



Gillespie Pilots Association Meeting Minutes

6 February 2021

GPA - P.O. Box 711591, Santee, CA 92072-1591

GPA President Captain Denis Breslin called the meeting to order at 0903 via Zoom.

President Breslin reviewed the ROE and explained some of the new “chat” features on Zoom.

- I. **President Breslin - Welcome**
 - **GPA Website & live camera:** <https://www.gillespiepilotsassociation.org>;
 - **GPA membership dues are due** – still a great deal at \$10 (pay online at GPA website)
 - **GPA member – discussion, pictures and stories** on **GPA Facebook** page
 - **Socialflight.com** – What’s happening in Aviation – GPA meetings are listed under ‘Events’
- II. **Cory Hazelwood – GALA (Gillespie Airport Lessee’s Association):** Overview of **GALA**. They are a coalition of KSEE leaseholders who negotiate leases with County Airports. Lessee’s work with 38 other groups on issues facing airports and their lessees. The primary issues are rent deferments and the 50-year lease limit. Cory explained problems with county (operating Sky Harbor lease) vs private leaseholders and how SD County operates inefficiently, compared to the City of San Diego.
- III. **Cathe Johnson** - Airport manager; Discussed how operations for the year ended about 20% lower than last year – but better than the lowest drop of 61% in April. Noise complaints next to nothing (2 in December). She updated construction progress and explained reasons for moving to a **B1-Small** classification since 99% of ops would not be affected. It also would result in the least impact on airport buildings. Runway length would be shortened on each end by 300 feet. She thanked all those who submitted public comments. There were 49 total comments, with 45 in favor. Click the link for a complete list of public comments: [Public Comments on Rwy 17/35 reclassification](#)
- IV. **Gillespie Field Development Council** – Recognized **Bob Davison** as 2021 GFDC chairman. Barry Bardack (vice chairman) discussed his concerns with the Runway 17/35 reclassification project and noted a significant increase in runway “incursions.” In 2020, there were 9 incursions at multiple locations on the field. A common issue is uneducated delivery drivers who don’t know airport rules. Cathe Johnson asked that codes to gates not be given to delivery drivers, but to meet them at the gate and escort them..
 - **The next GFDC meeting will be (virtually) Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:00pm.**
- V. **President Denis Breslin** presented a brief on **CARES Act** funds from information sent by County Director of Airports, **Cam Humphres**. The letter explained how grant money may not be used for rent abatements. (See the meeting power point on the website for additional detail)
- VI. **Historic Aircraft Display** – The same procedure will continue which started in April 2020. Those who have regularly displayed at SEE through early 2020 will be approved for sign off.
 - Reminder, the [2020 attendance forms](#) must be submitted to the county by **February 15th, 2021**.
- VII. **Pilot Reminder** - With the rainy season, be sure to check aircraft fuel tanks for water (Example shown) Surplus fuel can usually be taken to a repair shop for disposal but check with the shop first.
- VIII. **Raffle winner** – One-hour instruction in the Red Bird simulator donated by Denny Breslin: **Marty Jansen**

Next GPA meeting **Saturday, 6 March 2021** (in person/virtual) Meeting adjourned at 1020 by GPA President Captain Denis Breslin

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wes Morris, GPA Secretary