

FAI-GAA 4/28/15 Meeting Minutes

THE GENERAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION AT FAIRBANKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Opening: the regular spring meeting of the FAI GAA was called to order by GAA President Tim Berg, who then thanked Northland Aviation for sponsoring the meeting.

- A. Approval of agenda: agenda was approved as presented.
- B. Approval of minutes: Minutes from the fall meeting were approved as presented.
- C. Presentations:

Fairbanks Air Traffic Control Tower: Operational Procedures

Curtis Harper and Dustin Hodde of FAI ATCT made a presentation covering the following topics:

Special VFR procedure: When operating under SVFR rules, ATC cannot offer a SVFR clearance-the pilot must request it. Under these conditions, only “one in-one out” is allowed unless visual separation between aircraft is applied. SVFR procedures will not be issued if they delay IFR aircraft, and SVFR arrivals will be given priority over SVFR departures. If you are holding, waiting for an SVFR clearance, avoid the extended centerlines of the runway to stay clear of IFR traffic.

Flight Following: ATC encourages VFR pilots to use Flight Following. It may be requested with the AFSS when filing a flight plan. If unable to do that, then request it from ATC. They pointed out that Flight Following is a service provided by ATC, and is not the same as a flight plan.

Float Pond Procedures:

The buoys mark the sides of the channel, however the channel extends from the north to the south shores of the float pond. Operations outside the channel are uncontrolled, and Step Taxi is only authorized in the channel.

If requesting radar services, call Clearance Delivery (with the current ATIS) to get a transponder code.

Make sure you receive departure instructions prior to turnout after departing the float pond due to the presence of the parallel runways at FAI.

Airport Update: Melissa Osborn, Chief of Operations

- The old Crash Fire/Rescue facility has been remodeled and renamed the **Airport Response Center**
- Jetway 3 installation completed, fits 737 series aircraft. Jetways 4, 5 & 6 are being upgraded.
- Numerous security upgrades are planned for 2016-17
- Taxiway Bravo is expected to be upgraded in 2017-18, including islands and gates to prevent direct access.
- Concessions-are expanded downstairs in the terminal, with new food/beverage in 2016.
- Fuel storage-a tank farm on the southwest corner of the airport is up for public notice through May 18

- OPS net—can log in-will begin 5/1/15

Airport Watch: Moses Villalobos, Chief FAI Fire and Rescue

Airport watch started at the airport following 9-11, procedures were reviewed
Q and A on airport watch followed by two videos on security breaches
At FAI to report a problem call Dispatch at 474-2530 or 911

JPARC Airspace Expansion Proposal: Tom George, AOPA Alaska Regional Manager

Tom summarized the proposal currently available for public comment to expand the JPARC MOA complex. Proposals include expanding FOX3 MOA, and adding a new Paxon MOA. In both cases, floors will be at 500 ft agl. The Paxon proposal also includes a proposed corridor along the Richardson Highway which while protecting from military traffic, may concentrate civil traffic, increasing risk of mid-air collision.

Tom also mentioned that there is an FAA proposal to decommission 28 “obsolete or under utilized” IFR procedures, and encouraged members to examine the list and comment if any of the procedures are still needed.

D: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elodea—no details on solution to spreading invasive species
Airman’s show May 2,3 Valdez May 8,9,10
6/19 Airman’s and GAA picnic at airpark

E: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Treasures report: \$1091.74

F: ELECTIONS AND NEW OFFICERS

Nominating committee chair Ron Dearborn gave the committee report, with the following slate of candidates, and called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made to adopt the slate of offices, which passed without objection.

President: Rod Combellick
Vice President: Paul Merrifield
Secretary: Ken Kokjer
Treasurer: Phyllis Tate

Meeting was adjourned.