

PAUA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Daryl Austermilller at 1600; a quorum of board members was present. Fifteen PAUA members, tower, and airport representatives also attended.

- Minutes of the November 16 meeting were approved.
- The December 31, 2021 bank balance was \$6,700.17. Since the prior report, \$30 was added and \$351.17 deducted.
- Regarding membership:
 - One new member, Robert Kunzmann, joined during the meeting.
 - PAUA will now resume collecting dues. Collection had been held in abeyance while a payment capability was added to the website. Dues for all members are due January 1 regardless of the date a member may have joined (anniversary dates would be too complex for our small organization).
- Regarding the website, Lance Leighnor reported that the website has been refined to cause it to begin to showing up in search results provided by Google and other search engines.
- Morgan Gillespie, Embry-Riddle representative, reported that the new semester began last week.
- Brian Roggow, Safety representative, reported that the Annual Arizona Aviation Safety Awards Banquet will be held in virtual mode. Details are available at:
https://faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=109693
- Joe Gettler, Tower Rep, reported that the tower was closed for an afternoon last week for required cleaning. A member asked if the tower was currently accepting visitors but, due to COVID, it unfortunately is not.
- Robin Sobotta, Airport Director, provide the airport report:
 - Jason Kadah has joined the airport staff as Operations Supervisor and will run a community outreach activity. These

town forums are intended to help address the large increase in the number of noise complaints received by the airport.

- Preliminary counts show 312,500 flight operations in 2021 making PR the 2nd busiest collegiate flight training facility in the U.S.
- The airport director is advocating the acquisition of additional land around the airport to protect it from development and avoid potential crash consequences. The Federal infrastructure bill provides \$5.5M over the next five years that might be used for this purpose. These funds might also be used for a potential training field outside Class D.
- The acquisition of Legend Aviation by Cutter Aviation was approved by the City Council.
- Cutter is said to be OK with third party mobile aircraft maintenance. Airport Standards including criteria for such maintenance are expected to be finalized within the next year.
- Four new Monarch hangars are expected to be constructed by the end of 2023.
- A FedEx Ground (not air) facility may be established in the Commerce Center.
- The next phase of the tower study is underway.
- New business: (Informational items):
 - Boutique Air was unable to start up because of a lack of air crews.
 - Several people are trying to start up an A&P school. The effort would likely take several years.

The meeting was adjourned at 1657.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Setzer, Secretary