

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27, 2005

Location: Fire Station 19 at PHX Sky Harbor, hosted by the City of Phoenix

Attendees:

David Ammon, Turf Sourcing School
Ethan Pearson, Airline Transport Professionals
Jackie Whitford, Independent Flight Instructor
James Berman, Falcon Tower
Jason White, Luke Air Force Base
Jeff Moss, Independent Flight Instructor
Jim Pitman, Westwind School of Aeronautics
Joe Minder, Pan Am International Flight Academy
John Puster, ATCA
Judd Bickel, Angel Air
Juergen Tank, Embry Riddle
Karen Apple, City of Phoenix
Matt Miller, Falcon Executive Aviation
Mike, Volckmann, Glendale Aviation
Ondrea Benner, Pan Am International Flight Academy
Patrick Oakley, Williams Gateway Airport
Randy Payne, City of Phoenix
Vince Masciotra, FAA Tracon

Minutes:

Karen Apple from the City of Phoenix Aviation Department gave a quick update on the GYR and DVT master plans. She stated that for DVT they are seeing the need for a new FBO and increased aircraft parking near the restaurant among other facility upgrades. For GYR she noted that an FBO, additional hangers, a restaurant, and concerns about TIMCO's storage of large aircraft are being looked at. She will be sending out future invitations to tenants and users for upcoming meetings.

Randy Payne discussed topics from the recent PAUWG meeting. The first was if the AFTW should send a letter of support to IWA for their request of a state grant to look at additional ILS service at their airport. The group discussed some of the pros and cons of a new ILS, before deciding we needed a briefing from IWA to understand the issue better.

Another PAUWG topic was that the GYR and GEU departure vectors are still on hold until the FAA can produce a database of obstacles that Luke AFB can then use to create the procedures.

Vince Masciotra from the PHX TRACON gave a “big picture” view of flights within the valley. He started with the rankings of the airports in the Valley to the rest of the country to show how busy everybody is, then went into the satellite airport operations, radar coverages and its problems, routes, there constraints, and what to expect from controller when working in different areas of town.

Continued from last month were discussions of a web forum and a point of contact (POC) for the group. It was decided that we will not do a web forum at this time and that Mike Hallaron should continue to be our web contact. For all other POC needs, issues will be brought to the group and someone will have the chance to volunteer.

Use of 122.85. There was an e-mail sent to the AFTW website stating the use of 122.85 was not appropriate. After discussion, Jeff Moss said he would contact the FCC to discuss its use and the possibility of more frequencies.

Around the room: It was asked if you are going to be doing single engine pattern work at IWA to please call them for additional information. There is increased helicopter traffic and may cause conflicts.

Next meeting: It was decided to skip the May meeting. Westwind will host at DVT on June 22, 2005.