

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 17, 2005 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Hayssen (left at 8:45), Smith, Walters and Young

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Delaney to approve the February 17, 2005, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Complaint Update:

Stout reported that 15 complaints had been received since the last Commission meeting.

1. Anonymous – loud aircraft continually flying over home
2. Anonymous – Albatross parked on Airport tiedown with engine running, too loud
3. Anonymous – loud, low overflight
4. Joanne Fishman – increase in loud overflights during evening and nighttime hours
5. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
6. Marc LaMantia – loud, low jet overflight
7. Mary Halliday – 2 low overflights
8. Anonymous – 2 loud, low overflights
9. Ann Fitzgerald – Albatross parked on Airport tiedown with engine running, too loud
10. Ann Fitzgerald – REACH helicopter too loud
11. Pete Calletti – loud helicopter overflights
12. Ann Fitzgerald – loud helicopter overflight
13. Sandi LaMantia – loud overflight
14. Paul Murray – loud, low overflight
15. Sandi LaMantia – loud jet overflight

Stout said that all but seven of this year's complaints came from the LaMantias and anonymous callers.

The Albatross had been undergoing repair, which has been completed according to its owner. Ann Fitzgerald lives across the road from its tiedown location. The REACH helicopter was training on the west side of the Airport.

B. Airline Update

Stout reported that he recently attended the Network 2005 Conference and met with eleven airlines. Delta expressed the most interest, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled in Atlanta to discuss flights to Salt Lake City. Aloha is interested in potential flights to Orange County. Horizon is still interested, but there is no aircraft available at this time.

The modular security building has been delivered and will accommodate seventy passengers at a time.

C. Airport Web Page Update

The web page still needs the final changes and corrections.

D. Hangar Inspections

Lange reported that hangar inspections for Apron A hangars and part of Apron E hangars have been completed. There have been very few problems, mostly housekeeping.

E. Tower Update

Steve Beckman was not present at the meeting, but the Operations Report for February 2005 has been included in the Agenda Packet.

ACTION ITEMS

A. There were no action items on the agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Hangar Rent Parity

Stout summarized the spreadsheet with the current recommendations from the subcommittee. Hangars 18 and 19 on Apron D will be re-measured to calculate square footage. Doherty will arrange one more subcommittee meeting. The item is due before the Board of Supervisors in May, with a final recommendation for the Board of Supervisors to be made at the May Commission meeting.

B. Airport Rules and Regulations Update

Stout said the first draft is almost complete and ready for review by Airport staff. After staff reviews the draft, a meeting of the subcommittee will be called. Volunteers are still needed for that subcommittee. Noise issues will be addressed in the final document, through the creation of noise abatement procedures generated by the Master Plan provisions.

C. Minimum Standards Review Update

Young reported that review of the Minimum Standards is still on hold. This item will be removed from the Agenda until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was some discussion of the Press Democrat article about Horizon providing more service to Redding. Stout stated that the article was incorrect, in that we did not lose out to Redding; Horizon merely rerouted an aircraft that was already providing Redding with service. In addition, any terminal improvements would have to be paid for by the County and reimbursed by the FAA after airline service is established. Paul Heck, an Airport tenant, asked if Airport generated tax money could be used. Stout explained that possessory tax monies go into the County general fund, not back to the Airport, and that the Board of Supervisors would be unlikely to reallocate those funds to the Airport.

Stout also explained that there is no FAA funding at this point for the Master Plan environmental funding. The Board of Supervisors are being asked to provide that money based on a support letter from the FAA stating future grant money will be available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carl Friberg, a tenant in the shade hangars, brought up problems with being asked to relocate aircraft for the annual air show. Although tenants are notified by letter, he is not always in town and able to move the aircraft himself. Since it has been damaged in the past, he is not

comfortable allowing someone else to move the aircraft. Jim Cook, a representative from the Pacific Coast Air Museum, said aircraft are only moved at the last minute if the owner has not contacted the museum. Cook also said PCAM will try to find member hangars to provide temporary storage for the shade hangar tenants, when possible, during the air show.

Friberg also said the clean up after the air show could be improved and that debris dangerous to aircraft is often left in the shade hangars. Museum staff and Airport service workers will make sure to check the shade hangar areas carefully after the next air show.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

There were no commission comments at this time.

ADJOURN:

Smith moved with support from Delaney to adjourn. All ayes. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout
Airport Manager