

Helicopter Operations Safety Committee (HOSC)

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Location:

Suncor Energy – 4th Floor

Committee Attendees:

Ray Dalton (Suncor Energy – Operator Rep – HOSC Chair)
Ed Antle (Husky Energy – Operator Rep – HOSC Co-Chair)
Corey Goyman (HMDC – Operator Rep)
Alistair Mellis (Statoil – Operator Rep)
Justin Meaney (SeaRose FPSO – Workforce Rep)
Craig Williams (Terra Nova FPSO – Workforce Rep)
Andrea Gruchy (Husky Energy – Operator Administrator)
Mark Williams (Chevron – Operator Rep)
Ryan Brown – (C-NLOPB)
Peter McKeage (C-NLOPB) – *via teleconference*
Roberta Spicer (C-NSOPB) – *via teleconference*
Ronnie Moores – (Cougar Helicopters Rep)
Steve Moore (Cougar Helicopters Rep)
Lesley Pardy (CHC Helicopters Canada Rep)

Guests:

Wendell Durnford - Survitec
Will Jacobs – Cougar Helicopters

Decisions and Actions are in bold type

1. **Safety Moment**

Ray presented the safety moment about back to school safety. Traffic injuries are the leading cause of hospitalization and death of children under the age of fourteen. It is important to review transportation safety rules with children and to take extra caution when driving through residential, school and playground areas. Further information can be found on Safety Services NL website (<http://safetyservicesnl.ca/>).

2. **Survitec HPTSS Suit Update**

Wendell Durnford from Survitec attended the first portion of the meeting to provide a brief update on changes to the HPTSS. The suit will have a new hood design with a more robust zipper. The shape of hood panels is increased to improve width and increase neck aperture. A nylon donning aid has been added as well to reduce friction.

The committee had a few questions for Wendell regarding the HPTSS. Peter inquired how long it will take for the suits to be fully implemented. Wendell was unsure but would provide an answer to the committee at a later date.

Justin asked whether new suit fittings will be required. Wendell stated that this will be implemented through the heliport system; representatives will be available on site to

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assist with fittings. Justin also asked if people will have to check-in earlier for flights. Wendell and Ed said that this is not necessary.

During the last meeting, marine certification of the HPTSS was discussed. Clinton Cariou (ExxonMobil) is reviewing this. It will remain an open item at this current time.

3. Cougar Helicopters - Removal of 7000' Flight Restriction

Ronnie Moores discussed the request for removal of the 7000' flight restriction with the committee. Cougar is currently the only operator in the world to implement this type of restriction.

Ronnie also noted that the restriction will not be removed until all parties are in full agreement (Cougar, operators, C-NLOPB). The communications plan includes meeting with the HOSC (now complete), Helicopter Steering Committee and C-NLOPB (which will take place in the next few weeks).

4. HOSC Member Update

A new member is still required from the West Aquarius. **Corey is still recruiting a representative.**

Wayne Walsh indicated that his schedule changed and he will be offshore during meeting times. The committee would like to thank Wayne for his contributions. A new member will not be required from the GSF as the rig is currently demobilizing.

Ryan Brown has been appointed as the new C-NLOPB observer for the committee. The committee would like to welcome Ryan.

5. Cougar Helicopters Update

There were 17 Customer Flight Notifications since the last meeting. Steve reviewed each CFN with the committee. Peter reiterated the quality of reporting and thanked Steve for his detailed work.

It was mentioned that during a flight to West Aquarius, a cargo box adjacent to the helideck was missing a cover (which was lodged outside of the port forward section of the derrick). **Corey will forward the safety alert to the HOSC.**

6. CHC Helicopters Canada Update

There were two Customer Flight Notifications since the last meeting. Both were discussed with the committee.

7. Recommendations 13/14 Review

The review of [Recommendations 13/14](#) will be completed at the next meeting. **Andrea will forward the Recommendations and the associated reports to all again for review.**

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A brief discussion occurred regarding medicals at the last meeting. Ray stated that there is a requirement to complete certain tests; all companies are meeting the standard but some choose to complete tests above what is required.

8. C-NLOPB Aviation Advisor Update

During recent HSRMC (Helicopter Safety Research Management Committee) meetings, One Atmosphere, an Australian company presented a post-crash aircraft buoyancy system to the group that can raise a helicopter out of water but is customizable to give cabin space for people to escape safely at the surface.

There is a lot of progress with regards to EASA's Rule Making Task (RMT) groups. RMT.0608 draft amendments work is ongoing (currently moving towards European parliament). RMT.1208 is also progressing regarding the proposed amendments; retroactivity clauses will be reviewed.

9. Action Log

- i. Updates on Encana's Undergarment Study: Andrea will contact Jeff Hurley for an update.
- ii. Dr. Susan Coleshaw Review of Performance Goals for BST Training: this report has been forwarded to the committee (status: closed).
- iii. Evacuation into Liferaft from S-92: Andrea to contact Robert Brown and Greg Harvey for an update.
- iv. PLB Research: Work ongoing at HMDC (a demonstration will be given internally to over the next few weeks). Corey to provide further information at the next meeting, if available.

10. New Business

Ray asked that Ronnie present on the various SAR levels at the next meeting. **Ronnie agreed to have a presentation prepared.**

At the last meeting, Dave wanted to discuss a few items with attendees. One item involved overboard venting/discharging while a helicopter is on approach. Dave asked that all operators review their policies/procedures and report back at the next meeting. **Update: This will be discussed at the next meeting as Dave wasn't available to attend today.**

Peter asked Cougar and CHC if there is any update on assigned seating and aircraft window size. Both Ronnie and Lesley had no updates from an East Coast Canada perspective. Although members of the U.K. workforce are in agreement with assigned seating, Ronnie noted that the Norwegian workforce is not. **Peter will follow up on this and report back at the next meeting.**

Lesley inquired about the strobe lights in LPUs and if Survitec has any word on a way forward. Currently with the HPTSS, the batteries are changed every 30 days. **This will be forwarded to Wendell for an update.**

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11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 14 at Cougar Helicopters (SAR Hangar boardroom) commencing at 9:00am. A tour will be arranged of the new facility so **members are encouraged to bring appropriate PPE.**