Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Yavapai County Sheriff's Air Group

MEETING MINUTES

29 May 2013

To be approved at June 2013 meeting

CALL TO ORDER Bud Lathrop

Call to order at 1900hrs
Board members present Bud Lathrop, Noel Urban, Farrell Harris, Dan Berry

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Membership

MEMBERS PRESENT
Dan Berry
Scott DeArman
Farrell Harris
Ray Johnson
Bob Kuropkat
Bud Lathrop
John Olsen
Ray Pfeffer
Jim Thresher
Noel Urban

AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE
Scott DeArman available all month, 40min response
Dan Berry, unavailable 6/3-6/7 1hr response
Noel Urban, unavailable 6/7 – 7/10
There may have been some confusion on the new availability sheet. This will be corrected next month.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Bud Lathrop

No guests were present but Bud reintroduced Jim Thresher to the group.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Bud Lathrop

Minutes of 24 April, 2013 meeting were posted on the YCSAG website prior to the meeting. A motion was made to accept, seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mel Tiensvold

Treasurer Mel Tiensvold was not present.

COMMANDER'S REPORT Bud Lathrop

Bud reviewed the joint Air Group/ Jeep Posse May 18 exercise with comments from the May 23 follow-up meeting with the Jeep Posse.

Bud's comments concentrated on search pattern procedures and gave the search pattern plotter to be stored in the PRC base police trailer file cabinet for use in the future.

Dan Berry, the first pilot on site at the exercise, Ray Pfeffer who was at the on-site command post and Noel Urban the Operations Officer at the PRC base described the mission. Comments from those at the mission recommended that the radio communications be reviewed and any issues be corrected. It was suggested that we have a ground and air exercise with the Jeep Posse for the purpose of police band radio communications. Bud will arrange this.

OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT Noel Urban

The Air Group was alerted for call out on a demented woman driving around Prescott causing problems. The subject was apprehended by the police and we were told to stand down. A date for this possible mission was not given

We have a smoke patrol Case number (13-016857). Check the YCSAG website for procedures and to sign in on the area to be patrolled so as not to use the same area as others.

FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER REPORT Farrell Harris

Farrell will see that Jim Thresher becomes qualified as an observer

ADJUTANT REPORT Dan Berry

A new availability form with the members contact information was described. This needs to be explained better at the next meeting as some confusion was noted after the meeting.

It was mentioned that two forms are needed to be filed with the Sheriff's office. Three members turned in forms at the meeting. The adjutant will contact those members who have not turned in these forms this month. The forms needed are:

Aircraft/pilot status forms
Sheriff's Locator form

Patches, rockers, unit patches and badges were presented and a number were distributed and sold. Patches and rockers are available. Unit patches $5.00. Volunteer patch and rocker are free. Badges are $30 and Air Group decals are $2.

The member roster on line was updated by Farrell. One correction on an address was forwarded to Farrell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Bud Lathrop

Mal Barrett Jr. will return the badge that the Sheriff didn't need.

NEW BUSINESS Bud Lathrop

MEMBER COMMENTS Members

Airport Construction status: 21L-3R construction is complete. Runway 30-12 will be closed for sealing 6/14 to 6/21.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE Bud Lathrop

The next meeting will be held 26 June, 2013 at 1900 hours with the Board meeting at 1830.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS Bud Lathrop

Bud has in the past suggested to the Sheriff's Department at least fourteen distinct possible mission assignments in addition to Search and Rescue. This was met with varying degrees of interest. Smoke Patrols are being encouraged by the Sheriff's Department and we have been given a mission number this month. We should not expect to be reimbursed for these patrols.

John Olsen mentioned that there have been a number of thefts of solar water pump systems from the ranches in the area. He said that aircraft patrols may both find and deter these thefts. He will bring this up with the Cattleman's Association at their next meeting and get back to us.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hrs.