

# Minutes of the Southeast Section of the 99s, North Myrtle Beach, April 5, 2008

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The meeting was called to order by M. Corbi Bulluck, the Governor of the Southeast Section of the 99s. Everyone was thanked for attending and encouraged to talk to other members of the value of attending.

Governor Corbi Bulluck introduced the Section Board and Pat Theberge of the International Board of Directors.

Secretary, Rebecca Ritter, took the roll call, and the following were present:

Chapter	Number of Members Present	Chapter Chair Present
Alabama	2	yes
Blue Ridge	2	yes
Carolinas	12	yes
Embry-Riddle Daytona	0	
FL Firstcoast	0	
FL Goldecoast	5	yes
FL Gulfstream	0	
FL Spaceport	0	
FL Suncoast	1	no
Kitty Hawk	4	yes
Memphis	0	
Mississippi	1	no
New Orleans	1	no
North Georgia	0	
Paradise Coast	0	
Tennessee	0	
Section Members – no chapter	0	
International Board of Directors	1	

There was a call for any amendments or corrections from the last meeting. Lee Orr said that the minutes were more like a newsletter, and that because of IRS requirements, all of this should not go into the minutes. The minutes should only be what was brought up for voting. Corbi said that she would check out with Kris Irvin-Herron (International Treasurer) and Cecile Hatfield (General Counsel) what is the correct thing to do. The only correction was on page 7, that Kona, IH should be HI, not KI. Ursula moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted, Sonia Bortolin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Report by Governor Corbi Bulluck

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Governor Corbi Bulluck, stated that she had attended both the fall and the spring meeting of the International Board of Directors. The Southeast Section Governors Travel had reimbursed her for the airplane ticket and the hotel cost, and Corbi feels that it is important for the governor to attend these meetings to take the input from our section to the board and to bring back information from the meetings to us. At the Board of Directors Meeting, there was a question about the legality of raffles and the outcome of the question was "maybe" according to the individual states and what the items being raffled are. Each chapter should check the rules in their state before having a raffle. Another topic of discussion was about insurance for non-flying events as well as flying events. The answer is "yes, insurance is needed if the event is organized." There is no cost to the chapter for non-flying events as the cost of this insurance is already paid. If a flying event is being held, it is critical that you contact headquarters for the form to complete for insurance before the event. There is a new membership application available online. There are also new brochures. Contact international headquarters for some of them. Hampton Inn has a "Save the Landmark" program and they have adopted the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, which will be receiving a grant of approximately \$19,000.00 to replace the roof at the Birthplace Museum. The Chapter Chairman Manual is still in process, a first draft has been sent to the Governors for review, but it will be available soon. The International Board meetings are for everyone. It is a very good thing that everyone can attend. You can learn a lot about the 99s, meet the people running the group and gain insight into the organization. Corbi was asked to be the International Awards Committee Chairman. If the chapters have someone they feel should get an award for their outstanding contributions to the organization, then recommend them to the International Awards Committee. This season, all the awards have been selected, but please keep it in mind for the future. The IRS has changed the law and in the past you did not have to send in forms if your organization made less than \$25,000.00 a year, but now if you do not report, you will lose the 501 (c) 3 designation. If a chapter does not report to the IRS, they can be covered under the section; however, they must fill out and send in a report to the section. The form has been given to the Chapter Chairmen that are in attendance and will be mailed to the other chapter chairman. This is how to protect the 501(c)3 status with the IRS. The Southeast Section has a new website: it is [www.99s.org](http://www.99s.org). Elaine Morrow designed it for us and we are still fine tuning it. Through Elaine, who will be our webmaster, we have saved \$100.00 per year, for the cost. The website needs photographs. Please send pictures and items to Judy Bowser at [judy@99s.org](mailto:judy@99s.org) so she can put it into the website. International elections are going on right now. Please vote. Please help chapter members to vote. Our vice governor, Catherine sends her regrets, and says hello.

Treasurers report.

