

FIA General Aviation Association
Spring Meeting
April 20, 2021

Meeting via Zoom, starting at 7:00 pm ADT

Rod Combellick, President FIA GAA

- Meeting instructions for Zoom meeting
- No significant activities for GAA since last meeting

Rachel Webb, Chief of Operations, FIA

- Update on reconstruction plans for 2R-20L
 - Runway being shortened to 4,500' x 75'.
 - Concerns were expressed about the lack of a run-up area at the north end of the shortened runway
- New East Ramp leases, and interest
- Jason Griswold, Manufacturer's representative
 - Brief discussion of makeup of deicing compound being used on runways/taxiways
 - Assurance of no corrosion to airplane parts from the compound
- Aaron Danielson, Chief of FIA Police
 - Policing aspects of runway closure
 - The public is encouraged to avoid parking on the concourse, and use short term parking and Cell-phone lot around main terminal and west side.

Corey Shaw, FAI ATC Pilot Outreach Group

- Reviewed Pattern and ground operations during 2R-20L closure
- Cautioned pilots taxiing on Bravo for take-off on the main to confirm they are taking off on the correct runway, 2L or 20R. Controllers may issue additional instructions to help reduce wrong runway departures.
- Pilots should expect limits on touch and go traffic: arrivals and departures will have priority.

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- Announced new frequency groupings available from LiveATC for Fairbanks area, including clearance, ground, both approach and tower frequencies, when in use.
- Discussed the equipment and location
- More recording sites are desired across the state, including areas where CTAFs are utilized.

Adam White, Government Affairs, Alaska Airmen Association

- Details on TFR for Clear AFB LRDR
- Important to remain clear of that area if/when radar is activated – potential damage to radios and electronic engine or fuel controls
- Difficulty in converting very complex description to digital representation for EFBs, results in general approximation of shapes of the TFR, so study the NOTAMs and Letter To Airmen for details prior to flight.
- ATC confirmed that they have an accurate depiction of the TFR on Center radar scopes, so ask ATC for flight following in the area, if able.
- Public comment still open, but expect conversion of TFR to Restricted Area this winter

Tom George, Alaska Regional Manager, AOPA

- Presented experimental NWS Graphic Forecast for Aviation (GFA) products for Alaska
- Described an FAA research project to estimate visibility from weather cameras automatically, using image analytics
- Discussed an FAA Visual Weather Observing System Demonstration, to test uncertified weather reporting equipment, collocated with FAA Weather Cameras. Test locations are Palmer, Tatitlek, Eek and Healy River
- Also encouraged pilots to consider flying River Watch missions during breakup

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- Listed a variety of upcoming aviation events in Alaska
- General announcements, call for renewing memberships

Rod Combellick, President, FIA General Aviation Association

- Business meeting
 - Treasurers Report
 - Nomination of Officers
 - President: Merle Jantz
 - Vice President: Chris Miller
 - Treasurer: Wally Smith
 - Secretary: (No nomination from committee or from the floor)
 - Election of Officers
 - Adopt by unanimous vote moved by Tom George, seconded by Doug Schrage
 - Hearing no objections, slate is adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm ADT

Recap of officers & Financial Details

- Outgoing officers
 - Rod Combellick, President
 - Merle Jantz, Vice President
 - James Falsey, Treasurer
- New Officers
 - Merle Jantz, President
 - Chris Miller, Vice President
 - Wally Smith, Treasurer
- Continuing Provisionally
 - Ken Kokjer, Secretary
- Alaska USA Credit Union Account
 - President and Treasurer designated to sign checks


Kenneth J Kokjer, Secretary