

Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group

1230hrs

23 March 2009

Googong Conference Room

33 - 35 Brindabella Centre

Canberra Airport

Meeting Minutes No. 13

Chair	Darren Angelo	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Secretary	Julie Parsons	Qantas Airways Limited
Attendees	Sarah Renner	Melbourne Airport
	David White	Virgin Blue Airlines
	Simon Thorpe	Virgin Blue Airlines
	Alex Ananian-Cooper	Canberra Airport
	Joe Hain	Sydney Airport
	Alison Calvert	Cobham Aviation Services Australia
	Laurie Taylor	Qantas Airways Limited
	Phil Shaw	Avisure
	Julie Parsons	Qantas Airways Limited
	Richard Longman	DITRDLG
	Dean Stanton	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
	Alleysa Kuruvilla	Regional Express (Rex)
	Stephanie Bolt (via phone hook-up)	Australian Airports Association/Adelaide Airport
Apologies	John-John Rozells	Defence
	Chris Barber	Qantas Airways Limited
	William Steele	Ornithological Consultant
	Rosanna Martinelli	Qantas Airways Limited

Agenda Topics

1	Introduction	Darren Angelo
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	All
3	Selection of Chairperson 2010	All
4	Election of Secretary 2009	All
5	Statement of Purpose and Charter	All
6	Correspondence	Darren Angelo
7	ATSB Update	Dean Stanton
8	Defence Bird/Wildlife Report	Defence
9	AAA Update	Stephanie Bolt
10	Website and Legal	All
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12	Funding of Research Projects	All
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14	Objectives for 2009	All
15	General Business	All
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1. Introduction

Darren Angelo opened the Meeting at 1245 hrs. Apologies noted.

Darren provided the group with a brief introduction of his background including his recent appointment within CASA. Round the table member introductions followed.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Meeting No.12 held on 7 May 2008 were tabled and accepted by members.

3. Election of Chairperson 2010

Darren Angelo indicated that CASA was not in a position to continue to chair the Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Working Group (AAWHG) beyond 2010 and that the Chairperson responsibility will be part of the Working Group.

Joe Hain - Regulator endorse a proposal that CASA should be the driver to make changes and that the regulatory framework needs to be present.

Alex Ananian-Cooper - Concurred with Joe Hain that this body requires independence and should be endorsed by CASA and not driven through an industry perspective.

David White - Believes that it is important to have the anchor i.e. CASA

Laurie Taylor - The entire framework fundamentally is related to safety issues, for example the overarching issue incorporating pulse lights. CASA's responsibility is to control the MOS and the framework for safety. Government organization to drive rather than commercial organization.

Sarah Renner - Agreed that the Chairperson must be a government body appointment.

Darren - Going forward there needs to be clear direction from the Group as to where the Group wants to be.

David White - The value of the Group is to come up with the tools that help industry to better manage changes to MOS 139.

Dean Stanton - Government has spent a significant amount of money on wildlife however is now under considerable financial pressure. From an ATSB perspective they see their role not in chairmanship role but in developing risk assessment models, contributing to collating data to assist industry to make informed decisions as to where industry needs to focus. Dean also advised that the ATSB will shortly become a Commission with a Board therefore data transfer from Department of Infrastructure may now become more complicated.

Alex – The consensus from the Group is that Chair be Government supported. Canberra Airport will sponsor meetings and secretarial support provided from within the industry.

Richard Longman - Dept of Infrastructure, Transport Regional Development and Local Government is not in any position to Chair as they were going through change and that the Government body is to restate what this Group is about and seek that support.

Simon Thorpe - CASA being the regulator is the appropriate body to drive this forward so it is done effectively. The purpose of this forum is to bring things together to reduce the risk and try to make sure the

approach going forward is sensible. Simon stressed that the cost burden is huge regulating at airports and therefore issues go way beyond the airport.
 All present at the meeting agreed that the AAWHG Executive Committee representatives make policy and strategic decisions.

4. Election of Secretary 2009

Daren thanked Julie Parsons for providing secretarial support to date.
 Alex Ananian-Cooper offered to provide secretarial support for next meeting. It was agreed by all present at the meeting that Canberra is the appropriate location to hold AAWHG meetings.

