172 total members for 2007. Some members have verbally committed to joining, so we added them to the list, but they have not yet sent payment, despite two reminders from Kathy. Doug said he would personally confront these people to forward payment so we can include them in the directory.

**NAAA:** – No report

**Public Relations:**

TV ads will be run again like last year. Rick sent out the request for funds from allied and has only received two responses to date. He hasn't been able to do a follow up due to workload – but will do that. This needs to be done soon, because the ads will run in March and April.

Doug has footage of Doug with a group of school kids at his hangar. Bill Garrison was going to try to get footage of his fire fighting from last year. Dave brought forth that if we change the ad, the TV station may charge us for production costs. Does KAAA want to commit to pay any new production costs, if required. This is part of our budget and the board has approved the program, so that should include funding. Dave suggests that we put a limit on the amount of cost that we will allow the TV station to charge.

*MOTION:* That we spend up to \$5,000. to make new ads, incorporating the kids, and firefighting clips. Second. Carried.

Robert suggested that we attempt to convert the footage we have to a format that can be added to our website.

**Fire Suppression:** Dusty

Meeting last night included that the committee work up a “certification” criteria and that only members who have been through the mandated training will be included on the “call list”. Also to determine proper venting or equipping of aircraft, and to establish mandated radio equipment to allow proper communication with ground forces. The list will include notations of those operators who will only work in their own county, versus those who will travel to other areas of the state. Dusty advised the board that he intends to schedule training with the forest service in Hutch during the week of Feb. 19, 2007. This will include only fire behavior and terminology.

Dusty brought out Tony's concern about this group being tied to KAAA for liability reasons. That in the event something negative came from firefighting attempts, it would reflect back on KAAA and might open us for liability. General consensus of board was that having this firefighting program be tied to KAAA was the only way to make it come about.

Dusty incurred charges last year for printing and mailing packets to fire chiefs across the state, and for printing up packets of information for the committee meeting last night. He wanted to make the board aware that there are charges associated with this plan, and these charges will probably be more this year due to increased charges.

**MOTION:** That the fire suppression can spend up to \$1,500., for charges associated with establishing the program and training. Second. Carried.

**Safe Fly-Ins:** No report. Lots of discussion regarding ownership and maintenance of equipment.

Charges for fly-ins. KAAA members get first pass free, then are charged \$50. for each additional pass. Tom has instituted a plan that if an operator hosts a fly-in at their airport, that operator can make as many passes as they desire, at no charge. In the past three years when the testing has worked and invoices have been sent, the income was \$850. and \$950.

**MOTION:** That KAAA members not be charged for fly-in participation – this part of KAAA membership. Non-members will be charged \$150. per series. Second. Carried.

**WKAAA / Scholarship:** All board members received the new scholarship apps and most have forwarded the info to their local high schools.

Commodity packets will be distributed during on March 15. Legislature will be in session during that week. That decision is up to WKAAA.

RECESS FOR UAP MEETING

RECONVENE AT 4:00 pm

Tim Tyree  
Jeff Chanay  
Robert Grace  
Kathy Diehl  
Doug Chanay  
John Holzmeister  
Robert Middleton  
Randy Hardy  
Dave Faust  
Rick Vrbas  
Guest: Tom Miller

**Fly-Ins, continued:** Tom gave a short history on the fluorometer – the original equipment was archaic, and made for basic lab purposes – not to read the “string” used for pattern testing. To update that technology may be extremely difficult, because this equipment was specially designed for this one purpose only. It’s not known if the person who helped Kuhlman is even around to help out again.

We ultimately need to see if there can be an entirely new system designed to do the same testing in a more modern way.

Dave did some websurfing during the meeting and found a source for new fluorometers for \$6,000., and used units for \$3,500.

**Newsletter:** Discussion regarding the last newsletter – it’s layout and content. No real opinion one way or the other. Not a lot of people remember receiving the newsletter. A new newsletter will go out in the next few weeks and we’ll follow up on the outcome. If no more interest than the last time, we may discontinue the newsletter.

**Old Business:**

Combined Convention: All four states still interested, but don’t feel this is something that needs to be done right away. Board feels we need to continue talking between associations rather than let the issue die. Tim feels it might be easier to just try to join with OK for now, instead of trying to join all four states at once. John feels this needs to be put to a vote of membership to see if there is any interest at all. If the members say no, then leave it alone. Robert suggests that we get with OK and start formulating a plan that can be presented to membership, perhaps not this year, but next year, but continue to advance the process.

Doug and Tim agreed to talk with reps of the OK board and see if talks can begin to form some groundwork as to possible dates, moving locations, etc.

*KDA LAW REVISIT:*

Not many directly affect KAAA – turns out that KDA truly was just reviewing their current law, and was not intending to rewrite the law. Chris has addressed the issues that affected KAAA and it doesn't appear that anything major will come of this review.

**New Business**

KAAA Credit Card – does the association need one? Would it make easier to track expenses – instead of individual members purchasing items on their own and being reimbursed. Not a compelling need at this time. Let this issue go for now.

Website Domain Name – currently the domain name is registered to Ag Resources. We need to have this changed to KAAA, so that the association owns the domain name. Use Angie's office for the domain registration, since that's the address we use for all other correspondence. Robert recommends that when we re-register the domain name, we do so for a 10 to 20 year period. Re-registration will be done on an anonymous basis, so the e-mails used to registered can't be hacked.

Acceptance of credit card payments from members. Doug has the machine that Chris gave him when we dropped the payment method before. Kathy reported that there is a standard 3% charge and other misc. fees. Average expense would be \$2.00 for a \$100. charge, with swiping, 3% without swiping. Concensus is that we try it for one year and see how it works.

*MOTION:* Try the credit card method for one year, with a \$5.00 surcharge for all credit card payments. Second. Carried.

Kathy will start the rental process in August.

**ADJOURN**