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On page 16 of the meeting handout shows where we are on the various accounts of the fiscal year. The majority of the amount in Savings, over what was budgeted, was transferred into the CD to receive the increased interest available on the CD. There were

no questions so the Treasurers Report can be filed for Audit. For the Budget for 2008-2009, as presented, we are projecting income to be about the same as last year, \$1,950.00. Since there will be Section Elections in this year, we have put in expenses for that. Based on the number of ballots and the copying required, we projected \$300.00 for that and for the 99 and 49 1/2 award, that will be going to the Endowment fund as was done last year and we would like to continue to help the international board members that come to our meetings at least a little since they don't get reimbursed for that and the Governors travel budget is about the same and with \$50.00 for miscellaneous, that pretty much covers the income we project. The "Governor's expenses" would be a more accurate term than "Governors travel" since some money could be spent for expenses other than travel. We benefit, and the international board also benefits, by having a board member attend our meetings. Since these members are in no other way reimbursed, the Governor states that she feels we should at least keep the small amount of \$200.00 in the budget, using \$100.00 for each meeting, to, in a small way, help defray the costs to the international board members for coming to meetings. It was brought up that another section felt the costs for the Governor to attend the international convention should be covered as well, and another section felt that they needed to increase the budget to help defray these costs so that their governor could attend the international conventions and report to the section. The officers would like to increase the governor's expenses, but Governor Corbi wanted to increase it after her tenure so that it will benefit future governors. If the Governor goes to represent the Section, then the costs should be reimbursed by the Section, and since costs continue to increase, the board felt that they should be increased for future governors. Some sections have fundraising just to help pay the travel expenses for the governor. Our section needs a fundraising chairman and we need to think about if we wish to have fundraising for travel expenses. If we cannot find a way to help pay for the travel expenses of our governor, then we may find ourselves discriminating against people that would serve well, but cannot afford the cost of attending the necessary functions required of holding the office of governor. It was questioned what was the long term goal of the savings account of the section. We are looking for ways to give the money back to the section, but we also want to have a way to replace the money before we start spending it, so it is being considered for education, travel, speakers and other ideas for the best use of the funds. Hilda May of the Alabama chapter made a motion that the interest earned on the savings account and the CD be added to the Governors Expenses. The motion was seconded by Harriet Hall of the Alabama Chapter. The treasurer, Marlene Raseta, noted that the funds would not be available to us until the CD matures in January of 2009 and that we could not know an exact amount to put into the budget. It was agreed to put an asterisk after the amount of \$1,200.00 with a note of "\*in addition will be whatever interest is earned on the CD". The motion was unanimously passed. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented with the above amendment by Pat Blasi, Florida Goldcoast Chapter and seconded by Doree Richter of the Kitty Hawk Chapter.

Report by Marie Grein

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The fall section will be 10/3 & 4, 2008, in St. Petersburg, FL. More information will follow. Sun 'n Fun will start on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, and on Thursday, April 10, 2008, the 99s sponsor a WASP luncheon. Marie has tickets for the luncheon and the cost is \$15.00. Marie has a printed version of the History of the Southeast Section, and will give a copy to any chapter requesting it for the cost of copying it. The last entry in the history was in 1987, but Marie has put together a small report on each of the governors, officers and section meetings and anything special that might have happened during the 20 years since the history was updated.

Report by Pat Theberge, International Board Member

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The roof at HQ is complete and sound. The next project is the AC units, and that is where any additional leaks are coming from. We have a very exciting project we are working on. It could possibly bring upwards of \$8 million to the 99s. It is from the Reynolds Foundation Grants and they give money to build new structures. So we are working now with the non-profit organization in Oklahoma City to apply for a Reynolds Grant. The non-profit organization, the architects and the engineers that we are using all feel that we totally qualify. There is a three stage process we are working on. The first stage is to submit a letter telling who you are, why you want the money and what you want to do with the money. The letter must be submitted by the middle of May, and is being worked on right now. So once we know if they will accept our letter, they will work with us to give us the money. They only ask that we name something after the Reynolds family. So we are looking at more than just a new office building. We are looking at maybe expanding the museum, having a theater that people could come in and rent, having a conference center that people could come in and use and rent, and which would create an income for us. We are trying to look at the big picture, having things that will not only bring money to us, but will assure the future of our HQ and our Museum. It is not a given, but if they accept our letter, they will assign someone from the Foundation to work with us and try to come up with the best possible solution. The Reynolds Foundation only works in three states, and Oklahoma is one of them. One of the pieces of this grant is that you have to have an endowment fund and that you have to have 20% of the funds requested eventually in your endowment fund, but you have to show that you are working for it. We are currently at the \$400,000.00 level. Pledges will be counted. Remember about [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Every time we use it, 1 cent is given to the Endowment fund; and also [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com). If someone has estate planning to leave money to the Endowment Fund, and they let the Endowment fund people know that the money is pledged, then that amount can apply to the necessary funds for the Reynolds Foundation Grant. The museum is doing well and has had lots of publicity recently. Margie Richardson, chairman of the board, has been on a web/live web posting show and on the local TV and radio station. You can adopt the museum for a day for \$125.00, and the museum board is looking for 365 people to adopt the museum for a day. The Hampton Inn will send volunteers to paint the AE Birthplace, as well as replace the roof. The list serve has been upgraded and is more powerful and the website

