

Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council (SAAC)

Meeting Minutes – Meeting #81

May 1, 2017

Present:

Peter Bruckner, Chair SAAC, City of Rochester
John A. Mullen Jr. NH House of Representatives
Mark Hourihane, SAAC, City of Rochester
Dan Barufaudi, SAAC, City of Dover
Ken Weyler, SAAC, Governor's appointee
Bill Bartlett, PDA
Michael Bobinsky, SAAC Representing the city manager of Somersworth
Jim Rogers, SAAC, City of Dover
Sandy McDonough, Airport Operations Specialist
Andrew Pomeroy, PDA Airport Operations Manager
Paul Brean, Airport Director, PDA
Mark Gardner, PDA
Irving Canner, Director of Finance, PDA

Next meeting: unknown

I. Standard Topics

- a) **Peter Bruckner, SAAC Chair called the meeting to order at 08:30 local time.**
- b) **The meeting minutes for the March 2017 meeting were accepted. MB made the motion to accept. DB seconded the motion. Unanimous in favor.**
- c) **Financial Report: Irv Canner**
 1. **Our budget for revenue income for the fiscal year (the first nine months) is \$179,000 and we are below that by \$37,000. One reason is that fuel sales are considerably down this year. This year's fuel revenue was just over 12K and last year it was over 19K.**
 2. **Airport Revenue is a little behind this year with hangar revenues with three available spaces.**
 3. **The PDA is operating expenses are down. Operating cost are under budget but the wages and benefits portion is over budget with the transition of Jim Thurlow.**
 4. **Pease has had to absorb about \$108,000,000 in cash flow since inheriting Skyhaven in 2008. Expenditures are about \$800,000 with most of that being grant money.**
 5. **The pavement construction will be starting soon here at Skyhaven and may potentially be below projected income by about \$8,000.**
 6. **We will be presenting the board of directors with a new budget process for all of Pease.**

7. **Peter:** It is important that the SAAC meeting be aware of the capital expenditures and the process in order to possibly make suggestions and be able to weigh in on the priorities.
 8. **AP:** Responds by suggesting the next SAAC meeting he will bring in a copy of the old AIP and the projected projects until 2023.
 9. **MB:** After thanking Irv for his report and explications Mike asks how the PDA determines avgas prices. Andrew monitors it daily with the market and DAW stays very competitive with other areas and at times we are the lowest.
- d) **Wings and Wheels**
1. Nothing to report
- e) **Airport Advisory committee MB**
1. The focus is on updating the RFP
 2. This Friday is an Airport user meeting to get feedback from Skyhaven customers to see what items they would like in the RFP.
 3. Skyhaven will be soliciting an IFP for a FBO.
 4. The committee is going to meet with the tri city coalition made up of policy makers and officials from Dover, Rochester and Somersworth and present Skyhaven airport. It's a way of getting together for ideas now that the economy is doing so well in the area to somehow incorporate the airport for further growth.
 5. Our committee is planning to meet June 15th at 7 PM.

II. Old business

- a) **Traffic report**
1. AP: For 2017 there were 2,196 operations to date.
 2. AP: April was our busiest month primarily due to good weather with 624 operations.
- b) **Taxilane and Drainage Rehab Project Update**
1. Andrew: Today is mobilization day. They will be mobilizing around hangar 1 because that building is coming down.
 2. AP: The project is on schedule.
 3. AP: They are looking to break on July 3rd until July 5th for the holiday.

III. New Business:

- a) **Peter asks everyone to look at the Skyhaven website (skyhavennh.com) and report back at the next meeting any comments or suggestions.**
- b) **Bill Bartlett explains how Skyhaven was the responsibility of the state until 2008 when the state handed it over to the PDA at bill Bartlett's suggestion along with FAA approval. Pease has put \$1.6 million dollars into it to fix issues the airport had but how can we continue to justify it? People can't afford to buy their own aircraft and private aviation is declining.**

- c) **Irving Canner:** The operation loss is \$80,000 per year.
- d) **Bill Bartlett:** The question is “how much longer is Pease going to put forth this amount of money and get nothing in return?” Skyhaven needs some way to sustain this airport because the PDA can’t keep it operating with this kind of loss.
- e) **John Mullen:** The tri city coalition looks like it could be very successful at Skyhaven but it will not happen fast. They will need time and it would be a shame if it isn’t allowed the time it needs to get things going.
- f) **Paul Brean:** Part of the reason things have dropped off at Skyhaven is because Daniel Webster no long has a flight school. Maybe Skyhaven could have a flight school to fill that void. It is a great airfield and it looks like it could be utilized by the growing industries in the business park.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM Local time

Respectfully submitted, Sandra McDonough, for Chair Peter Bruckner.