

Notes of the Motueka Aerodrome Operational & Safety Committee

Date: Thursday 17 September 2015 at 2.00 pm
Venue: Motueka Airport, College Street, Motueka
Present: Stuart Bean, Brad Keay, Glen Kingan, Willie King, Jim Frater, Valerie Gribble
Apologies: John Richards, Giles Witney, Penny McKay, Trevor Leighton, Jeremy Anderson

1. Chair

Moved J Frater/B Keay

That Stuart Bean be elected Chair of the committee for this meeting due to the absence of John Richards.

Carried

2. Minutes

J Frater/S Bean

That the minutes of the meeting of the Motueka Aerodrome Operational & Safety Committee held on 11 June 2015 be confirmed.

Carried

J Frater/S Bean

That the minutes of the special meeting of the Motueka Aerodrome Operational & Safety Committee held on 23 July 2015 be confirmed.

Carried

3. Matters Arising

- Webcam pricing was \$45 per week which is not affordable.
- UAV – anyone can fly up to 20 feet without permission. OK to fly to height of highest obstacle. Jim tabled a copy of the information which is available on the TDC website.

4. Safety Issues

Jim advised that the grass runway is still closed.

Brad noted there are two bumps at the end of the grass runway and the rest of it is undulating. Jim undertook to contact Dave Phillips and arrange for him to do an inspection with Stuart Bean and undertake remedial work (up to a cost of \$5,000).

5. Emergency Exercise

Giles had asked for discussion to be deferred to this meeting.

The meeting agreed that Jeremy would organise the next emergency exercise, ideally in November 2015. Details of participants are in the Emergency Plan.

6. General Business

The new Health and Safety Bill will come into force some time next year. There needs to be greater awareness of things such as no vehicles on runway area etc. In the aviation area there is a new SMS system that has to be complied with on how operations are undertaken on the airport etc.

Concern was expressed about gates not being locked which is a potential safety issue. It was noted that even if the gates are locked, people will get in if they really want to.

7. Next Meeting

It was decided to wait until a date has been set for the emergency exercise and a debrief will be held in conjunction with the Operational & Safety meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2.20 pm.