

FIA GAA

The General Aviation Association at Fairbanks International Airport

Opening:

The regular fall meeting of the FAI general Aviation Association was called to order at 7 p.m. on 11/13/14 by Tim Berg, president.

Present:

See list of attendees on the meeting sign-in sheet

A. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

B. Approval of minutes

The minutes will be distributed for approval prior to the next meeting

C. Open Issues

Jesse Vanderzanden, airport manager, discussed the following issues:

The FAI master plan public comment period is over and the plan has been presented to the FAA.

TWY Bravo-funding is being sought to keep the present configuration

Runway deviations-27% are at Bravo. 49% involve pilots. Airport has presented plan to FAA with numerous modifications-is under consideration

FAA will fund 2017-19 at present configuration with mods including "islands" to block direct flow at some locations.

Lease expansion-some large lots still available

Future improvements:

Float pond road gate 0-5 yrs 900k

TWY Bravo 0-5 yrs

Float Pond study 6-15 yrs

2R-20L resurfacing 6-15 yrs

Apron repair 6-15 yrs

Pilots Lounge-painting new shower, floor undergoing current construction

Joe Reynolds, tower chief

Pilot outreach program-introduced outreach team (see list on agenda)

Dustin Hodde-gave rundown on ATC facility, etc. slides on tower ATIS, including what they provide which doesn't include weather-only pass on weather info. from weather observers. Initial contact (20 mi. out) call sign, type, position, altitude, inbound, ATIS

Departure-give outbound heading to ground if possible

Additional operating procedures discussed-opposite direction in VFR now possible-all are logged-much national attention-can't increase controller workload

SVFR ATC cannot solicit—one in, one out

Please read back clearances

Airport safety: Melissa Osborn, Joe Reynolds gave VPD examples for April and Sept.

Float pond obstruction-leaseholders were sent a letter for removal of trees, etc. must comply

Recent safety events Pilot at MRI was talking to Lake Hood during landing!

Ro Bailey-gave talk on drone operation-NOTAMS are the only way at present to know where they are operating. This was an extensive presentation on the upcoming drone operations.