

Helicopter Operations Safety Committee (HOSC)

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Location:

Falck Safety Services Canada

Committee Attendees:

Ray Dalton (Suncor Energy – Operator Rep – Chair)
Ed Antle (Husky Energy – Operator Rep – HOSC Co-Chair)
Corey Goyman (HMDC – Operator Rep)
Justin Meaney (SeaRose FPSO – Workforce Rep)
Dave Beazley (Hibernia – Workforce Rep)
Craig Williams (Terra Nova FPSO – Workforce Rep) – *via teleconference*
Peter McKeage (C-NLOPB) – *via teleconference*
Ryan Brown (CNLOPB)
Roberta Spicer (C-NSOPB) – *via teleconference*
Steve Moore (Cougar Helicopters Rep)
Lesley Pardy (CHC Helicopters Canada Rep)
Emmanuel Deriaz (CHC Helicopters Canada Rep)
Alistair Mellis (Statoil – Operator Rep)
Hussam Labib (West Aquarius – Workforce Rep)
Garry Ralph (West Hercules – Workforce Rep)

Guests:

Paul Carter – Statoil (attending on behalf of Alistair Mellis)
Sean Fitzpatrick - Falck Safety Services Canada

Decisions and Actions are in bold type

1. **Safety Moment**

Ray presented the safety moment on ladder safety for both at work and at home. It was noted that it seems every yer a co-worker will get hurt putting up Christmas lights.

2. **HOSC Member Update**

Ronnie Moores will be absent from the committee for the foreseeable future and Paul Carter will be his replacement until further notice

3. **Cougar Helicopters Update**

There were 9 Customer Flight Notifications since the last meeting. Steve reviewed each CFN with the committee.

4. **CHC Helicopters Canada Update**

There was 1 Customer Flight Notification since the last meeting. Lesley reviewed the CFN with the committee.

5. Recommendations 13/14 Review

The review of [Recommendations 13/14](#) was not completed. Ray and Ryan to meet before the next meeting to get the recommendation review back on track

6. C-NLOPB Aviation Advisor Update

- CAA UK's implementation of Extra-Broad Passenger Seating;
 - As of April 2015 all PAX Defined by chest size ≥ 19 inches and /or shoulder width ≥ 27 inches would be designated "XBR" and require designated seating on helicopters flying offshore in the UK.
- Status of R&D into Side Floatation;
 - An Australian company (One Atmosphere) has made significant breakthroughs on developing a promising new technology that could provide a lightweight solution to survivability in ditching and water impact scenarios.
- Update on EASA RMT 0120 Survivability from Ditching and Water Impact - new proposed regulations.
- Update on EASA RMT 0608 Proposed helicopter certification changes requiring 30 min safe flight after loss of MGB lubrication.

7. Action Log

- i. Updates on Encana's Undergarment Study: Result of study has been provided to the committee.
- ii. Evacuation into Liferaft from S-92: Robert Brown and Greg Harvey are currently working on the proposal; information will be provided when available. Ray will touch base with MI to get them to provide an update at an upcoming meeting
- iii. PLB Research: Work ongoing at HMDC - Corey to organise a presentation for the January meeting.

8. HOSC Charter

The HOSC Charter was reviewed at the meeting and attendees agreed that no significant changes are required. **Andrea will forward again to all committee members for one final review.**

9. New Business

- a. Knives: Cougar provides envelopes and a storage bin for passengers to store their cell phones when they travel offshore. There have been some instances of passengers leaving knives in the envelope and this creates a hazard to Cougar personnel who have to retrieve the envelopes from the bin and place in storage.
- b. Ryan brought forward that there has been two instances where SAR coverage was not available due to one of the crew not being able to perform their duties. Paul spoke to the two situations that due to a limited number of trained SAR pilots and the fact that some have either left the company or were on training a backfill could not be found therefore SAR services had to be cancelled until the next shift came on. Cougar is working at training more personnel to be able to provide the coverage. Ed

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stated that this is a very rare occurrence and we have SAR coverage for 99.7% of the time

- c. Paul Carter gave a presentation regarding a vessel's location in the field when a helicopter is on approach in response to a question Dave had at the last meeting.
- d. At the October meeting Dave discussed the new weather display software recently installed on Hibernia and noted that this system is showing a slightly different reading than PAL's software package. This is being worked between PAL and HMDC and a resolution appears to be in hand.
- e. Roberta brought forward the topic of helicopter brace position and that recent studies have concluded that there is an improved brace position that can be used that would reduce flailing injuries. Transport Canada advised that it is up to the helicopter operator to recommend a brace position. The Operators are working with the Helicopter Service providers and the training Institutes to find a resolution and ensure consistency.
- f. The committee is now without an administrative assistant due to Andrea taking a new role with Husky. The Operator reps will work to find a replacement for 2016.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 06, 2016 at CHC 9:00 am.