Action Items from Meeting 13	Person Assigned	Due Date
Members to consider rotating secretarial support for future meetings	ALL	29/6/09

5. Statement of Purpose and Charter

Darren questioned whether the AAWHG website sits best with CASA and that at this point in time updating the AAWHG website was not a top priority.
 It was agreed that an executive committee meeting be held to discuss Statement of Purpose and Charter and determine whether any changes are required to be made.

Action Items carried forward from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
Co-ordinate a schedule of main meetings	Stephanie Bolt	CLOSED

6. Correspondence

Darren - Tabled an email from Peter Cromoty outlining questions that deal with Hudson River accident.
 Phil Shaw -.Australia has different migratory species but also has different off airport issues such as the flying foxes and Australian white ibis. Very large flocking migratory species like Canada Geese are not currently an issue for Australia.
 Dean Stanton - Informed the group that the ATSB do not conduct monitoring on a wide scale migratory bird species only as they come in
 Alex - Cooperation from State and Federal Government is fundamental.
 Richard Longman - The Aviation Green Paper on safeguarding safety risk and wildlife hazard management is currently in draft. Coordination with State, Federal and Local Government is pending and that the document will be distributed for response.
 Alex - It may be a good opportunity to include the AAWHG in the Aviation Green Paper. Sarah Renner agreed, industry will have opportunity to respond to submission paper regarding the AAWHG

7. ATSB Update

Dean Stanton - FAA will not be releasing public information. ATSB have agreed to publish their report every two years. The general report released every quarter will now be released every six months – with provisional data i.e. what's been happening over the last couple of years. This information is available from the ATSB website or via subscription and is not designed to be substitute for the main report. With regard to changes to Commission. Dean was unsure what this means to the ATSB however, he will continue to do data entry and report.
 Joe Hain advised that Airservices have indicated that ATSB are not collecting birdstrike reports on ESIRS – Dean agreed to follow-up with Steve.

Action Items carried forward from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
Stephanie to coordinate bird strike reporting form to be used	Stephanie Bolt	CLOSED
Dean to distribute Bird and Animal Hazard report for feedback/recommendations	Dean Stanton/All	OPEN
Action Items from Meeting 13	Person Assigned	Due Date
Follow-up with Steve whether ATSB are collecting birdstrike reports on ESIRs	Dean Stanton	29/6/09

8. Defence Bird/Wildlife Report

Apology no representation. Action from Meeting No. 11 carried forward to next meeting		
Action Items carried forward from Meeting 11	Person Assigned	Due Date
7.John-John to provide information on bird species or strikes causing aircraft damage at the next meeting	John-John Rozells	29/6/09

9. AAA Update

Stephanie Bolt reported (via phone hookup):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife Meeting Calendar was finalised last year however has not been published in the AAWHG website. Stephanie suggested that the Group pursue CASA for support to have AAWHG website updated. Adelaide airport offered to host AAWHG website as backup. National guide – final version completed and ready for posting on AAWHG website – expanding to bats and QF and Airline interest to develop risk model. Stephanie to get together with David White and Laurie Taylor to discuss – coordinate a meeting Bird management template – working on master plan. Will get together with Phil Shaw to finalise in the next two or three months – item carried over. Bird strike reporting template – waiting to be posted on the AAWHG website. 		
Phil Shaw		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avisure has been contracted as consultants to Sydney Airport, advising on their wildlife management practices. 		
Action Items carried forward from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
Stephanie to distribute model to meeting members for feedback	Stephanie Bolt	OPEN
	All	
Stephanie to approach AAA members for feedback on National Template Guide	Stephanie Bolt	CLOSED
Action Items from Meeting 13	Person Assigned	Due Date
Locate CASA person who looks after updating website	Darren Angelo	29/6/09
Discuss National Guide risk model	Stephanie Bolt David White Laurie Taylor	29/6/09

10. Website and Legal

This topic has been covered in other items		
Action Items carried forward from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
All members to review the website and provide feedback to Anthony	All	OPEN

Anthony will draft disclaimer at the entry point to the website for consideration by the Group	Anthony Rohead	OPEN
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11. 2009 Education and Information Sharing Program

The 2009 Education & Information Sharing Program was discussed to determine suitable date to schedule this forum. This matter will be discussed and agreed by the executive committee.
A number of options were raised however executive committee will confirm status.

