

Minutes of the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. Fall Business meeting held in Birmingham, AL on October 13, 2007

At 10:12 am Governor Corbi Bulluck called the meeting to order.

Thanks were expressed to all of the Alabama Chapter for their time and effort in preparing a fun and successful event in Birmingham.

The board was introduced, Governor Corbi Bulluck, Treasurer Marlene Raseta and Co-Secretary Becky Ritter, visiting International Board Member Virginia Harmer, Nancy Miller-Borg Amelia Earhart Museum Trustee, Barbara Strachan Endowment Fund Trustee, and two former trustees.

The chapter representation Roll Call was as follows”

Chapter	Number present	Chairman Present
Alabama	12	yes
Blue Ridge	1	yes
Carolinas	0	
Enbry-Riddle Daytona	7	yes
Florida Firstcoast	0	
Florida Goldcoast	4	no
Florida Gulfstream	0	
Florida Spaceport	0	
Florida Suncoast	2	yes
Kitty Hawk	3	yes
Memphis	1	no
Mississippi	1	no
New Orleans	1	yes
North Georgia	0	
Paradise Coast	3	yes
Tennessee	0	
Section Mem/No Chapter	0	

The minutes from the Spring Section meeting in Titusville, FL were corrected and the final version follows. Tamra Sheffman, of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter, moved to accept the corrected minutes, the motion was seconded by Ursula Davidson of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter, and the oral vote was unanimous.

The treasurer’s report was given, as attached, and Treasurer Marlene Raseta was happy to report that our finances are in good shape and we are within our budget. There was a question as to how much we are currently getting back as a rebate from the international dues. We are currently receiving \$4.50 on members other than lifetime members and future woman pilots. There was discussion that no finds are received from the international dues for life members and a suggestion was made to consider asking life members for a donation to the section. It was also mentioned that as of November 1,

2007 with the change of the dues for FWP, we will be receiving the \$4.50 rebate. There was a motion to accept the Treasurers report as published by Hilda Ray and seconded by Holly Roe both of the Alabama Chapter. The motion was passed unanimously by an oral vote.

The international Director, Virginia Harmer was introduced and it was noted that the \$100.00 we budgeted to assist with the travel expenses of the board members would help bring information to us.

The attached email from Pat Prentiss was read into the record.

The outcome of the changes to the by-laws and standing rules was read from the Dispatch, as well as the election results. (A copy of the Dispatch is attached)

As of 11/1/07 the FWP dues will become \$45.00 for the first year and \$35.00 on following years. The limit is 3 years, with a two year extension still available with some documentation as to continuing efforts.

The roof at Headquarters needs to be reworked and replaced at a cost of \$84,000.00. The leak damaged the map of Amelia's flight that was on the wall. It is out for repairs. There were grants and gifts of about \$30,000.00 and other funds totaling and San Fernando Valley Chapter agreed to match the first \$20,000.00 and with other donations at the Southwest Section meeting \$28,000.00 was raised totaling almost \$60,000.00. Work began October 3, 2007 and should be completed within 90 days.

The Chapter Manual is being worked on and they hope to have it completed within 6 months. Questions or suggestions send to Diane Pirman or Virginia Harmon, who will be overseeing the manual preparation.

There was a suggestion from the floor by Tamra Sheffman, Florida Goldcoast Chapter, to send the Dispatch to all members by email, as well to have all new members automatically enrolled in the list-serve, with the ability for them to opt- out if they do not want to receive it. This was made as a motion to Tamra Sheffman and seconded by Connie Wilds, that Governor Corbi Bulluck would take it to the next board meeting and present the idea at that time. An oral vote was taken with one dissenting vote.

The current total of members in the international organization is over 4,500 with a goal of being over 5,000 before June 2008.

It was decided that the Airmarking Manual would NOT be placed on the website due to possible misuse or abuse. Chapters needing a current version of the manual can check the website to see if they have the current version and then order a one from Ellen Noble Harris if needed.

April Larsen, Chapter Chair of the Embry Riddle Chapter requested assistance with Airmarking.

We were reminded to make early reservations for Anchorage, as rooms are limited. There are groups working to fly together in small planes to Anchorage. Dates, cruise, make your own tour trips. The northwest section is holding their section meeting on the Tuesday before the meeting causing the shortage of rooms.

There was a request for information that would make the International Conventions more accessible and desirable for members to attend. Suggestions, requests and ideas can be sent to Corbi Bulluck or Virginia Harmon.

The international conventions in future years will be:

Chicago 2009

Kona, HI 2010

Oklahoma City, OK 2011

Possibly in Moscow 2012, or Italy

The FAA holds a 2 day survival training class for free in Oklahoma City.

Barbara Strachan, Trustee of the Endowment Fund reported that if we use Goodsearch.com and Goodshop.com, listing the Ninety-Nines as the charity, funds will be deposited in the Endowment Fund at no cost to the user. For goodsearch.com it is ½ cent for each search and for goodshop.com it is between 1.5% and 25% of the purchase. The current balance in the Endowment Fund is \$391,000.00.

The New Orleans Chapter has a new website www.neworleans99s.org that they would like everyone to see.

