

MINUTES

LAASG FTSG – Minutes – 15 March 2007

Ref:	Item:	Action/Info:
01	<p>Present:</p> <p>Graham Forbes – HPLD – Chairman Inez Bartolo – ASD Chris Finnigan – Flt Ops (GA) Dorothy Pooley – GAPAN Quentin Smith – BHAB Janet Hoare – BBGA/BHAB Martin Robinson – AOPA David Corbett – GASCO Martin Jones – PFA Stephen Williams – PLD – Secretary</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Graham Newby – PFA John Haffenden – AOA Geoff Weighell – BMAA Terry Slater – BGA Joji Waites – SIDD Geoff Bowker – DAP</p>	
02	<p>Minutes/Notes of Last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2007 were reviewed. A small number of amendments were proposed and accepted. These amendments have been incorporated into the revised minutes of the meeting of 15 February 2007 and can be viewed on the website.</p>	
03	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Actions from previous minutes:</p> <p>5.1 Chris Finnigan gave a progress report on this action item. However, consideration of public transport operations from unlicensed aerodromes is outside the scope of the LAASG FTSG and is included for reporting purposes only.</p> <p>5.2 Inez Bartolo reported that she had provided Janet Hoare with the requested update on EU and EASA basic regulation and implementing rules. Inez Bartolo also briefed on this subject later during the meeting.</p> <p>5.3 Chris Finnigan reported actions taken in relation to unregistered French microlights operating in the UK.</p> <p>6.1 This action on Inez Bartolo had been placed on the agenda.</p> <p>6.2 This action on Inez Bartolo had been placed on the agenda.</p> <p>6.3 Inez Bartolo reported that a letter to Special Category Aerodromes had been drafted and was due to be circulated shortly.</p> <p>6.4 The BMAA was not represented at the meeting, but the meeting had been reassured that the information would be provided by the 12 April.</p>	

04 Review Updated Safety Data

Inez Bartolo presented revised safety data as requested at the meeting on 15 February. There was considerable debate on this subject, but it was agreed that the revised data did not present any impediment to the continuing work of the LAASG FTSG.

The revised safety data included information relating to unlicensed aerodromes. However, some concern was expressed that a proportion of incidents that occurred at unlicensed aerodromes may not be reported. Consequently the information relating to unlicensed aerodromes should be regarded as incomplete.

Some concerns were also expressed about the efficacy of extraction of crew and passengers by RFFS personnel, and about accidents caused by the attendance of RFFS, such as collisions with personnel not directly involved in incidents.

05 Debate Detailed Proposals

This being the main item on the agenda for discussion there was extensive debate on this subject.

Ultimately an action item was agreed for Graham Forbes and Stephen Williams to produce a draft outline proposal for wider consideration.

**Action:
Graham Forbes
Stephen Williams**

The following principles were agreed:

1. That flight training be permitted from unlicensed aerodromes
2. That commercial flight training also be permitted from unlicensed aerodromes, subject to approval under the standard PLD FTO approval process.
3. That such flight training from unlicensed aerodromes be required to be conducted according to a recognised Code of Practice.
4. That unlicensed aerodromes used for JAR-FCL flight training conform to JARs applicable to aerodromes.
5. That aerodromes used for training for national licences conform to standards included in the Code of Practice
6. That unlicensed aerodromes intended for flight training should, where there is no existing or established flight training practice, be subject to an initial inspection for suitability for flight training,
7. That procedures for items such as Aerodrome Traffic Zones and chart symbology associated with unlicensed aerodromes used for flight training be developed and included in the Code of Practice.
8. That a schedule of the required changes to the Air Navigation Order 2005 to permit flight training from unlicensed aerodromes be drafted, to act as the basis for amendment of the order in due course.

Martin Robinson indicated at this point that, having consulted AOPA officers, there was no requirement for further AOPA participation and that he would withdraw from this and subsequent meetings.

06 Review Code of Practice (LAASG Report Appendix I)

The LAASG draft Code of Practice was reviewed. This Code of Practice had been drafted by Janet Hoare and had already been subject to public consultation.

There was some debate concerning the requirements for air traffic control in paragraph 1.1.1(d), and air to ground communication in paragraph 1.1.2(d), as to whether these requirements were too onerous and required modification.

Also of concern was the provision in Annex D for emergency services. There were mixed opinions, with some stating that the provisions as

drafted were insufficiently detailed, but others (primarily those with microlight experience) stating that this was more detailed than necessary. It may be that the requirements under Health and Safety regulation may suffice in terms of emergency service provision.

The suggestion was made that the Codes of Practice for aeroplanes and helicopters would be sufficiently different to justify having separate codes for each.

The critical issue to emerge from the debate on this subject was the question of authority for issue, monitoring and enforcement of the Code of Practice. This will be a matter to resolve during consideration of the review and re-drafting of the Code of Practice. **It was agreed that all those present at the meeting would review the current proposed code of practice and pass any comments to Janet Hoare.**

**Action:
All**

07 ASD RFFS Study – Terms of Reference

Inez Bartolo briefed on the ASD RFFS Study terms of Reference. These had been circulated with the agendas.

The ASD RFFS study, undertaken in parallel with the FTSG as part of actions from the LAASG recommendations, may well have an impact on the work of the FTSG. The ASD RFFS study may make recommendations in respect of RFFS at licensed aerodromes that may render the work of the FTSG unnecessary.

Options to permit licensed aerodromes to conduct flight training outside licensed conditions, or to remove the requirement for RFFS for flight training operations altogether, were considered. However, these were dependent on the outcome of the ASD RFFS study, and so were not considered further by the FTSG at this meeting.

08 Any Other Business

None.

09 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

12 April 2007, 10:30, Aviation House.

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