

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 17, 2005 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Doherty (left at 7:45 p.m.), Hayssen and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Doherty moved with support from Hayssen to approve the October 20, 2005, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Complaint Update:

Stout reported that 6 complaints had been received since the October 20, 2005 Commission Meeting. There were 140 complaints through October 2005, which is a 19% decrease from 2004. Operations are down 14% for the same time period.

1. Anonymous – loud, low circling aircraft
2. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
3. Mr. Sapir – hot air balloons over dog kennel
4. Anonymous – Dornier extremely low over Montgomery Village
5. Anonymous – low overflight
6. Anonymous – loud overflight

B. Tower Update

Steve Beckmann was not present at the meeting. Stout reported that operations through October 2005 were the lowest since 2000.

C. Manny's Restaurant

Stout reported that the Exchange Bank trustee has hired a brokerage firm, which is working with two potential operators. Manny's partners must first approve any and all offers, as they are the voting members of the LLC. The County then would process an assignment of the lease if someone purchases the restaurant.

D. Airport Projects Update

Stout updated the Commission on the status of discussions with Horizon Air, Delta Air Lines, Aloha and Allegiant Air. A presentation packet was sent to Frontier, and a meeting is tentatively scheduled in January 2006.

E. Newsletter Articles

Stout said that newsletter articles are always welcome, as are any suggestions for format changes or ideas for articles. Hayssen is working on a traffic pattern and sport pilot article.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Airport Projects Update

Stout reported on the landscaping plans for the terminal. Korbel's master gardener has agreed to provide a landscaping plan. The eucalyptus trees had become a liability concern because of falling debris and are being removed.

The final walk through for the Airport screening building is scheduled for November 28, 2005. After its completion, the baggage area will be relocated and the fencing will be redone. There will be seating for 50 passengers inside the building.

Stout said the Runway 32 safety area has been regraded and compacted to meet new safety area standards. Runway 1-19 will have a Papi installed. Apron F, the west side taxiways, and the EAA have been slurry sealed and striped, which should extend the pavement life 5-10 years. The asphalt at Nob Hill is too worn to be resealed.

The Airport fencing project is still underway.

There is a new flashing sign at the turn before the terminal to alert cars to slow down. Cross walk flashers will also be installed in front of the terminal.

B. Fuel Discount Weekend

Langue suggested an event to encourage and promote the use of Airport businesses, for example, the Airport could waive the fuel flowage fee. After discussion with several tenants, additional events were discussed, such as FAA presentations, aircraft safety inspections, and safety seminars. In addition, it might be possible for the 99's or the EAA to coordinate a pancake breakfast. The flight schools could offer a weekend discount on introductory flights.

C. Special Events

Included in the Agenda packet was correspondence relating to the recent Dornier event at the Airport. Stout explained that a signed event permit is required for any event involving more than five people on the Airport.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was a question and discussion about the reliability of the tower radar.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Hayssen has been working on the noise abatement guidelines for the Airport. He explained the change in traffic patterns, which have increased to three or four miles outside the Airport. An Airport map and diagram showing traffic patterns was handed out for discussion and suggestions.

Young informed the Commission that he would not be able to attend the December meeting.

ADJOURN:

Hayssen moved with support from Young to adjourn. All ayes. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout
Airport Manager