

**Lake Wales Municipal Airport
User Group Meeting
Saturday May 25, 2019
Meeting minutes
(DRAFT)**

Airport Authority Members Present: Barbara Pelisek, John Lodge

City Staff Present: Jared DeLong, Airport Manager

Others Present: Bob Jex, Orlando FSDO Office, Eric Farewell, Mary Shanley, Matt Shanley, George O'Neill, Charles Hoover, Jr., C. Rudy Engholm, Partha Peddi, Emmett Griffin, Tim Jones, Bruce Stobbe, Deb Stobbe, Virginia Adelstone, Charles Mclochlin, William Meehan

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Jared DeLong, Airport Manager, introduced himself and encouraged everyone to come talk to him with any concerns they have.

Those present introduced themselves and gave some background and their aviation interest.

II. GOALS & EXPECTATIONS

a. Airport Stakeholder Flight/Ground Safety, Security, Operations Concerns

There was a discussion of safety concerns. One person recommended a review of an FAA Advisory Circular called 90-66Bravo that is very useful for safety information. It is online, short, and good graphics. Mr. DeLong said that some pilots should remember that they are at public use airports and not by themselves. There are things that must be done in house to keep Airport operating efficiently. He has seen a lot of unsafe activities here that need to be addressed. We can work together to establish traffic patterns. He wants to attract more families out here and grow the airport. Mr. DeLong asked if anyone has a topic or concern to be discussed. One attendee encouraged more awareness of the paramotors and notices for pilots if they are operating. Jared DeLong says he works with Eric to put out NOTAMS and get a schedule together but this can get tedious. Mr. DeLong said they will work on this. There was a discussion as to what is considered an ultralight aircraft or not. Barbara Pelisek recommended notices be put out on NOTAM about ultralight activity. Mr. DeLong said he would look into it. He would like to have an Airport familiarization course and Airport driving course to help newer people be aware of what goes on at the airport. Eric Farewell described rules concerning paramotors around the world and said these types of courses might be a good idea. He then described some of his safety concerns. Mr. Farewell was commended by Mr. Jex for his efforts to fly safely and teach his students to fly safely. Paramotor safety issues

discussed. Mr. DeLong said he was open to suggestions on additional safety rules. Ideas were discussed.

There was a question about hangars. Jared DeLong gave an update on additional hangars and explained that we will be working on an updated master plan next year. He invited everyone to submit suggestions or ideas for the future of the Airport. There was a discussion about future fly-ins at the airport.

Mr. Jex challenged everyone to come up with a presentation about their business, safety concerns, goals, and what is needed to help them grow.

The meeting was adjourned about 11:30 a.m. Next meeting will be announced later.