

ARIZONA FLIGHT TRAINING WORKGROUP

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2004

LOCATION: CHANDLER AIR SERVICE, CHANDLER MUNI AIRPORT

Attendees:

Greg Schmidt – ATCA

Bill Tobey – Sabena

Mike Darnall – ATP

Gerald Pennington – FAA ATC

Matt Miller – Falcon Exec

Juergen Tank – ERAU

Scott Sutton – PAIFA

Mike Halloran – FAA FSDO

Audrey Owens – Chandler Air Service

Lew Bernstein - DPE

Kimberly Brown - PAIFA

Craig Campbell - PAIFA

Dave Vangsnes – UND Aerospace

James Berry - PAIFA

Jim Pitman - Westwind

Randy Payne – City of Phoenix

John Walkup – Chandler Air Service

1. Welcome and introduction by John Walkup and distribution of agenda
2. Review of minutes from last meeting. No minutes were available but were verbally reviewed for subject and continuance of subjects.
3. Discussion ensued concerning letter that has gone out due to noise complaints from homeowners in the north Phoenix area from the group. The letter addressed procedures pilots and ATC are following to reduce noise. A copy of the letter should be available to all members of the AFTW.
4. An update was provided by J. Walkup on the airspace and checkpoint chart. It has been completed and a copy procedure with cost involved will be taken care of in the next couple of weeks and copies sent out. Original cost was going to be about \$35.00. Suggestions were made on how to reduce this cost and are being followed up. A couple of changes are being made to the data sheet concerning name changes and basic info.
5. Update on the Designated Pilot Examiner Advisory Group. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the Scottsdale FSDO. The reason for not having a May meeting is that all DPE's will be together on May 12 and 13 for an annual renewal meeting with the FAA. All DPE,s must attend as part of their annual appointment to maintain their designations. All DPE's are only appointed for 12 months. The advisory group is working closer with the FAA in the higher up positions for a more direct route to assisting in changes in the PTS and flight test standardization. John Lynch, Lance Nuckolls, and Paul Maenza are the main group of people outside the FSDO that are receiving all correspondence and information from the DPEAG. All bulletins, agenda, and minutes are now going to this group.

6. A little bit on “Rote”. John Walkup took the opportunity to discuss the role that “rote training” is taking in pilot training. We need to see that pilots know the answer to the “why” and teaching to understand more. The need to get people passed on flight tests using rote procedures has taken to big a roll in flight training and many pilots do not understand the reasons they do things. Asking the students why they do things can produce some pretty exotic answers. So ask more questions and see the students understand what they are doing outside the flight test.
7. Mike Halloran discussed the continued goals of meeting safety needs and coordination of all our activities to provide a means to keep the pilots and flying environment as safe as possible.
8. Gerald Pennington from FAA ATC brought us up to date changes in the ATC system and personnel about the valley. The north valley radar update is still a ways down the road. Jack Piraino is now a supervisor at Deer Valley tower. Changes in the routing of aircraft are still in the mill. All questions , problems or concerns will now be directed to Dave Saballas at 602-379-3684 and (24 hrs) at 602-379-4984.
9. No old business.
10. New business brought up by Jim Pitman was a discussion concerning how formal do we wish to get. Do we need a board with officers, charters, etc. The general feeling was we are hanging together now that status quo should suffice for a while longer but not to forget the idea in the future.
11. The next meeting will be held at the Scottsdale FSDO on May 27, 2004 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
12. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am