

Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee

Minutes of July 19, 2017 Meeting

Meeting called to order by WAAC Chair, Kurt Yeager at 1710.

Attendees: Marjorie Bachmann (99's), Sarah Chauvet (WPA), Joe Shelton (City Resident), Kurt Yeager (County Resident), Gryphon MacArthur (EAA), and Rayvon Williams (Airport Manager). Absent: Dan Bloecher (Airport FBO). Guests: Justin Meek (City of Watsonville, Planning), Charlie Eadie and Nick Hardy representing Nordic Naturals

MOTION ACCEPTING MINUTES OF April 12, 2017 meeting: so moved (Chauvet, 2nd Bachmann).

Discussion topics

- (1) **Filling John Randolph's vacant position:** Dan Bloecher has expressed an interest in remaining on the WAAC and relinquishing his representation of an "On-field FBO" and move into the representation of the "business community" per Section IV of the WAAC ByLaws. Members present request Dan make this a formal request, in writing.
- (2) **EAA and WPA representatives:** Current WAAC member representation will remain; i.e Sarah Chauvet (WPA) and Gryphon MacArthur (EAA).
- (3) **By-Laws Term limits:** Airport Manager noted that By-Laws Section IV "C" does specifically note members are limited to two year terms. Manager went on to state that given the current membership changes this might be a good time to consider the terms for respective remembers. It was noted that the WAAC has not adhered to the term limit provision.
- (4) **New Member to fulfill on-field FBO.** Airport Manager will provide a list of potential candidates to fill this position. WAAC will review and make recommendations. Airport Manager will reach out to the potential candidates.
- (5) **Jump calls by Skydive Surf City:** [Skydive Surf City's SOP](#) (page 9; Skydive Operations Radio Calls) specifically states "may" consist up to five (5) radio calls. The WAAC has requested that all five calls actually be made on a consistent basis. Airport Manager agreed to reach out to SkyDive operator.
- (6) **Nordic Naturals:** Process/Planning update by Justin Meek, Nordic Natural recap/perspective by Charles Eadie and review of site plans by Nick Hardy. Sarah Chauvet noted that even though the Nordic Natural effort is moving along per process that the WPA insists the City must inform any proposed development within the AIA will be challenged by the WPA and such a challenge will incur a cost by the proposed developer.

Airport Manager's Updates

- (1) **Commissioner's BBQ** Will be held on July 20, 2017; at 1800; Location is the Corralitos Filter Plant, Eureka Canyon Rd, Corralitos, CA 95076.
- (2) **2017-2019 Airport Budget:** Awaiting final approval; still pending Union airport employee reclassification.
- (3) **Rate and Fee Schedules:** Published on web site. Airport Manager proposed two year freeze on Aviation Storage Units.
- (4) **Development and construction update:** United Flight (Aircraft maintenance and flight training) target date August 30th; Watsonville Diesel (Diesel automotive sales and Service) target date October 31st, EKB partners (Brewery and restaurant) Spring 2018.
- (5) **Farming opportunity (Old Gilbertson property):** Environmental approvals forthcoming; could begin as early as September 1st.
- (6) **Precision Approach Path Indicators:** PAPI bid advertised July 15th; Award date August 9th; construction start September 18th.
- (7) **Watsonville Open House scheduled for July 4th:** unqualified success; approx. 7,500 in attendance.
- (8) **Wings Over Watsonville Fly-In:** Returning September 2, 2017; focus on youth.

ADJOURNMENT - at 17:35

Remaining 2017 Meeting Schedule
October 11th
1600 at WAEC, 60 Aviation Way