



Minutes of the NOAA Aviation Safety Board Meeting 12 APRIL, 2010



Date: Monday 12 April, 2010

Time: 13:30 (EDT)

Membership Required by Charter:

Chairperson: NOAA Aviation Safety Program Manager

Voting Members:

- Chairperson
- NOAA Safety Office
- NWS
- NESDIS
- Aircraft Operations Center (AOC)
- NMFS
- NOS
- OAR

Observers:

- Acquisitions and Grants Office (AGO)
- Program Planning and Integration (PPI)
- NOAA General Counsel (GC)
- Workforce Management Office (WFM)

Board Members/Observers present:

- Jim Kelley, Aviation Safety Program Manager (Chairperson)

Board Members/Observers in Teleconference:

- CDR Ric Ramos, NMFS
- David Meek, NWS
- CDR Eric Berkowitz, NOS
- Jon Dixon, ASPMO – ALSE Tech contractor
- Dave Withrow, NMFS
- Joel Curtis, NWS
- Terry Brisbin, NWS

Line/Staff Board Members/Observers absent:

- NESDIS
- PPI
- NOAA GC
- OAR
- AOC
- AGO
- WFM
- NOAA Safety Office

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Jim Kelley welcomed the members and opened the ASB meeting at 13:35 EDT with a roll call.

Agenda items discussed:

1. L/O SLAs previously mentioned for ALSE inspections – delayed in writing. Drafts to affected ASB members for comment coming soon.

2. The Egress and Survival DVD from CAMI was reviewed for inclusion in our Aviation Safety training program requirements. Video is on CAMI website. Survival Open Water – play time: 25:22. This will be added to the annual training requirements along with the 3 training modules. The difference is: no quiz and no Commerce Learning Center registration and



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tracking. The voting members overwhelmingly endorsed adding this to current, existing requirements. Once the revised NAO is signed and released, the Handbook will be changed to reflect the change.

3. Egress and water survival classes – none are planned at this time through the remaining FY. If you have needs for this training: contact Jon Dixon. Please let him know if and when you wish to schedule training. It will be good to start thinking about next year's training too.

4. Suggested additional ALSE items to include with the standard ALSE issue - Jon Dixon has some ideas. ALSE fire starters, see Jon Dixon email. Consensus was achieved regarding adding a fire starting device to our standard ALSE gear issue. The same device will be found in AOC ALSE as well.

5. Finding a simple method of gathering donated, mooched, and collaboratively gained flight time hours to share and report to our leadership was discussed. Currently, we have no method of capturing hours flown on other providers such as for Law Enforcement, some joint surveys [military, other state or federal agency, Coast Guard, etc.]. Additionally, we have no records of NWS hours flown with the Civil Air Patrol [CAP]. We discussed getting ourselves added as copy to for trip reports and Form 56-56. Some mention was given to modifying the 56-56s to make this an easy capture. Since this time more accurately and clearly quantifies flight time required to complete our many missions and responsibilities, all members agreed this is valuable information to share with our leadership and the public.

6. NAO status – continues in webCIMS.

7. This ASB meeting was adjourned at 2:35. Next ASB meeting will be held at the FedFleet event in Phoenix. If something urgent comes up, a meeting will be announced and posted on our Aviation Safety website - same location [Suite 500] - same numbers [301-713-1045 x1565].