Marie Grein, Florida Suncoast Chapter, had information on the Section History. Approximately 20 years ago a book was made with the history of the Section and the Chapters. It has not been updated and information from the governors and the chapters to cover this missing time is requested. Any chapter desiring a copy of the book should contact Marie.

A list of committees and the people serving on those committees is attached. There are committees needing members to serve, but the Flightline committee did get two volunteers to gather the information and put it into an online newsletter, the volunteers are Judy Bowser, Paradise Coast Chapter, and Nan Salomon, Blue Ridge Chapter. There were two other committees needing volunteers, Fundraising and Membership.

The website will now be created and maintained by Elaine Morrow, and will have a calendar of events.

Lisa Cotham brought to our attention that there is a gap in the membership By-Laws. They require a pilot to have a pilot certificate or equivalent issued by the appropriate government authority, which excludes the military pilots. Lisa had a prepared (attached) motion to amend the membership requirements to include military equivalents. A motion was made to propose this change from our section to the amendments committee for

consideration by Harriett Hall, Alabama Chapter and Seconded by Nancy Mitler, Alabama Chapter. The motion was passed in a unanimous oral vote.

Lisa Cotham, New Orleans Chapter, presented some awards from prior years that had not been distributed to the recipients.

There was a lesson on using the international website to join the list-serves and the members only section for the directory and other reference materials available to members.

The membership was reminded that the next Section Meeting for the Southeast Section will be at Myrtle Beach, SC on April 4-5, 2008.

Barbara Strachan, Florida Suncoast Chapter, moved that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Jessica Stearns, Paradise Coast Chapter. An oral vote was unanimous.

SOUTHEAST SECTION FINANCIAL REPORT
End of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to 9-30-07
Fall 2007 Meeting of SES 99s

(rate: 3.800%)

REVENUE

	CHECKING	SAVINGS	CD
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,257.40	\$1,723.43	\$7,906.23
1. Contributions, gifts, and bequests			
a. Contributions/ Dues (Rebates)	\$707.00	\$193.50	
b. Fees & grants from government agencies, foundations, and trusts			
c. Amounts from other 99 Chapters			
2. Programs, service, revenue			
3. Interest on bank and savings accounts (Dividends)	\$2.86	\$8.75	\$127.57
4. Gross receipts from sales of goods (silent auction proceeds from Spring meeting)	\$223.00		
5. Gross receipts from other fund-raising activities			
6. Miscellaneous receipts			
TOTAL	\$3190.26	\$1925.68	\$8033.80

EXPENDITURES

1. Newsletter (Web Page)			
2. Other: secretarial, telephone, supplies	-\$43.11		
3. Equipment rental & maintenance			
4. Travel			
5. Conferences, conventions, and meetings			
6. Scholarships given			
7. Donations to 99s chapters/sections/international	-\$150.00		
8. Donations to other groups (non 99s)			
9. Airmarking expenses			
10. Cost of goods sold (items reported under #4. of income)			
11. Expenses of fund-raising other than goods			
12. Education expenses			
13. Other expenses (aviation activities)	-\$16.30		
TOTAL	-\$209.41		

ENDING BALANCES

\$2,980.85	\$1,925.68	\$8033.80
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Subject: Bylaws and Standing Rules Discussion
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 14:37:45 +0000

Dear Members,

Recently many of you have been receiving email correspondence regarding our Bylaws and Standing Rules offering a personal opinion of how they were presented in Colorado and how they should be addressed in the future. Several proposed amendments were brought to the attention of the Reference Committee in Colorado the day before the annual meeting. All of these proposed amendments, with the exception of one, were not allowed to be presented as they were either in conflict with an existing Bylaw/Standing Rule or were outside the scope of the notice given to the membership. None of these proposed amendments had ever been submitted to the Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee who is charged with the responsibility of reviewing proposed amendments. Bypassing the system and attempting to engage the membership in continuous emails only demonstrates a disrespect for the organization and its structure. Such acts are attempts to cause injury to the organization, erode the integrity of the organization, and are used for personal gain. Further, the directory (both online and printed) is a very versatile and useful member benefit that provides a resource for individual communication. Both are channels for the dissemination of official Ninety-Nines business by the duly elected board of directors or appointees who are well aware of the sensitive nature of our member database.

The communications which you have been receiving are only a continued communication attempt to show that our Bylaws/Standing Rules and organization are deficient. The member posting such communication has no official position with the organization and does not represent the International Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Pat Prentiss
International President

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership Requirements

A. Any woman shall be eligible for membership in the Corporation if she can show satisfactory evidence that she meets the following qualifications:

- 1) Holds a pilot certificate **OR MILITARY EQUIVALENT** issued by the appropriate government authority entitling her to fly either heavier or lighter-than-air,
- 2) Agrees to abide by the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Corporation with no recourse against the Corporation, officers or members thereof,
- 3) Pays initiation fee. International dues, applicable Section dues, and renews by two (2) full calendar months after the last day of the member's anniversary month.

RATIONALE In the United States, military pilots do not hold a pilot certificate as do civilian pilots. Upon graduation from flight training, they receive a graduation certificate and are placed on orders designating them as a pilot. They are subject to annual check flights, documented on the appropriate military form. The addition of the suggested language clarifies the eligibility of women military pilots to be members of The 99s.