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MINUTES OF THE MALDIVES AVIATION SAFETY TEAM (MAST-14) MEETING

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Time: 1030hrs to 1130hrs
Date: 20 June 2007 / Wed
Venue: Island Aviation Services (IAS) / Conference Room



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AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Welcoming introduction by the Chairman:-

The 14th Meeting was declared open by the Chairman of MAST, Mr. Ibrahim Khalid Safety Manager, Trans Maldivian Airways. He welcomed everyone present and thanked Island Aviation Services for hosting the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 - Working Paper 1 – Provisional Agenda & MAST/13 Draft Meeting Report - Presented by the Secretariat:-

Mr. Ahmed Nazim Secretary to the meeting invited all members to approve the agenda as put forward. All members accepted the agenda as presented.

The Secretary then invited all members to comment and highlight any points to be discussed regarding the draft report of the thirteenth MAST Meeting. Since no comments were made to the report, the draft report was accepted by the members.

Agenda Item 3 - Outstanding Action Items of MAST:-

1. Brief on the VFR Task Force Meeting – Task Force Coordinator

VFR Task Force coordinator Mr. Ibrahim Thoha gave a briefing to the members on the conclusions reached by the VFR Task Force Members in the last meeting. The meeting was held on 19th August 2007 at the Air Traffic Control Center Meeting Room.

The conclusions reached were:-

Implementation of the Male' International Airport, Water-runway Assignment Procedure:

1. When RWY 36 is in use seaplanes will be assigned:
 - a) North-L for departures
 - b) North-R for arrivals
2. When RWY 18 is in use seaplanes will be assigned:
 - a) South-L for departures
 - b) South-R for arrivals

In case of simultaneous operations on to RWY18, all seaplanes arrivals and departures shall be accommodated on South-L.



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3. The Tower Controller to issue water runway-in-use to all arriving seaplanes at initial contact and keep R/T clutter to a minimum.

4. The Ground Controller to issue the water runway-in-use to all departing seaplanes at initial contact.

Members agreed to postpone the official implementation to gather data on the impact of strong westerly wind.

East/West water operation to be included in the procedure and advice members as soon as possible.

An agreement was reached by members that SVFR flights within Male' Control Zone are to be controlled by Male' Tower and the altitude to be assigned according to **their** respective tracks.

The issue of over loading of controllers during high season was also discussed and measures suggested to ease some of the overloading problems are:-

Introduce flow control between VFR arrivals and departures:-

VFR arrivals:

- When congestion is expected to occur over the channeling fix, ATC may give a specific time (preferably not more than 3 to 4 minutes delay) from the ETAs to report over the fix.
- Arriving aircraft to contact Male Tower prior to entering the Control Zone (CTR).

VFR departures:-

- Departing aircraft to call Male' Ground Control prior to engine start.
- Ground controllers to give level clearance to VFR departures.

These procedures were to be practiced before making it effective and an implementation date was suggested as 31st Oct 2007.

Seaplane operators requested a wind sock to be installed on the eastern side near Met radar antenna.

2. Brief on the Runway Safety Task Force Meeting (RSTF) - Task Force Coordinator

As the runway task force coordinator was not available Mr. Ahmed Nazim Secretary to the Meeting gave a briefing on the agenda items of that meeting.



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First Meeting was held on 28th August 2007 (Tue) at MACL, Ramp Control Meeting Room.

Mr. Abdulla Zakariyya was nominated to be the moderator and Ms. Mahamoodha Shareef was elected as the secretary to the Task force.

The purpose of creating a Runway Safety Task Force was discussed. With the recommendation of SARAST/7 Meeting as well as the MAST /12 meeting, the Task Force was created to look into ways to reduce the number of runway incursions and improve the general safety disciplines on and around the runway.

