

Prescott Airport Users' Association

Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Daryl Austermilller at 1602; a quorum of board members was present. Approximately 17 PAUA members plus tower and airport representatives also attended.

- Minutes of the July 18th meeting were approved.
- Since the August 31, 2023, \$100.00 for 5 memberships was added, \$4.40 for processing fees was deducted. The October 31, 2023 bank balance was \$10,567.20.
- Pete Thomson, newly named as Interim Airport Superintendent, presented plans for the FAA Triannual Full Scale Exercise. This is an exercise required by the FAA testing emergency response capability. It is meant to exercise and coordinate the various resources that may be needed to respond to a significant aviation event.
 - Participants will include: airport staff, ATC, local hospitals, police, fire, county communications center, crowd control, public affairs, security, and volunteers. Those interested in a volunteer role may contact Pete.
 - Equipment involved is expected to include two helicopters and 20 pieces of ground equipment.
 - Primary location will be in a vacaant area East of Cutter.
 - The airport will be open for operations during the event.
 - Date: Monday, October 16, 2023, approximately 0900.
- Robin Sobotta, Airport Director, presented a significant report on airport noise (and other issues) complaints and initial plans for a "Fly Friendly" program:
 - 2022 noise only claims were 232 reported by 61 unique individuals. Notably, one individual made 135 claims.
 - When a home near the airport is purchased, airport noise is disclosed six separate times. Unfortunately, buyers may not see

this information until at or close to closing time and may have a deposit at risk if they then cancel the purchase.

- Other than noise complaints included: too low, too high, pattern change, and military aircraft.
- A voluntary noise abatement program, "Fly Friendly", is being developed. It will establish "pathways" to follow if possible.
- Airport staff is visiting individual neighborhood to gather their concerns.
- Operations: 320K this year, projected 380K within five years. For comparison the prior high point was 353K in 1997 and there were more than 320K for a ten year stretch in 1990s - 2000s.
- One concern expressed by residents near the airport was a possible decline in their home market values. A recent independent study showed that while housing values declined for Prescott overall, the decline for neighborhoods near the airport was actually less.
- Other airport related information provided by Robin included:
 - The tower will be constructed in open area SE of the Bottleneck hangars. It will be 168 feet tall with operation targeted for 2025.
 - The current subsidy for air service (Essential Air Service) has been extended through December 31. Robin anticipates this becoming a full year extension.
 - RE unleaded gas: a grant has been received to study implementation and a second grant may be received to do design work. A soil sample in the area of the airport shows no lead problem.
- Matt Pruett, General Manager, reported for Cutter that there has been a delay (FAA) in adding ramp and hangar space into next year.
- Morgan Gillespie, Embry-Riddle representative, reported:
 - There will be a static display event on October 7, 1100 - 1400 on the Riddle ramp. It is open to the public.
 - This semester, there are 1,000 flight students and 65 -75 Cessna 172s. Some of the older aircraft are being replaced with new.

- Pilots can monitor 123.5 to hear announcements by PRC students of flight activity in the practice areas within 40 miles of PRC. The AZ Flight Training website provides a ForeFLight made overlay of the practice areas.
- Brian Roggow, safety representative, reported:
 - There will be an annual introduction to the WINGS program at 1900 on September 28 on the Embry Riddle campus. Go to <https://www.faa.gov> to register.
 - A presentation on post-accident survival will be made October 10 at 1800. Contact Brian for additional information.
 - Nominations are now being accepted for General Aviation Awards in a variety of categories. Go to <https://www.generalaviationawards.com> for additional information.
- Regarding the website, Lance Leighnor reported:
 - The website is stable.
 - The Scholarship Application Form will be made available on the website.

The next meeting will be November 21, 2023 at 1600 in the Airport Administration building second floor meeting room. This will be the annual general membership meeting and will include Board and officer election. Daryl invited interested members to join the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1732.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Setzer, Secretary

PAUA TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 2023¹

Balance as of August 31, 2023	10,471.60
Additions: Member dues	100.00
Subtractions: Credit card processing fees	<u>(4.40)</u>
Balance as of October 31, 2023	10,567.20

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Setzer, Treasurer

Membership activity (Information item) during the above time period:

New	5
Renewed	0
Non renewed	<u>0</u>
Total	5

¹ The date of Treasurer's Report is as of the most recent bank statement (NOT the date of the PAUA meeting) so that numbers synchronize with bank records. Reports do not include transactions that may have taken place since the most recent bank statement; these will be reflected on the next report.