

Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30 am October 23, 2014

Members Present:

Bruce Bennett	Nick Kaiser	
Peter Hoff	Ken Meuser	
Jim Hand	Bob Miles	
Tony Helbling	Mark Pilon	
Jim Higgins	Dan Riches	
Tony Holt	Jon Wenrich	
Jack Kahle		

Ex-officio Members:

Greg Dyke	Susie Stevens	
Kevin Cameron	Matt Maass	John Wilson

Guests:

Jim Aukes	Stu Musacchia	Corey Young
Trevor Courtney	David Pedersen	

Willamette Aviation Building Locked

Meeting moved to Columbia Aviation Association – 8:30 am. October 23, 2014

Call to Order/ Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Tony Helbling, President, called the meeting to order with everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Tony Helbling moved to approve September 2014 minutes, Jim Hand seconded minutes, Unanimously passed.

Membership Committee: No news

Airport Safety Committee:

Bruce Bennett invited 3 individuals from Hillsboro Aviation to talk regarding safety procedures and operations and how they keep track of their aircraft.

Hillsboro Aviation's Director of Safety, Stu Musacchia (a career pilot including Horizon Airlines) and two department assistant chiefs; David Pedersen-Airplane Assistant Chief Instructor and Corey Young-Helicopter Assistant Chief Instructor did an excellent job and explained their very active SMS (Safety Management System), summarized their flight-training procedures and challenges, passed out their practice-area charts (showing Charbonneau & Aurora as high-lighted "Cities") they then did 20 minutes of very active Q & A, handed out business cards, and took notes on the input they received.

Issues touched on:

- English language Challenge aspect with foreign students is a safety Issue.

- Hillsboro Aviation: Foreign students have to pass language competency tests to be here to train.
- English challenge in addition to overpowering ASOS in cockpit.
- VOR and other approaches and regarding turning out early from KUAO.

Stu Musacchia commented "Please don't hesitate to distribute my contact information when and if circumstances require. All three of us were very impressed with the proactive interaction that KUAO members have generated with PAAM."

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Airport Improvement Committee: No news

Noise: No news

Public Relations: Tony Helbling talked with the board briefly via e-mail and also visited with Susie Stevens, other counselors and the Mayor On Monday the 20th at the Wilsonville city council meeting, thanking them for the support of the airport as well as explained the new tower briefly and changes in arrivals.

Department of Aviation:

- Matt Maass-Tower for KUAO coming along and anticipated to be on time, cab to be placed on end of the Month. Tower to be completed by first of the year 2015.
- Cottage Grove Airport now open and operating with a new runway.
- Year 5 2019, Capital Improvement Plan, environmental and land purchase set aside. Helipad-no discussion focusing on run up area 17/runway tree obstruction/runway length and strengthening. Regarding helipad: only so many people and funds available and have to prioritize the ones with the greatest safety issues.
- Questions regarding tower: Has the FAA hired tower staff/training? Established hours? Matt Maass- FAA has not hired yet specifically for Aurora Tower but a new contract has gone out nationwide. Controllers will hire a tower chief, then will invite to PAAM meeting and get an operating agreement in place.
- Kevin Cameron- County- Is having meetings and will continue to have meetings with different state holders around the airport, with Mayor of aurora, and city manager of Wilsonville. Continuing to understand more about what is going on and will find out more on political issues that the airport faces.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Sonnier was not present, he reported to Tony Helbling.

Current Balance \$6417.60.
One new reported Member.

New Business:

Connect Oregon funds awarded last week of August, every single runway was awarded. Matt- will consider utilizing once the tower construction is completed since already using connect Oregon funds towards tower. We are a state agency- so not actively pursuing connect Oregon grants. Bad business to request more money when we still have some on the table.

Bruce Bennett- Close loop on a specific safety issue involving 3 rotor craft with English as second language, exact date, approximate time, N number, Hillsboro completely investigated the incident. Hillsboro not only keeps track of their students but they use radar and GPS trackers to follow aircraft/flight paths. They were positively able to conclude that none of those aircraft were Hillsboro Aviation's aircraft. Impressive investigation on Hillsboro's part. Please review hand out they brought for our safety and to monitor these frequencies.

Jack Kahle-Language barrier is still an issue. There was a motion made and it was agreed that the safety committee would investigate and give a recommendation to the members as to what to do about this problem and still owe it to this group.

Bruce-Yes still a concern with English being a second language and will continue to visit problem in addition with the help of the tower.

Next PAAM meeting November 20, 8:30 am at the Willamette Aviation Building.