

# OFFSHORE HELICOPTER SAFETY LEADERSHIP GROUP (OHSLG)

Document : Meeting Minutes

Date : Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Location : CHC Integrated Operating Centre, Hutton Road, Aberdeen

Present: Mark Abbey (CHC)  
Rick Newson (CAA)  
David Malins (CAA)  
Steve Rae (Step Change in Safety)  
Derek Whatling (BALPA)  
Matt Rhodes (Bristow)  
Trevor Stapleton (OGUK)  
Shauna Wright (Unite the Union)  
Simon Meakins (Babcock)  
Colin Cheesewright (Chrysaor)  
Lorraine Smith (CHC)

Apologies: Rob Bishton (CAA)  
Jamie John (NHV)  
Grant Campbell (Shell)  
Matt Abraham (OGUK)  
Jake Molloy (RMT)  
Jamie Carson (Scottish Government)  
Alan Combe (BP / IOGP)

## Welcome and Introductions

Mark Abbey welcomed the meeting, passing on apologies for those unable to attend.

This meeting was held immediately following a workshop session facilitated by Mike Turner from Oakland Consulting on directing the Group going forward and will be detailed in the notes.

It was therefore agreed that for this meeting we would continue to address the agenda items currently outstanding until a clear plan is in place for the direction of the Group.

## Outstanding Actions

The previous actions were reviewed and updated, as per the action log. Where there was a wider discussion, details are provided in the notes section.

Item	Detail	Responsible	Notes
19.2.2	Understand problem statement for fitting ADSB transponders.	OGUK	See additional notes. To remain on the agenda until the trials are complete.
19.2.3	Host a workshop looking at helideck certification audits updates.	Rick Newson	Update given from Rick Newson. See additional notes.
19.2.5	Host debate inviting senior procurement professionals around the cost of the supply chain.	Matt Abraham	Matt Abraham progressing. Session with CEO's early February.
19.3.1	Wrong Deck Landings ASTG to report to OHSAG on their top recommendations to truly minimise the potential for any future occurrences.	ASTG / Trevor Stapleton	Rick Newson updated the group. See notes. Agreed to leave on the agenda meantime.
19.3.4	Invite Mario Ranito (CAA) to the next OHSLG to discuss GHOST information.	Lorraine Smith / Rick Newson	Invite to the next quarterly board meeting.
19.3.5	Current major event and incidents communication flow chart to be reviewed.	Mark Abbey	See notes. Lorraine Smith to circulate flowchart with view to creating ERP card or phone contact.
19.3.6	ADSB Manchester GA Project findings and lessons to be shared at next OHSLG	Rick Newson	Rick to update at the next quarterly meeting.
19.3.7	CAA to give BREXIT update and status, highlighting risk and mitigation plans	Rick Newson	No update. Remain on agenda.
19.3.9	2020 meeting dates to be issued.	Lorraine Smith	Lorraine to circulate quarterly dates and meeting locations.
19.3.10	Certification and control of Heli-decks.	Rick Newson	Leave on the agenda as a likely key objective going forward.

## New Actions

New items were discussed and added for action. Where there was a wider discussion, details are provided in the notes section.

Item	Action Details	Responsible	Notes
20.1.1	OHSLG Funding	All	See Notes.
20.1.2	AAIB – Suggestion to join group	Rick Newson	See Notes.
20.1.3	Offshore Drones	All	See Notes.
20.1.4	CAP1145	Rick Newson / Lorraine Smith	Distributed to the group on 23 Jan 2020. See additional notes.

## Meeting Notes

### 19.2.2 **ADSB Transponders**

Colin Cheesewright advised that a German weather company is to collate the data management. It was confirmed that Heli-Offshore is managing this and Trevor Stapleton suggested that there are discussions as to what building it should be attached to, to get the quality from an internet carrier. It was also confirmed that the concept is currently being trialled. Colin did advise that they still need to manage the cost of licences for the trial. NATS have also been brought into the project. Rick Newson advised that this is a contender for HSR to oversee to ensure the right people are involved. It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda until after the trials are complete.

### 19.2.3 **Update on Helideck Certification and Audit**

Rick Newson confirmed that at present with helideck oversight it is a much wider picture now as it can be seen through the eyes of dangerous goods. Mario and Matt Smith are the team that are offshore. Rick advised that the more stones they are turning the more non-conformities they are finding. They are working alongside HCA to talk about the next steps to take in terms of restrictions around dangerous goods and dangerous goods handling. On timing, realistically Brexit will determine timing but it will be focussed on quickly.

Colin Cheesewright asked if the HCA have the expertise and capability to take on the extra work. Rick advised that the HCA focus is the certification of the deck in accordance with part HOFO. The ground ops for Britain is much wider so that is not for HCA to determine, however, the CAA are working with HCA to identify any restrictions if the ground ops infrastructure offshore is not fit for purpose.