is being upgraded and will have more things that we all need and be more user-friendly. One of the members of the PPLJ has agreed to champion us for six months so we are going out into MySpace to reach younger girls to see what response we get from that. The Alaska cruise has been a wonderful success. There are about 90 signed up for the cruise, and that will bring money back to the museum. The conference this year is in Anchorage, AK, and next year (2009) is in Chicago. The following year (2010) will be in Kona, HI, and a convention planner has been hired and a wonderful rate on the hotel has been secured for almost a two week period. The 2011 convention will be in Oklahoma City and the board is hoping that the new buildings will be completed by that time. A number of board members went to Russia in December to see the feasibility of going there for a conference. But the logistics will preclude us from considering that right now. There are security considerations as well. There are no plans finalized at this time after 2011. The USMS Amelia Earhart will be floated tomorrow night, April 6, 2008, in San Diego, CA. It is the first ship to be named for Amelia. Most of the Board will be there with Pat Prentiss on the main stand. It is a supply ship.

#### Aviation Activities Awards

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##### High Total Points

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kitty Hawk Chapter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Florida Suncoast
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Florida Goldecoast

##### Highest Average Points

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Paradise Coast
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Blue Ridge
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Florida Goldecoast

##### Certificates of Participation to:

- Tennessee
- Mississippi
- Florida Firstcoast
- Memphis
- Carolinas

Ursula had requested that an email be sent out telling when the Flightline is available.

Sonia Bortolin, our section Parliamentarian, noted that many people have been receiving emails about proposed changes to the International Bylaws and Standing Rules. Sonia

has noted that one problem some chapters are having in submitting correctly ratified proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules is in conducting meetings that conform to the Bylaws for their chapter, relating to basic items such as having a quorum, and if the chapter Bylaws allow for internet voting, motions and voting, minutes and the general basics of conducting a meeting. Chapters needing information and help creating Bylaws, if theirs are lost, and information on how to conduct meetings should contact Sonia Bortolin at [bortolin@bellsouth.net](mailto:bortolin@bellsouth.net). Bylaws need to be reviewed frequently to keep up with changing times and needs.

Committee Chairmen: We are looking for a Membership chairman and a Fundraising chairman. Aerospace Education is now renamed to Aviation & Space Education.

Attendance: Southwest Section of the '09s Meeting - North Myrtle Beach, 5-Apr-09

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	Name		Chapter
1	Cynthia	Basamania	Carolinas
2	Corbi	Bulluck	Kitty Hawk
3	Reva	Carpenter	Carolinas
4	Susan	Coco-Genheimer	Mississippi
5	Anne	Honer	Carolinas
6	Liz	Lee	Carolinas
7	Marlene	Raseta	Kitty Hawk
8	Nan	Salomon	Blue Ridge
9	Nancy	Wrenn	Carolinas
10	Margaret	Stewart	Carolinas
11	Hileen	Malan	Carolinas
12	Ruth	Jenkins	Florida Goldcoast
13	Barbara	Harris-Para	Garden State
14	Sylvia	Harris	Carolinas

15	Hilda	Ray	Alabama
16	A. Lee	Orr	Blue Ridge
17	Claire	Wilson	Carolinas
18	Allie	Franke	Carolinas
19	Marie	Grein	Florida Suncoast
20	Janet	Cannon	Carolinas
21	Dorie	Richter	Kitty Hawk
22	Harriet	Hall	Alabama
23	Tina	Thompson	Carolinas
24	Ursula	Davidson	Florida Goldcoast
25	Sonia	Bortolin	Florida Goldcoast
26	Rebecca	Ritter	Florida Goldcoast
27	Kendra	Burgin	Carolinas
28	Pat	Theberge	International Board of Directors
29	Pat	Blasi	Florida Goldcoast
30	Jean	Palmer-Moloney	Kitty Hawk

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There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Marie Grein and seconded by Sonia Bortolin. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Rebecca Ritter, Secretary.

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