

Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group

Minutes ~ Meeting 16

12:00 ~ Wednesday 9 June 2010

Level 1 meeting Room ~ Brindabella Centre ~ Canberra Airport

1. Attendance and Apologies

In attendance:

David White (interim chairperson)	Virgin Blue
Rebecca Johnson (secretary)	Australian Museum
Darren Angelo	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Phil Shaw	Avisure
Paul Watson	Hamilton Island Airport
Alleysha Kuruvilla	Regional Express
Gordana Josipovic	Canberra Airport
Jeff McKee	Avisure
Stuart Godley	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
Dean Stanton	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
David Wilson	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
David Drynan	Department of Environment Water Heritage and the Arts
Dilip Matthews	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Apologies: Laurie Taylor (QANTAS), JJ Rozzells (Department of Defence)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Meeting 15 – Feb 2010. Accepted.

Action items from Meeting 15:

- 2.1. Nominations for new chair – in progress see 3 below
 - 2.2. Draft letter seeking formal ratification - done
 - 2.3. New secretary – done
 - 2.4. Phil Shaw to draft short paragraph for website – done
 - 2.5. ATSB – speed up public release of birdstrike data – see item 10 below.
 - 2.6. Darren Angelo to review draft template MOS139 – done
 - 2.7. Bat affected airports regarding funding – in progress will be taken up by new AAA rep
 - 2.8. Link to AAWHG website - done
 - 2.9. AAA
 - 2.10. Conference
 - 2.11. Members to provide to draft ATSB survey - done
 - 2.12. AAA representative – in progress.
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3. Selection of chairperson and secretariat 2010

- Darren Angelo announced he has stepped down as chair of the AAWHG. The committee would like to officially recognise the outstanding work of Darren Angelo as chair of the AAWHG over the past 18 months.
- Rebecca Johnson has agreed to take over the vacant position of secretary.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the position of chairperson. An update will be made before the next meeting.

Action: announcement of new chairperson

4. Website and Legal

- Darren Angelo has made 3 major updates: Risk Management Template, IBSC conference link, wildlife management calendar

Action – the addition of a ‘hit counter’ to look at ways to promote the site. Ie AAA conference this September in Adelaide, the IBSC conference this September in Cairns. Explore option of an RSS feed to alerts subscribers to website updates.

5. Draft National Template

- Phil Shaw: Draft National Template is up on the website – open for feedback. Is available to add to existing airport management templates. All members were asked to remind industry that it is available for use as a template.

6. Risk Template for Bats/Flying Foxes

- Stephanie Bolt to write letter to bat affected airports. Propose a research project taking a risk management approach.

Action: Rebecca Johnson to contact bat experts to canvas interest in a ‘bat research project’

7. 2010 IBSC Conference

- The International Bird Strike meeting will be held 21st – 24th September 2010. Conference is 4 days with workshops included, such as: SMS, training and risk assessment.
 - To date there are registrations from all over the world (>15 countries).
 - There are a wide range of international speakers including the IBSC chair Dr John Allan. More presentations are essential – everyone wishing to present from the industry is welcome.
 - Lack of registrations was noted from large ports like Sydney, Cairns, Hobart, and several of the major airlines.
 - Registrations remain open and all members of the airline community are encouraged to register as it will be a fantastic meeting and there will be many opportunities to network with colleagues are learn about management techniques in place at other airports in Australia and around the world.
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- For all information visit the website:
http://www.avisure.com.au/latest_industry_news/2010_international_birdstrike_conference/

Action: AAWHG members to contact colleagues and promote attendance and presentations at the IBSC meeting in September.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Response to ICAO questionnaire on wildlife strikes to aircraft

- Australian response submitted to ICAO. No response received yet from ICAO

8.2. Letter to DOITRD LG regarding commonwealth support of AAWHG

- Laurie Taylor signed on behalf of the committee. Was mailed to the Department of infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.
- The letter is under active consideration, but an essential component will be coordination with other agencies.

8.3. Inquiry from the Birds Nest online blog

- Darren Angelo was contacted by Karen Hunt who is author of the blog 'The Birds Nest'. A series of questions were submitted relating to the AAWHG, wildlife hazard management and responsibilities within the Australian Aviation industry.
- Responses have been provided and Karen was asked to provide the AAWHG executive with a final draft of her article for comment prior to publication.

9. Progress on Aviation White paper

- Discussion paper on safeguarding airports:
<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/nap/index.aspx> focussed on many issues including land use planning in the vicinity of aerodromes, submissions have been put in by the aviation industry.
- It is a complex issue that requires coordination of federal, state and territory jurisdictions. Discussions are ongoing at a senior level.

10. ATSB Update

10.1. Australian Aviation bird strike statistics 2002-2009

- Extremely comprehensive and informative presentations were given by David Wilson and Dean Stanton from the ATSB regarding the soon to be released report which will include Aviation bird strike statistics for 2002 – 2009. This report will be updated more regularly (scheduled to be every 2 years) and should help address issues raised in previous AAWHG meetings and address action item 2.5 (above).
 - Birdstrike notification is required in operations other than air transport (GA), where the event occurs at a licensed aerodrome (per ERSA) as per Transport Safety Investigation Regulation 2.4 subsection 2 (i). In draft changes to the TSI, reference to licensed
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aerodromes will be removed. In other words: report all bird and animal strikes.

- The ATSB report will be public by 30 June.

11. Defence Bird/Wildlife Report

- Deferred until next meeting due to absence of defence attendance.

12. AAA Update

- Annual meetings coming up that industry members are strongly encouraged to attend: Operational Adelaide airport October 2010.

Action: AAA representative on AAWHG TBC.

13. Funding of Research Projects

- There are several good ideas around research both at a species level, and more broadly in improved education of all airline personnel and ground staff.
- Virgin Blue – ‘human factors’ position.

14. General Business

- Revisit membership of the AAGSC and AAWHG to ensure a good cross section of representation regularly at meetings.
- David White also announced he was stepping down from the AAWHG committee after approximately 5 years serving on the committee. The AAWHG would like to acknowledge David's valuable input to the committee over that period.

Action: David White to contact Chris Barber, Dilip Matthews to talk to Air Services and Defence. New AAA representative to canvass Australian Airports.

15. Next meeting

- It is proposed that the next meeting be held on the afternoon of Monday 20th September 2010 in Cairns the afternoon before the IBSC meeting starts.
 - Meeting will be held in the Cairns Airport boardroom from 1500-1700 hours.
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