

## **Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council (SAAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes – Meeting #96**

*March 1, 2021*

*Present:*

Peter Bruckner, Chair SAAC, City of Rochester  
Mike Scala, SAAC, City of Rochester  
Jim Rogers, SAAC, City of Dover  
Dan Barufaldi, City of Dover, SAAC  
Steve Fournier, PDA BOD  
Mark Pride: T-Aviation  
Andrew Pomeroy, PDA  
Irv Canner, PDA  
Suzy Anzalone, PDA

*Next meeting:*

TBD

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#### **1. Standard Topics**

- a) Meeting Called to Order at 09:14 Via ZOOM online conference.
- b) Acceptance of the Minutes of December, 2020 Meeting – Accepted as written roll call vote, unanimous.

Voting in of SAAC Officers:

Chair: Peter Bruckner  
Vice Chair: Rep. Ken Weyler, State Rep& SAAC  
Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Richards  
All re-elected by unanimous vote

Finance Report- Irv Canner, PDA

- a) Irv, introduced Suzy Anzalone, who is taking his place as PDA Economic Director. Irv is retiring and this will be his last SAAC Meeting.
- b) Irv pointed out that though there are some small variations on hangar rentals compared to 2020 numbers the big news in 2021 is in fuel sales, with 13,487 gallons sold compared to 8,345 gallons by this same point in 2020
- c) This combined with some reduction in expenses shows a net operating gain of \$23,000.00 in revenue.
- d) Cumulative out of pocket for PDA since 2008 is holding at \$1.68 Million.
- e) The committee had a group discussion of the need for new hangar development and the costs associated with such development. Andrew is looking for hangar developers.

**Webpage:**

The Skyhaven web page has been updated with information and links to our new based business in Hangar 5 T-Aviation. Be on the lookout for some upcoming news articles in the news and events section. The Web

page has been bringing a lot of attention to Skyhaven Airport including some Corporate/Business operators who have business in the Tri-City Area. This is helping to increase traffic and fuel sales.

#### **T-Aviation:**

Mark Pride announced that T-Aviation continues to reach out and build their business reaching out to the business community and getting the word out that they are here. Mark reported on a number of STEM outreach efforts that they were working on as well as a connection with PAL-V Roadable Aircraft. Peter Bruckner stated he had approached the local high school technical program about partnering with T-Aviation for an aircraft (RV-12) build project.

#### **Subcommittee Reports:**

- a) Dan Barufaldi, stated that the marketing subcommittee met along with Mark Pride of T-Aviation. They discussed the marketing efforts being made by the PDA and such as web page enhancements and outreach and what the next steps could be. Andrew stated that continued referencing of the airport and it's benefits on the Tri-City economic development pages is key. That things like printing flyers are OK but we really need to focus our marketing efforts on our target market and the business we want to attract. With marketing, "If it's not targeted, it's not helping" Mark Pride stated that there were a few deliverables that were discussed at the meeting and that he was looking forward to working with the economic development departments in each city and getting involved with their B to B publications to get the word out on the services they provide.

#### **Old Business:**

- a) Airport Traffic Report: Andrew presented several reports to the committee showing the flight activity for Calendar Year 2020 and the first two months of Calendar Year 2021. Andrew reported that Skyhaven has had a remarkable year breaking all previous records since the PDA started counting traffic at Skyhaven. By all accounts 2019 had been a good year for Skyhaven with just over 9,000 operations recorded. As of this meeting we have had 13,009 operations for CY2020, breaking all previous records for the year and for individual months.
  - a. October Est 729 Operations
  - b. June Est. 1,439 Operations
  - c. July Est. 1,380 Operations
  - d. August Est: 1,456 Operations
  - e. September Est. 2,104 Operations
  - f. October Est. 991 Operations
  - g. November Est. 1,293 Operations
  - h. December Est. 722 Operations
  - i. January, 2021 Est. 940 Operations
  - j. February, 2021 Est. 537 Operations
  - k. Total Ops 2019 Est 9,292 Operations
  - l. Total YTD 2020: Est: 13,009 Operations
- b) Andrew noted that despite the pandemic, our flight activity has increased greatly this year as compared to last year. The growth trend we saw over this past summer has continued into the winter months with numbers 50% higher than we'd seen the previous winter. This jump is attributable to a number of

factors. Good flying weather, competitive fuel pricing and increase in based aircraft at Skyhaven, area flight schools resuming flight training after being shut down with a pandemic, All hangars at Skyhaven are currently full, with a 16 person waiting list.

**New Business:**

- a) Terminal Apron Rehab Design Project –This project is a Design Only Project and the Apron Rehab design work will commence once the grant monies have been approved. The expected time table for this project is as follows:
  - a. Design; 2021
  - b. Bid: 2022
  - c. Construction (new grant): 2022 – 2023
- b) Peter announced that as a member of the City of Rochester Planning Board he was presented with a proposed housing development in the Sofield Apartments parcel across the street from the approach end of Runway 33. Upon seeing the plans, Andrew noted that roughly half of the 30 plus homes proposed would be built in the Runway 33 Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), an area of land off both ends of a runway designed to protect persons and property on the ground from aircraft mishaps.
- c) Peter showed the City GIS map with an overlay of the airport’s RPZ and where it falls in the proposed development.
- d) **Motion: Mike Scala & Peter Bruckner, Chair, Seconded by Bill Richards, Secretary: The Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council Opposes the proposed housing development at: 287 Rochester Hill Road, Tax Map 254 Lot #18, on the basis that it violates the Airport Runway Protection Zone RPZ, and therefore negatively impacts the Airport and Aviation Safety.**
- e) **Passed by Unanimous Vote all present March 1, 2021.**

**Public Comment:** None

Non-Public Session (If Required)

Next meeting: Date TBD 9am.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM Local time

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Pomeroy, for Chair Peter Bruckner.