

5AC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23rd, 2020

Chairman, Mac McElroy, called the meeting to order at 1835 hrs via the internet (Zoom meeting).

Mac thanked past chairman, Wayne Mooneyham, for his dedication to the 5AC and followed that up with an introduction of John Rogers, Battalion Chief for Auburn Fire Dept.

Mac then began the meeting with an overview of a meeting in February with Fire Chief Dave Spencer and Battalion Chief Rob Zaucha.

Topics were:

- * Mission for AUN - provide a safe global environment and reduce exposure of the City of Auburn for liability. Chief Spencer will work on a Standard of Operating Procedures for the airport.
- * Establish a Standard Point of Contact between the airport and the City. Perhaps having a monthly meeting between the pilots and City officials will help.
- * Grants - Two grants were recently awarded - \$100,000 AIP dedicated for a new helipad and another \$30,000 CARE grant that will be used for airport expenses.
- * Weeds - After establishing the procedure to remove weeds from the asphalt the task has almost been completed.
- * Generator - By end of the year there should be a generator installed as a backup in the event of a power outage.
- * Abandoned Aircraft - a procedure needs to be developed to remove abandoned aircraft from the field. Several aircraft are behind in paying tie-down fees and/or providing proof of liability insurance - these issues need to be resolved.
- * AWOS - Incorrect information is being broadcast. Sensors may need to be recalibrated.
- * Battalion Chief Zaucha has been receiving ELT signals. John Rogers explained how the problem has been addressed.

Mac shared that Chief Spencer has been extremely diligent and timely in recognizing these and other issues at the airport and has been proactive in addressing them.

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The meeting was then open for discussion from attendees.

Wind Sock, the Wind "T" and Segmented Circle - it's been reported that these items are difficult to see and in need of repair. It is possible that AAA might take on the project - Mac will discuss this with Chief Spencer.

Location of the new helipad is a concern. Dust created by the helicopters is a problem.

Emergency/Safety Equipment - plans for safety guidelines are a work-in-progress. Procedures for dealing with emergencies at the airport need to be established. Battalion Chief Rogers reminded the group that the appropriate and best practices action is DIAL 911. The Fire Department has had additional training in aircraft emergency procedures. An effort is taking place for the FD to include local pilots in the event of an incident that can be resolved quickly by local pilots such as removing an airplane from the runway - however, the FD is the ultimate "in charge" entity. Obtaining equipment capable of moving aircraft, i.e., dollies, airbags, etc. was discussed. Putting a notice on the AWOS or NOTAM during an incident was also discussed.

Barnstormers Room Reservations - "Amy" at the City has handled reservations in the past. Additionally, Robert at Threshold also is helping with this. Mac will follow-up on who to contact.

Noise Abatement - some pilots are not observing the preferred takeoff procedure. A larger or different color sign in the run-up area was suggested as well as having the brochures available with the information. Some student pilots from Mach5 are not observing the suggested procedure. We will follow-up with the printing of the brochures.

With no more items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1938 hrs.

Respect submitted,

Joanie Mooneyham, Secretary
Auburn Aviation Association