Action Items from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
Joe Hain to host Bird Forum	Joe Hain	CLOSED
Members to bring any information from previous Bird Forum to 28 May 2008 planning meeting	All	CLOSED
Action Items from Meeting 13	Person Assigned	Due Date
Executive Committee to determine date and venue for 2009 Education and Information Sharing Program	Executive Committee	29/6/09

12. Funding of Research Projects

Phil – CSIRO, together with Ecosure, are pursuing DNA research with Australian Museum
Joe – Proposal Airservices on board – IBIS issue transponders on birds to track birds to do large scale mapping of ibis population. Airservices need to part of the monitoring.
Phil – There is a new IBIS group that has been established in Brisbane as well as regional groups located in Sydney/

Action Items carried forward from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
12. David to liaise with Walter Boles re what funding is expected to cover	David Drynan	OPEN
13. Stephanie to send DNA kit to David	Stephanie Bolt	OPEN

13. Communication within the Industry

David had no updates to report. Action from Meeting No. 11 carried forward to next meeting
Google Website has been established. David suggested that the Forum distribution list be used to distribute the Google website link.
Darren has undertaken to talk to CASA promotions regarding communications loop.
David has agreed to distribute the Google Website link to the AAWHG Group.

Action Items carried forward from Meeting 12	Person Assigned	Due Date
David to organize an article to be published in the Airports magazine	David White	OPEN
Action Items from Meeting 13	Person Assigned	Due Date
Talk to CASA promotions regarding communications loop	Daren Angelo	29/6/09
Distribute Google Website link to AAWHG	David White	29/6/09

14. Objectives for 2009

Stephanie:

- Better engagement across airports.
- Finalise tools
- More involvement and interest from airports eg via website and AAA to promote through publication what AAWHG are doing
- Firm up arrangements with ATSB in respect to birdstrike reporting and timely feedback on birdstrike data and trends.
- Promote AAWHG via communication forums eg AAA

Alex:

- Distribute AAWHG information via email because everyone has email access.

Daren:

- Promote AAWHG awareness through Flight Safety Magazine

David:

- Google website is more appropriate and easy to join and use.

Laurie:

- AAWHG an agenda item on Airports Wildlife Management meeting

2009 Forum – The question was raised by members present that due to current funding issues, is it realistic to go ahead with plans to hold 2009 forum. It was noted that members present will need to seek management approval prior to committing to the 2009 forum.

Stephanie suggested that the AAA Forum is planned for November 2009 in Sydney and therefore it may be an option to hold the 2009 Education & Sharing Forum to coincide with AAA conference. Following further discussions on this matter it was decided that it would be more appropriate to schedule the 2009 Forum to coincide with the AAGSC forum, as in previous years.

Sarah – Suggested that documents prepared by Stephanie be distributed to committee members for review and approval.

Stephanie will distribute to committee members all documents produced for committee review and approval prior to publishing on AAWHG website

Action Items from Meeting 13

Distribute to committee members all documents produced for review and approval by committee prior to publishing on AAWHG website

Person Assigned

Stephanie bolt

Due Date

29/6/09

15. General Business

Phil Shaw – Purpose for attending meeting is to obtain endorsement from the AAWHG committee for the 2010 CNS forum 3 ½ days. International bird committee to help the conduit between national committee. Phil to send details to Darren re 2010 CNS forum.

Alison – To discuss Birdstrikes occurring in Parrabadu with virgin and Rex offline.

Sarah – New to the forum however really interested in sharing information and examples of charts that Melbourne Airport can use. Sarah is interested in getting condition report back on the agenda from a national approach.

Action Items from Meeting 13

Send 2010 Cairns Wildlife Forum details to Darren

Person Assigned

Phil Shaw

Due Date

29/6/09

16. Next Meeting

Meeting closed – 1530 hrs

Next meeting - Proposed for Monday 29 June 2009 at 1230 hours, Googong Room, 33 & 35 Brindabella Circuit, Canberra Airport

In closing the Meeting Daren again thanked the Secretary for the secretarial support provided to AAWHG in the past and also reaffirmed actions for next meeting:

Strategic issue to be resolved

Chairmanship to be discussed with CASA

Promotions with CASA

Secretary support by all to think about

Correspondence to be sent to chairman to place on agenda

Website current hosting by CASA with another option moving forward

2009 Education & Sharing Forum – strategic with executive committee – email and thoughts

Communication – remind people and raise profile about group