

## **Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council (SAAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes – Meeting #69**

*June 16, 2014*

*Present:*

Peter Bruckner, Chair SAAC  
Bill Richards, SAAC  
Richard Jackson, SAAC  
Ken Wyler, SAAC  
Jim Rogers, SAAC  
Matthew Spencer, SAAC\  
Bill Bartlett, PDA  
John Gorham, Jacobs Engineering  
Arthur Nicholas, PDA Chairman  
Bill Hopper, PDA Airport Manager  
Andrew Pomeroy, PDA Airport Operations Supervisor  
Irv Canner, PDA Finance  
Vincent Crout-Hamel  
Bambi Miller, base aircraft owner

*Next meeting:*

TBD

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## **I. Standard Topics**

**a. Peter Bruckner, SAAC Chair called the meeting to order at 0915 local time**

**b. The meeting minutes were accepted unanimously as written.**

**c. GP Aviation Report – No representation**

**d. Finance Report**

Irv Canner summarized the financial report through April of this year. Operating revenue has remained consistent with what we've spoken about in the past, and is slightly ahead of the forecasted numbers. Fuel sales are pretty much on target with sales for the same time frame last year with \$104,000 YTD in sales as compared to \$107,000 in sales this time last year. Fuel prices are lower on average than last year. Irv went on to explain the various CIP items and the cash flow statement that shows a projected \$1.6 million in total cash expenditures to Skyhaven from the PDA since the PDA took on management of the airport.

**e. Webpage Feedback – None**

**f. Subcommittee Reports:**

Wings & Wheels: Peter reported that this past Saturday's Wings and Wheels event was incredibly successful with more than 4300 people attending. This was up from a little over 3,000 the previous year. In addition the EAA Young Eagles event was overwhelmingly successful with more kids signing up for rides than any other Young Eagle Event in Skyhaven's history. So many kids signed up that the pilots flew on into the evening and several rain checks were handed out.

## **II. Old Business:**

**a. Planning Logistics and Scheduling RWY 15/33 Reconstruction**

John Gorham reported that since the last meeting we have open bids with seven companies bidding on the project. The lowest bidder was Pike Industries at \$3.2 Million. Project now resides on the Governor and Council Agenda for this Wednesday, June 18, 2014. Pike plans to start construction after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Pike will start construction on the south end of the runway instead of the north end as originally proposed due to wetland issues on the north end. In addition the proposed 10 days of runway closure proposed for the middle section of the runway will need to be increased to 15 days as they will need to work a larger area, to insure that there is 2,300 feet of open runway available for the next phase. Project still projected to end by mid November and Pike is confident that they can meet the time. There was a lengthy discussion on possible construction delays and what it could mean to the overall schedule and what might trigger a postponement of the project until spring. Dick Jackson stressed the urgency of getting notification out to the users. Andrew stated that there was a plan in place to get letters out to users and regular updates via, email, U.S. Mail, and webpage updates. Andrew did stress that he does need some specific dates for the start of the construction and needed the dates right away because if they are to start after the Independence Day weekend, we have little more than two weeks to ensure everyone knows what to expect. Andrew requested that tenants log onto the Skyhaven web page, click on the Runway construction link at the top of the page and sign in on the registration form for email updates. This will assist us in compiling an email contact list for construction and airport updates.

**b. Radio Communications Recording Device**

Andrew reported that the GARD system now has almost four months of data, showing that the airport has had nearly 1,900 operations in that time period. The data shows hourly and daily averages as well and thus far the peak time of day for flying seems to be around noon time. During the month of May the busiest day of the week was Thursday. That bucked the expected trend of weekend peaks which shows that the airport is getting utilized during the work week. So far the airport seems to be averaging between 460-500 operations per month.

**c. Flight School**

There was a group discussion on the fact that the start-up flight school introduced at a previous SAAC meeting closed up shop. The PDA has been speaking with some people in the area who have or do own flight schools, unfortunately these efforts have yet to bear any fruit. The PDA remains open to negotiations with anyone who may wish to start a flight school at Skyhaven.

### **III. New Business**

**a. Proposed Restaurant**

Mr. Vincent Crout-Hamel introduced himself and showed the SAAC his plans to build a restaurant at the Skyhaven Airport. He passed around some conceptual designs to illustrate what he and the PDA had been negotiating over the past few months. The proposal would be to build an 80+ seat restaurant south of Hangar 5 with street access to 108 and airside access for those flying in. He reported that he is still in the planning stages and has signed a letter of intent with the

PDA. PDA Chairman Art Nicholas introduced himself and stated that though his company started working with Vincent, when Vincent first approached them about building a restaurant; another company will be working with him on the design and he will abstain from any PDA Board votes on the restaurant as he has known Mr. Crout-Hamel for years and he does not want there to be even an appearance of a conflict of interest. The SAAC members had a lengthy discussion of the proposed design, the possible layout and location, as well as the potential benefits to the airport. SAAC Chair Peter Bruckner then offered a motion in support of the proposed restaurant, and the SAAC unanimously voted their support to the project.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

None

#### **Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am Local time**

All meetings take place in the Skyhaven Airport Terminal Building starting at 8:30am unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew B. Pomeroy for Chair Peter Bruckner.