Terms Of Reference of the Runway Safety Task Force was explained as follows:-

- Review, analyze and educate staff on runway incursions on land and water aerodromes in the Republic of Maldives.
- Assist in the development of National Standards for Water Aerodromes.
- Assist in the update of MAR Series C-14 to accommodate the current International best practices and safety standards with regards to sea plane operations.
- Report to MAST with the deliberations and outcome of the taskforce.

The mode of operation of the RSTF including the number of meetings required per month to fulfill the TOR requirements by December 2007 was discussed.

The items to be addressed in future meetings, in order of priority, were to be as follows:

1. Prepare MAR- C14 document
2. Prepare NPRM – Water Aerodromes and Airports
3. Implement Runway Safety Programme as an ongoing project

Agenda Item 4 - Any other business: – Mr. Ahmed Nazim / Secretary

- Ms. Sameeha A Hakeem / Senior Flight Operations Officer distributed to the MAST members an extract from Doc9835 regarding the English language proficiency requirements.
- Mr. Ameen and Mr. Ibrahim Thoha raised their concerns regarding the competency of the approved organization-for English Language Testing-“AANI Associates”.
- Thoha inquired whether they could conduct their own testing and training after completing the ICAO train the trainer’s course. Ms. Sameeha advised them that she will look into that and give a briefing to the MAST members at the next meeting.



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- To find a solution to ease congestion at the terminal check in area and arrival hall, Mr. Fazeel from CAD queried whether VFR floatplanes can start their operations one hour before sunrise and continue one hour after sunset. Members were apprehensive about this suggestion and the Secretary informed the meeting that this issue has been raised at various forums and the facilitation committee was aware of this and did try to get the operators in the air as early as possible. But it did not work.
- Mr. Ameen from IAS wanted to clarify on the TOR of the MAST Meeting. His understanding was that all incidents were to be brought to the MAST Meeting to discuss amongst the members. But it was agreed that only safety issues which needs to be discussed were to be brought forward to the meeting.
- A brief on future Air Navigation Systems was given by Mr. Ibrahim Thoha to the Meeting. This brief would be presented at the 8th SARAST Meeting when they meet in Bangkok in late November 2007.

Conclusion

The Chairman in his closing remarks thanked all members for their active participation. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at CAD on Wednesday 21st Nov 2007.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

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Appendix - 1

Membership

Members Present:-

1	Mr. Ibrahim Khalid / Safety Manager	Trans Maldivian Airways (Chairman)
2	Mr. Ahmed Nazim / AN &A	Civil Aviation Department (Secretary)
3	Mr. Ahmed Fazeel / Safety Focal Point	Civil Aviation Department
4	Ms. Fathimath Ramiza / AN &A	Civil Aviation Department
5	Ms. Sameeha Abdul Hakeem	Civil Aviation Department
6	Capt. Mohamed Mansoor FOM	Trans Maldivian Airways
7	Captain. V. Ramani / Safety Officer	Maldivian Air Taxi
8	Captain Fathuhulla Jameel	Island Aviation Services
9	Mr. Mahid Shareef / Director	Regional Airports HQ
10	Mr. Ahmed Hussain / Safety Officer	Regional Airports HQ
11	Mr. Ali Naseer / COO	Maldives Airports Company Ltd
12	Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim / Engineer	Maldives Airports Company Ltd
13	Mr. Ibrahim Thoha / SATCO	Maldives Airports Company Ltd
14	Mr. Abdulla Zakariyya / SATCO	Maldives Airports Company Ltd
15	Mr. Hussain Fayaz / Safety Officer	Maldives Airports Company Ltd

Appendix – 2

Schedule of Meetings for 2007

#	Date	Proposed / Venue(s)
11 th Meeting	24 January 2007	Maldivian Air Taxi
12 th Meeting	21 March 2007	Maldives Airports Company
13 th Meeting	20 June 2007	Trans Maldivian Airways
14 th Meeting	22 Aug 2007	IAS
15 th Meeting	21 November 2007	Civil Aviation Department
16 th Meeting	26 December 2007	Regional Airports HQ