

Minutes Skydive Safety Meeting 02/13/2015
Fremont County Airport Advisory Board

Present at meeting

Ricard Baker, John Marietta, Jack Slagel, Duane Cozadd, Airport Manager/Airport Board

John Mahan, Kyndra Boysen, Out of the Blue

Skip Moreau, Jason Dawson, High Sky Adventure Parachute Club

Mat Clark, Skydive Colorado

Meeting was brought to Order by Chairman John Marietta at 8:05am

Mr. Marietta outlined that there were 4 major concerns that had been brought to his attention.

1. Parachute landing zone's or Pit's
2. Parachute landing patterns
3. A 4th skydive company operating on the airport.
4. Proper insurance documents filed with the Airport Manager.

Item #1 was addressed first. The Chairman pointed out that under the agreement that was created in 2012 there are only 3 authorized landing areas' at the Fremont County Airport. It was agreed upon at that time that the pit's would be designated for use as follows. South pit by High Sky Adventures, middle pit by Out of the Blue and the north Pit by Colorado Skydive. The north pit is leased by Colorado Skydive. It is understood that accidental and periodic use, for safety reasons, by skydivers to other pits will happen. But operations are agreed upon only in the 3 exiting pits by the designated users. Any exceptions to this must be authorized in writing by the Airport Manager.

Item #2 It was agreed that normal operations for the 2 south pits would be right hand traffic patterns. The north pit will be allowed to chose patterns based on safety considerations.

Item #3 It was determined that Royal Gorge Skydiving, Event Skydive LLC and High Sky Adventures Parachute Club are all owned and operated by Skip Moreau and constitute only one entity. It was reviewed that the agreement made back in 2012 allowed for only 3 skydive operations.

Item #4 Out of the Blue and Colorado Skydive have turned in all their insurance documents. High Sky Adventures Parachute Club still needs to present Aviation Insurance on their airplanes as required. Skip said he would provide the insurance documents. Skip did provide the insurance documents later that day.

John from Out of the Blue reported that radio communications and skydive aircraft with inoperable radios are a safety hazard. John also suggested that aircraft without radio communications not drop their skydivers but should return to the airport without dropping. Skip from HSAPC stated that radio communication was not required, per a previous agreement with the FAA. The Skydiving SOP that was agreed upon in 2012 does require the operators to insure radio communications on the common traffic

advisory frequency but does not specifically address air traffic control and the Denver Center. The FAA will be requested to conduct a safety review and clarify proper procedures concerning the FAR's and skydive operations at the Fremont County Airport.

Mr. Baker, the Airport Manager stated that he would be reporting to the County Commissioners and consulting with the County Attorney concerning current skydive procedures and practices and policy on how to enforce those rules and policies.

Mr. Marietta strongly urged the skydive companies establish a working relationship with each other.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted

John Marietta
Chairman
FCAAB