

Arizona Flight Training Work Group

Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2004

Attendees:

Juergen Tank, ERAU
Matt Miller, Falcon Exec. Aviation
Bill Tobey, Sabena ATC
Andrew Eagleton, Phoenix PD
Jim Pitman, Westwind
Jack D. Piraino, FAA DVT
Brian Mehrtens, PAIFA
Wayne George, Glendale Aviation
Mike Halloran, FAA FSDO

Tom Drysdale, FAA Tracon
Warren Meehan, FAA Tracon
James Berry, PAIFA
Kimberly Brown, PAIFA
Jennifer Lewis, Scottsdale Airport

- 1) Welcome and Introduction of Warren Meehan, Phoenix Tracon Manger at 9:15 a.m.
- 2) Mr. Meehan spoke extensively about his goals for the Tracon and his dedication to improve communication between pilots and FAA, not only as an effort to reduce pilot deviations, but also to improve "service." He expressed his support for the AFTWG and was open to suggestions from the group on considerations that are needed by FAA and formal input and participation for both FAA and AFTWG. The AFTWG agreed to list this item as a regular agenda item for future meetings. Mr. Meehan also briefed the group on the BRAVO airspace redesign, ASR 11 (coming Summer 2006), and Phoenix Tower (coming 1st Quarter 2006), and Tracon tours. Tracon tours are highly encouraged, particularly for student pilots. Tom Drysdale (602-379-3684) is the contact person within Tracon to arrange tours, as permitted by the state of security (currently code Yellow). No tours are allowed if security level rises to Orange.

3) Letter Regarding Aircraft Noise Position of Group

The completed letter was prepared and circulated via email by Jim Pitman. Discuss about the letter suggested putting letter on the website. Jim agreed to place the letter on the AFTWG website for anyone to access and use at their discretion. It would also be available for community members to view as the formal position of the group regarding aircraft noise issues, and it would include phone numbers for additional FAA information on aircraft noise.

4) Airspace and Check Point Chart

The Chart was not available at the meeting, but the legend was distributed for comment. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

5) Designated Pilot Examiner Advisory Group

The monthly meeting was attended by Matt Miller and Bill Tobey, and was reported on by Matt. There were three examiners that will not be available, two of them on a permanent basis and the one of them is on a temporary leave. Interviews are being held for at least three new examiners. During the Advisory Group meeting, issues were discussed pertaining to GPS, Quality assurance, and quality of applicant for flight testing. The CFI rides will be conducted over 2 days and there are new instrument PTS being developed.

6) ATC Update on System Changes

- a) Mr. Meehan introduced Jack D. Piraino as the tower manger for Deer Valley.
- b) Mr. Piraino informed the group that they are working on a Letter of Agreement for DVT and a second Ground Position in the Tower.

7) Scottsdale Airport Update and Reminders

Jennifer Lewis asked the group to remind their students of SDL's noise abatement rules and guidelines, and ask for the group's participation in the upcoming FAR Part 150 Workshop scheduled for August 5. The location has not been set, but the information will be advertised on the website and other places once a location is determined. Ms. Lewis also informed the group that the NDB will be decommissioned later this year and the equipment is being donated (to PIMA Aircraft Museum/Airport). The former Scottsdale "Pecos" Helicopter Letter of Agreement has been replaced by a new LOA, starting June 1, 2004.

8) New Business and Issues

- a) Warren Meehan indicated that FAA is considering a second "Local" position at Falcon Field.
- b) Juergen Tank described some maintenance/safety issues that need to be considered for the Seminole (nose wheel bolts) and the Cessna 172 (front seats extended backward).
- c) Jim Pitman stated he is working to develop a national flight training work group, and would like to add this item to future AFTWG meetings agendas.
- d) Wayne George informed the group that there is a helicopter flight school at Glendale Airport with 60 students, so aircraft operators in that areas should be aware of the increased activity.

9) Next Meeting will be held on July 22, 2004 at Pan Am Int'l Flight Academy (in the One-Story Building) 9-11 a.m.