

**Lake Hood Pilots Association
February 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Al Clayton, Kristina Votaw, Jim Curtis, Jim Seeley, Terry Cartee, Galen Pospisil, David Karalunas, Steve Fishback, Jan Fishback

1. Al called the meeting to order just after 6:00 p.m. and opened by indicating the meeting was primarily held to discuss the potential runway markings project the membership has been discussing for some time. The runway markings are placed at set intervals to calibrate landing and take-off distances for pilots who want to practice short field performance. The proposed project uses Lake Hood Pilots Association volunteers to make and paint the hash lines on the surface of the gravel runway. Al has been in communication with Tom George and other individuals from a Fairbanks group that did a very similar project on the gravel strip at Fairbanks International. Al put out the word that a project leader was needed to make this project work and Galen volunteered to take on the role of “man in charge”. Two of the first duties will be to continue discussion with DOT, the airport owners, and the team that did the project in Fairbanks. Al noted that he approached the FAA and they took no exception to the practice markings being applied. David volunteered to reach the FAA for coordination of the NOTAM and broadcasts on the ATIS.
2. Al has also begun looking into the need for liability insurance to cover our organization from liability that might be implied by the runway marking. The quote from an insurance provider to buy the coverage was approximately \$640.00 for a \$1M policy. As an alternate approach, Al talked to the Alaska Airmen’s Association about insurance and they are willing to look into our organization using their policy to insure the project we are considering. Al and Galen will explore this option further.
3. Jim Curtis informed the attending members the organization holds roughly \$5,000.00 in the bank which could be applied to purchase the insurance.
4. Al asked if the officers would like to further consider this project. Jim S. put forth the motion to further consider the runway painting project and to purchase the insurance as needed and Steve second the motion.
5. Al and Galen described the marking, stencil, and painting process. Galen described the process starting by surveying the locations of the stripes on the runway edges and marking those locations on both sides of the runway with a permanent magnetic marker. The survey work can be done before the rest of the marking work takes place. By installing permanent locations there will not be a need for surveying in subsequent applications. Once the locates are in place the installation crew will stretch a string line across the runway and pre-cut hinged templates will be positioned using the string line as a reference. Another crew applies paint and the templates are leapfrogged to the next pre-measured location. In all, the application took about four hours in Fairbanks. Jim S. suggested we reach out to the student pilots who are members, possibly through their instructors, to help with the project.



Photos of runway marking in Fairbanks

6. It was pointed out the Goose Bay Airport is a busy strip and that aircraft traffic will need to be notified of the temporary runway closure. Al described how he has approached this problem in the past using NOTAMs and a handheld radio. It was suggested the Lake Hood, Merrill Field and Palmer towers could possibly alert pilots through the ATIS that the runway was closed. It was also suggested the closure could be posted on the Alaska Airmen's web site.
7. Jim C. suggested the organization's assets could be used to buy materials and supplies for the effort. Al agreed, but suggested that first we can look into potential donations to cover these minimal costs that were thought to be \$500 or less.
8. A motion to move forward with the runway hash stripe painting was called by Jim S. and the motion was unanimously approved.
9. A date for the striping event was discussed and generally the only weekend date in May that is not to be considered is the weekend of the Airman's Gathering in Palmer. The date for the Gathering is May 8 and 9. Galen will discuss dates with DOT and volunteers from Fairbanks who have offered to help us setup the system.
10. Al mentioned there has previously been concern that the organization did not currently carry officers insurance. Discussion ensued that generally did not support the purchase of Board and Officers insurance until the organization had more assets, paid taxes, or has paid staff.
11. Picking a date for the pancake breakfast/board meeting was discussed, but Steve and Jim S. were uncomfortable making the decision to meet this early. Many of us have received our vaccinations, but others have not. We still have relatively high daily infection rates in the region and the risk just seems too great at this time to hold the event that places up to 100 people in very close proximity.
12. Jim C. mentioned he was currently not publishing emails or phone numbers of members. Only names of active members (those who have paid dues) are listed on the membership mailings and notices.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes have been assembled from notes and recollection. If issues are misidentified or the discussions misrepresented, please notify me as soon as possible so amendments or corrections can be published.

Steve Fishback

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