

FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fallbrook Community Airpark
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MINUTES-DRAFT

*Pending Committee approval at its next meeting on August 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm on May 6, 2013, at the Fallbrook Library, located at 124 South Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	Members present represent a quorum.
Carl Morrison	Present
Ken Kalbfell	Present
David Duffer	Present
Jeffrey Holstein	Not Present
Tom Wilson	Present and Introduced by Mr. Duffer

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater, Director of Airports at County of San Diego Airports
George Watson, Fallbrook Airpark Manager
Meadow Chase, Fallbrook Airpark Operations Coordinator

MINUTES

The minutes from February 4, 2013, were found to have errors and will be approved as amended by members present.

SUNSET REVIEW OF FAAC

Mr. Peter Drinkwater explained the planned installation of AWOS at Fallbrook Community Airpark, which will be finalized no later than Friday, May 10, 2013. The FCC application for the AWOS frequency is currently in public notification, which ends May 8, 2013. After a processing period and a review, the frequency will receive FCC assignment around early July, 2013. The new AWOS is projected to be installed and operational by August, 2013. A high-resolution camera system at the main gate and viewing area will also be installed and completed by May 10, 2013.

ANNUAL STORM WATER INSPECTION

Mr. Drinkwater discussed the recent storm water inspection of Fallbrook Community Airpark in February of this year. Mr. George Watson reported no violations. The only item reported was a bucket labeled "ACID," which held only sand. A few samples must be taken after the next rain event.

VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN DEVIATIONS

Mr. Drinkwater stressed the need for increased awareness in the interest of upholding safety rules and regulations, providing instances of visitors piggy-backing through gates at other airports and driving on taxiways and runways.

GATE ARMS

Mr. George Watson mentioned that he received a few suggestions regarding the possibility of leaving the gate arms open during certain hours so as to bring in more customers to businesses located at the airpark. As pilot Jerry Aberle mentioned, airport businesses need access to customers and the gate arms are a deterrent to those who come by and need a gate code. However, leaving the gate arms open may place the airpark at risk of accidents occurring between visitors and aircraft. Recognizing the potential pros and cons, all members unanimously recommended that the gate arms be left open when County personnel are on site once all cameras have been installed. Tom Wilson and a few associates will create and install a proximity map at the gate detailing the layout of the airport and where the businesses are located to prevent confusion. Increased signage will be installed to promote a safer environment on the airport.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. George Watson, Airport Manager, reported no thefts, break-ins, and/or vandalism during the prior three months. He reported the VASI system continues to malfunction, but has been NOTAM'ed. He also reported that the operations count was down from 928 operations in March to 649 operations in April. The Open House received fewer visitors than expected and it was suggested it may be because it coincides with the Avocado Festival, which increases competition.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Don Ross, an airpark tenant, mentioned that the taxiway corner from L18 going up the hill to the runway needs to be mowed as it creates a blind spot, an issue of which maintenance has been informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jerry Aberle mentioned that it might be best for airport businesses if the gate arms were left open during the day so as to encourage potential customers to come visit. For those customers who do not have the gate code, it is a deterrent. Mr. David Duffer also asked if the two walk-through gates in the Northwest corner of the airport were locked. Three people responded, including Mr. Jerry Aberle in the audience who answered in the affirmative.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

Mr. Carl Morrison mentioned that pilots signing off their aircraft that are supposed to be on display once a month for four hours do not have to pay taxes to the County. With the gate arms, however, the public does not have access to these aircraft. Members and County staff discussed the possibility of installing a notice board detailing when the aircraft will be on display and using the Civil Air Patrol as escorts to the public so the aircraft may be viewed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ken Kalbfell made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:58 pm. Mr. Carl Morrison seconded. Motion carried. The agenda was set for the next meeting on August 5, 2013, and will be held at the Fallbrook Library, located at 124 South Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028.