Mark Abbey identified that this could be one of the top 5 items going forward.

Mark also shared his concerns regarding commercialising and the risks if the CAA are not in control. He also shared that another certification body is reaching out to CHC. Rick advised that he would take this information back with him.

### 19.2.6 **Workshop**

It was identified at our last meeting that a workshop should be undertaken to identify the way forward for OHSLG and to refocus on what the group was set up to achieve. The group had an extremely successful session and separate notes will be circulated on this shortly. It was agreed however that an additional date should be set in 4 weeks approx. around Rob Bishton / Mike Turner availability. The second part of this workshop may be held in London, however location and date will be circulated as soon as possible.

#### 19.3.1 **Wrong Deck Landings and Working with ASTG**

Trevor advised that he raised this with the ASTG as the deck identifications are unique. Rick advised that the CAA are working internally to try and put the four letter, IKO designators in the UK AAIP. He updated the group advising they had spent some considerable time talking about the helideck location and they are initially planning for the central geographic mass. It was noted that they may need to move location due to the GPS approach system. Colin Cheesewright added that currently it has the advantage reference, and a platform name reference which has an old name and new name. It was identified that this was one of the difficulties where previous codes or names for platforming are different. Rick added that the idea of this is so it fits in the UK AAIP. The companies that produce the databases for the flight management systems will have one location, it will give you that point rather than a user waypoint which has changed names and the CAA has lots of examples of that. Rick advised this was a stepping stone. Mark Abbey agreed to leave on the agenda for the moment.

#### 19.3.4 **Mario Ranito Visit - GHOST**

It was agreed at the last meeting to invite Mario to come talk to the group about GHOST. With the workshop taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January it was agreed it wouldn't have been the right time for this. It was agreed however, that Mario should attend the next quarterly board meeting. Colin Cheesewright added that GHOST may sit as one of our top risks. It is nearly finished with the CAA to check it over. Colin asked for CAP437 to be kept from the rest of the world as a standalone CAP. Rick agreed with Colin's concerns and agreed to take this away with him.

#### 19.3.5 **Flowchart – ERP**

Mark Abbey confirmed that he looked at the existing flowchart document and advised the group that there is nothing wrong with it in its current form. It was suggested that this is transferred into something that the group can keep on their person i.e. credit card type card or as a contact on their phone. It was agreed that Lorraine Smith would circulate the existing flowchart and if everyone was happy with it then a small wallet card can be produced. Rick Newson suggested we use the emergency services version which is of that format and aims to drive you through a checklist system where you add your notes. Lorraine to action accordingly.

#### 19.3.9 **2020 Dates**

It was highlighted that as we were unsure where the group was going with the workshop planning the dates for this year had been delayed. It was identified that Rob Bishton is key and it is essential he comes to these meetings, therefore Lorraine will circulate some dates based on Rob's availability. It was discussed that the location of our quarterly meetings are rotated and therefore our meetings for 2020 will be held at the following:-

- 29<sup>th</sup> April – NHV
- 29<sup>th</sup> July – Bristows
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Babcock

#### **AOB**

The following areas were discussed and identified as actions:

##### **a) Funding**

Funding for OHSLG was discussed. Mark Abbey reminded the group that as per the previous meeting he had agreed to pick up the cost of the initial workshop session. Mark asked the group for suggestions on how we can finance these types of things going forward. Rick Newson suggested that we could perhaps get some commitment from the DfT. Rick and Dave Malins will follow this up. Matt Rhodes confirmed that we were not looking for a huge amount as the group has been unfunded to date. Steve Rae will also look at options.

**b) AAIB**

Rick Newson asked for consideration to include the AAIB within the group on an as required basis given they are an independent accident investigation team. They attend the UK Flight Safety Committee Meeting and can offer a unique view on global helicopter safety allowing a different perspective. It was noted that this could be helpful due to the increase in drone events.

**c) Offshore Drones**

Mark Abbey raised the point that Offshore Drones is a subject the group should discuss. Mark explained that a drone was recently above a Total platform which was being operated by a third party. Total are aware and have it on their Safety Register. Mark is concerned that there seems to be growing numbers of drones. Rick Newson advised the group that this is an issue for the CAA with the UK in general and are currently looking at the situation to put additional checks in place.

**d) CAP1145**

The CAP1145 report was distributed to the group at the start of the meeting electronically by Lorraine. Dave Malins explained that there is some feedback in the report from EASA on their workstreams. Rick advised that if the group had some feedback then to let either Rick or Dave know and an updated version would be circulated. Rick also advised if any of the group had any fundamental issues with what has been said then to take note and it will be discussed at the following quarterly meeting in April.

