



## **HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE**

**May 18, 2017**

**City Club at River Ranch**

**Lafayette, LA**

## **MINUTES**

### **AGENDA May 17 & 18, 2017 (Attachment 1)**

#### **SAFETY BRIEFING**

- Pat Attaway, HSAC Chairman, provided the Safety Briefing

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- Chairman Pat Attaway called the meeting to order at 08:15 and welcomed members and guests.
- Pat announced that we have Lafayette back in the rotation for May HSAC meetings.
- Read Antitrust Statement
- Introduction by Attendees

#### **QUORUM**

- HSAC Secretary – Terry Gambill announced that we have a quorum in attendance.

### **HSAC WORKGROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Aerial Patrol/UAS Workgroup**

- Bill Majeau presented the Aerial Patrol/UAS Workgroup report.
- Bristow UK made a presentation on integration of UAS into the airspace system.
- Mississippi State University will be conducting UAS operations in the Dauphine Island vicinity this summer.

#### **Replacement Platforms Workgroup**

- Rick Sloan presented the Replacement Platform Workgroup report.
- This workgroup is being combined with the ADS-B/Flight Following Workgroup.
- Gulf of Mexico priorities are HIA536C (need replacement), EC278 (potential P&A), GB783 (uncertain life span), EI215 (redundancy needed), and GC787 (redundancy needed). These are all in critical areas.



### **Chief Pilot/High Density Traffic Area – Special Workgroup (Attachment 2)**

- Greg Goldsmith presented the group's work on the High Density Traffic Area RP

### **Technical Workgroup**

- Danny Green presented the Technical Workgroup report.
- Discussion of a recent event involving a tail rotor tip block.
- Harold Summers from HAI, gave an update on world events.
- There was an update on training, which is pretty much on hold.

### **Flight Data Monitoring (Attachment 3)**

- Amanda Roberts presented the workgroup report.
- This was the first meeting of this new workgroup.
- The group discussed the history of FDM work groups, the vision for the workgroup, and established an "Action List".

### **Flight Following/ADS-B Workgroup**

- The Flight Following/ADS-B Workgroup and Replacement Platform Workgroups are being combined, with Rick Sloan assuming the Chairman duties.

## **HSAC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Treasurer's Report (Attachment 4)**

- Joe Gross briefed the group on the HSAC Financial Status
- The taxes for 2017 have been filed.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Terry Gambill reminded attendees to sign-in, and to check the sign-in sheet for accuracy.
- Attendees were encouraged to complete a survey, marking which two workgroups they would prefer to attend, and to list any training or seminars they would like to see in conjunction with HSAC meetings.
- Regular members were reminded to get their updated member letters to Terry Gambill, as soon as possible, so we will have an accurate count of voting members.
- Aerometals and Skytrack were introduced as new Associate Members.

### **Vice Chairman's Report**

- No Report



#### **Safety Committee Report (Attachment 5)**

- Bill Majeau reviewed the 2016 HSAC Safety Statistics
- There were zero accidents in the Gulf of Mexico in 2016.

#### **FAA ADS-B Program – Glenn Meier (Attachment 6)**

- Glenn Meier updated the group on the ADS-B program status.
- Locations are being sought to provide redundancy in the EI215 and GC787 areas.
- Volpe is doing a weather analysis for offshore operations
- FAA is looking for Gulf of Mexico expansion opportunities, and would like insights on the next 5 years, (i.e., new drilling, increased exploration and drilling).

#### **Houston Center – John Beckman Attachment 7)**

- John briefed the group on airspace changes at Houston Center, involving re-sectorization of the offshore sectors. Implementation is planned for July 20, 2017.

#### **New Orleans Approach – Mike Seaner**

- The IFR numbers are available for the first quarter of 2017 for Galliano, Houma, and Amelia.

#### **2015 HSAC By-Laws Revision – Pat Attaway (Attachment 8)**

- The By-Laws revision was approved by the HSAC Executive Committee.
- The revision will be posted on the HSAC website.
- The Regular Voting Members will vote on the Revised By-Laws at the next HSAC meeting in November, in New Orleans.
- We will set a deadline for voting via email.

#### **HSAC Helideck RPs – Bob Williams (Attachments 9 and 10)**

- Bob advised the group needs to identify a new chairman for the workgroup, to lead the work on RP2016-3, Management of Offshore Helidecks.
- IOGP AMG aviation subcommittee endorses HSAC RP 2016-2, Legacy Helidecks

#### **Flight Safety OEM/Vendor Safety Presentation – Dave Welch (Attachment 11)**

- Dave made a presentation entitled, “Sim Scenarios to Enhance Aircraft Safety”

#### **General Discussion**

- Walter Chartrand mentioned an event where a non-aviation fuel hose was used in a fueling situation
- The fuel checklist will be modified



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**Closing Comments**

- Regular voting members were asked to come to the front of the room at adjournment to vote for the new HSAC Treasurer.

**HSAC Treasurer Vote**

- 14 people came forward to vote.
- Don Robson was elected by unanimous vote.

**Next HSAC Meeting will be November 8-9, 2017 – Four Points Sheraton French Quarter,  
541 Bourbon St., New Orleans, LA 70130 Phone: 504-648-2327**

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