# May’s 2024 MALA Meeting Minutes

**May 9th, 2024**

**11:00am**

**Gulf Coast Explorium**

1. Networking
2. Call May’s Meeting Order- Shannon Harris
3. Guest Speaker – Chris Curry – Mobile Airport Authority: Construction of the new airport & parking garage is still on schedule and on budget. Should be completed November 2025. The new facility will have 5 gates. 4 will be domestic and 1 international. The parking garage will have 1,250 parking spaces. The terminal has the capacity to expand to 12 gates as needed but they are starting with 5. 5 is what they can build with no debt to the Airport Authority. The airport will have international capability for passenger and cargo. They are going through the process with the FAA to build a new air traffic control tower. The current tower is too short with all the expansion going on. It is 130 feet in height and needs to be 189 feet to allow Airbus continued development. Airbus currently assembles 7 aircrafts a month. At the facility they are building a 3rd final assembly line. Once that is completed they will have the capability of building 20 aircrafts a month, which will make Mobile the 4th largest in the world for aircraft assembly. The Mobile Airport Authority owns and operates 3 airports. The Mobile International, Mobile Regional and the St. Elmore Airport in Grand Bay. Breeze Airways is a low cost carrier with 2 flights to Orlando. Right now the schedule is Wednesday – Saturday. In August they are going to change to a more customer friendly schedule, which will be departing on Thursday and returning on Sunday. Their A220 is a very nice aircraft and one of the most requested in the world. June 27th will be starting service at the Regional Airport with United a direct flight to Washington Dulles twice a day 7 days a week. Dulles gives us international ability that connects us to Europe and Canada.
4. Individual Introductions around the room - Members and Guests
5. Approval of March’s Meeting Minutes – 1st Shannon Harris 2nd
6. MALA Financial Report – Shannon reported that the dues are coming in pretty good, still a few stragglers. There is $3,780.70 in the account, which $2,500 was taken out to purchase the gift card for the raffle and will go back into the account.
7. TID –Not a huge update at this time. Continuing to have board meetings and Community meetings which if anyone wants to see what is going on they welcome to come. The next board meeting is 3pm followed by the community meeting at 4pm. Duncan has offered to host the meeting at the Hampton Inn. Tara is working on a collateral piece to show what MALC has done over the past 4 years.
8. Marketing Fund – No change change in the Marketing fund. It is pretty well extablished. We receive $650,000 from the county every year for the last 13 years. It is funded from the 2% county tax.
9. Fund Raiser: Everyone needs to pick up a package of tickets. We have 300 tickets to sell and that will give us enough money to pay for the cruise gift card and give Ronal McDonald $3,500. The raffle will be drawn in the September meeting. Tickets are $20 each. Bring money to each meeting.
10. Member and Guest Updates:

* Visit Mobile – Starting the process for Destination Guide. Compass Media will be contacting the hotels. End of the month is National Travel & Tourism week.
* Mobile Sports Authority – Sumary of our fiscal year that started October 1st. Hosted 27 sporting events and brought in around $22 M. Over the next 2 months we have 2 large basketball tournaments. June and Jully we have 2 very interesting events – Turkey calling contest and the Dauphin Street Volt.
* Oakview Group: Name changed as of June 1st. Civic center will operating the end of July. August 1st they are shutting the doors.
* Future Meetings - No meeting in July
* August 8th 2024–

1. Adjournment