

Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee

Minutes of January 16, 2018 Meeting

Meeting called to order by WAAC Chair, Kurt Yeager at 1605.

Attendees: Marjorie Bachmann (99's), Sarah Chauvet (WPA), Joe Shelton (City Resident), Kurt Yeager (County Resident), and Rayvon Williams (Airport Manager). Absent: Dan Bloecher (Airport FBO) and Gryphon MacArthur (EAA).

Given there was no quorum at the October 2017 no minutes were approved.

Discussion topics

Filling vacant positions: John Randolph resigned his position effective May 30, 2017 and Dan Bloecher has committed to forwarding a letter stating he will step down as of January 1, 2018.

These vacancies leave open positions for County Business Representative and a Fixed Base Operator representative. Ed Bogner and Laura Mohler have agreed to join the WAAC and fill the County Business Representative (Ed) and FBO representative (Laura) respectively. They will be meeting with the City Manager over the next few months and join the WAAC at the next scheduled meeting in April 2018.

2018 Fly-In: Airport management has reached out over the last few months with little response to the idea of a Pilot led group to manage and lead a fly-in during the fall of 2018. There will be a least one more attempt via a "Town Hall Meeting" type format to solicit interest in a Fly-In for 2018.

Airport Manager Updates: Beginning with the April 2018 meeting Airport Manager update will be forwarded to the WAAC in advance of quarterly meetings. By removing the update from the agenda the WAAC will have more time to share ideas, brainstorm potential for airport improvement or any other considerations the WAAC may desire to share.

Airport Management Communications: A point was made that although Airport Management does annual provide a year in review to the major on field pilot groups (EAA, WPA and 99's) there remains a lack of understanding or awareness of the many on-going activities relative to Airport improvement, safety enhancement and general airport activities. Airport Management will investigate how to improve compunctions during 2018.

ADJOURNMENT - at 17:05

Remaining 2018 Meeting Schedule

April 3rd
July 3rd
October 3rd

1600 at WAEC, 60 Aviation Way