



## **HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE**

**October 19 & 20, 2016**

**Four Points Sheraton French Quarter**

**541 Bourbon Street**

**New Orleans, LA 70130**

## **MINUTES**

### **AGENDA October, 2016 Agenda (Attachment 1)**

#### **SAFETY BRIEFING**

- Terry Gambill, HSAC Secretary

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- HSAC Secretary, Terry Gambill called the meeting to order at 08:16 and welcomed members and guests.
- Read Antitrust Statement
- Introduction by Attendees

### **AVIATION SPECTRUM RESOURCES BRIEFING (Attachment 2)**

- Andrew Roy of Aviation Spectrum Resources, Inc. (ASRI), began his presentation with a brief overview of ASRI and the Aeronautical Frequency Committee (AFC)
- Mr. Roy then briefed the membership on the Ligado proposal to the FCC.
- ASRI along with other aviation signatories filed comments on May 23, August 11, and August 21, 2016, expressing concerns with the proposal
- The biggest concerns with the Ligado proposal involves four area:
  - Certified GPS – Separation limits, handsets, implementation process
  - Non-certified GPS – Testing of existing receivers, level of impact
  - SATCOM
    - INMARSAT – Unknown impact, information from other studies
    - IRIDIUM – Handset interference, no agreement possible
  - NOAA Satellite downlinks – weather balloons, satellite images, advisories from Hurricane Center, Storm Prediction Center, Lightning Data, and AIRMETS & SIGMETS.
    - There are issues with technical studies
    - There is no protection for non-NOAA users
    - Limited details of the internet replacement proposal



## **HSAC WORKGROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Technical Workgroup**

- There was no report for this meeting.

### **Replacement Platform – Special Workgroup (Attachment 3)**

- Rick Sloan briefed on the Replacement Platform –Special Workgroup meeting.
- Mr. Sloan talked about the committee scope and description.
- Glen Meier presented the high and low priority platform list.
- Roseanne Albrecht asked if anyone can help with company personnel for LLOG for the Who Dat platform and with the Bennu and Titan platforms
- High Priority Platforms
  - High Island 536
  - East Cameron 278
  - Main Pass 140
  - Garden Banks 668
- Secondary Priority Platform
  - Eugene Island 215
- Allan talked about the strategic analysis looking forward.
- Allan told the committee that Blind Faith (MC650), will be the replacement platform for IHUB. AWOS should be in place by February, 2017, and ADS-B sometime in the third quarter of 2017.
- Lucius (KC975), timeline is November 10, for VHF and SDS-B, and January, 2017 for AWOS.

### **Aerial Patrol/UAS Workgroup (Attachment 4)**

- There was no report for this meeting.
- An HSAC UAS/Aerial Patrol Charter was provided.

### **HSAC Bylaws – Special Workgroup**

- Ron Domingue briefed on the HSAC Bylaws Workgroup meeting.
- The draft of the new bylaws was reviewed, and several changes were proposed
- Those changes will be made, and presented to the workgroup at the January meeting.

### **Helidecks RP Workgroup (Attachment 5)**

- Bob Williams briefed on the Helidecks Workgroup meeting.Minutes



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### **Chief Pilot/High Density Area – Special Workgroup**

- Don Robson reported on the Chief Pilot Special Workgroup Meeting

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

- Terry Gambill briefed the group on the Flight Following/ADS-B Workgroup meeting
- The group was reminded of the importance of attending the AFC meetings to ensure our interests are met.
- We continue to work to make the HSAC Frequency Card as efficient and user friendly as possible.
- John Beckman reminded the group about the new offshore waiver codes that will be coming to each operator.
- Houston ARTCC will be re-sectoring and re-naming the Gulf of Mexico sectors.

### **HSAC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer's Report (Attachment 6)**

- Joe Gross briefed the group on the HSAC Financial Status
- Joe advised the group that he was stepping down as HSAC Treasurer, and asked for volunteers to put their name in the hat for the position.

#### **Secretary's Report**

- Terry Gambill reminded attendees to sign-in, and to check the sign-in sheet for accuracy.
- Workgroup chairmen were reminded to email their minutes to Terry Gambill for inclusion in the HSAC minutes.
- Terry explained new attendance sheets, which will be used to keep a record of attendees. Those who are not present for three consecutive meetings will be removed from the email list.
- A survey was presented for attendees to select the two workgroups/committees they would like to attend, so we can try to accommodate them on the schedule.

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

- There was no Vice Chairman's report.

#### **Safety Committee Report**

- Bill Majeau briefed on the plan to add hurricane information to the HSAC website.



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### **FAA ADS-B Program – Glenn Meier (Attachment 7)**

- Glenn Meier reported on planned installations, and pending platform shutdowns.
- Glenn reminded the group that 2020 is getting closer, and mandatory ADS-B equipage will be here.

### **FAA Security Update**

- Brian Throop briefed on the upcoming security events
- Mr. Throop advised the group of Security Measures which will be in effect for the Super Bowl in Houston, in early February 2017

### **FAA Hazmat Briefing**

- Special Agent David Evans briefed the group on the Samsung Galaxy Note 7
- Operators are required to advise each passenger of the banned device when they check in for the flight.

### **Hazmat Presentation (Attachment 8)**

- Brad Hallmark of the DOT Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) briefed the group on Hazmat requirements.
- Mr. Hallmark advised the group of the availability of TSI to provide Hazmat and other training.

### **Bird Control Presentation**

- Steinar Henskes provided a presentation on a bird control product for helidecks and helipads.

### **BSEE Safety Alert 322 (Attachment 9)**

- Steve Rauch of BSEE briefed the group on BSEE Safety Alert 322 – Helideck Hazards

### **New Business – General Discussion**

- Don Robson volunteered to put his name in the running for the HSAC Treasurer position.

### **Closing Comments**

- The group was reminded of the next meeting.



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**Next HSAC Meeting will be January 18 & 19, 2017 – Sheraton, Houston North, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032 281-969-1299**

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