



HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE

January 18 & 19, 2017

Sheraton, Houston North

15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

Houston, Texas 77032

MINUTES

AGENDA January, 2017 Agenda (Attachment 1)

SAFETY BRIEFING

- Bob Hall, HSAC Vice Chairman

INTRODUCTION

- HSAC Vice Chairman, Bob Hall called the meeting to order at 08:22 and welcomed members and guests.
- Read Antitrust Statement
- Introduction by Attendees

HSAC WORKGROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flight Following/ADS-B Workgroup

- Terry Gambill briefed the group on the latest Ligado information and the continuing VHF spectrum congestion
- Terry reminded the membership that the movement of a radio requires notification of ASRI.
- The next AFC meeting is in Charleston, SC, the week of February 27.
- Houston Center briefed on the upcoming Super Bowl in Houston
- The FAA ADS-B office briefed on the current situation.
- Terry Gambill asked for a volunteer to assume the workgroup Chairman duties. David Robinson volunteer, and will be presented to the Steering Committee for approval.

HSAC RP – Helidecks Workgroup

- Patrick Bosman and Bob Williams briefed the group on the status of the Helideck RPs

Technical Workgroup (Attachments 2 & 3)

- Danny Green briefed the membership on the following from the workgroup meeting:



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- Harold Summers, HAI – brought the workgroup up to date on some of the current issues concerning the industry.
- There was a brief info-share on the current state of the Sikorsky S-92 Tail Rotor Pitch Change Shaft (TRPCS) bearing issue.
- Walter Chartrand shared some information with the workgroup on a replacement offshore fuel system.
- Revisited a previous discussion relating to offshore standards and practices in regards to personnel boarding on offshore platforms.

Replacement Platform – Special Workgroup

- Rick Sloan briefed on the Replacement Platform –Special Workgroup meeting
- The workgroup identified possible new sites to replace some sites that will be shut down.

Aerial Patrol/UAS Workgroup (Attachment 4)

- Steve Bechtol presented the workgroup update for Aerial Patrol/UAS.
- The committee agreed to split the committee into two separate workgroups, but to have the meetings at different times to allow people to attend both.
- The Aerial Observation group has noticed diminished attendance, and voted to only meet in January and October. UAS will continue to meet at all three meetings.
- Tom Buchner reviewed the accident stats, and urged everyone to turn in 2016 flight hours.
- The Maintenance RP was discussed and everyone was notified that it was under review to be update.
- UAS would like to start tracking flight hours and incidents for the industry. Todd Chase will develop a database.
- Most of the operators present are working on beyond line of sight programs.
- IOGP document 590-S6; Unmanned Aerial Systems – Aircraft Management Guidelines, was reviewed.

HSAC Bylaws – Special Workgroup

- Ron Domingue reported to the group on the history of the HSAC By-laws.
- Patrick Bosman reported on the status of the new By-laws changes. A few minor changes will be made and the new By-laws will be presented to the Steering Committee at the May meeting.

Chief Pilot/High Density Area – Special Workgroup

- Terry Myers reported that Chief Pilots worked on the weather box issue during the meeting.



HSAC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Attachment 5)

- Joe Gross briefed the group on the HSAC Financial Status
- Joe reminded the group that he was stepping down as HSAC Treasurer, but would continue to perform the duties until the new Treasurer could be elected.

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 advised the group that we would not be voting on any issues at this meeting, due to the lack of a quorum of voting members.

Vice Chairman's Report

- There was no Vice Chairman's report.

Safety Committee Report

- Bill Majeau reported to the group that there were Zero accidents in the Gulf of Mexico in 2016.

FAA ADS-B Program – Glenn Meier

- 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 Update

- John Beckman, Houston ARTCC, briefed the membership on the security procedures surrounding the Super Bowl.
- Mike Seaner, New Orleans Approach, briefed on traffic counts for the 4th quarter of 2016, and for all of 2016.

HeliOffshore Workstreams

- Francois Lassale made a presentation to the membership on HeliOffshore, and the HeliOffshore workstreams.



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Closing Comments

- The group was reminded of the next meeting

Next HSAC Meeting will be May 17-18, 2017 – City Club at River Ranch, 1100 Camellia Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70508

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Terry A. Gambill, Secretary

Approved: Pat Ataway Date: 2/28/2017
Pat Ataway, Chairman