

April 1, 2009



**President:** Tom Savage **Treasurer:** Elaine Schenk **Editor/Secretary :** Bob Graham  
**Chief Flying Instructor:** Pat Bindner **Field Operations:** Tom Savage

### 1.0 Call to order

At 19:35

### 2.0 Attendees

Garry Anderson, Jeff Armitage, Pat Bindner, Gert de Ruiter, Rob Fekete, Darren Godsell, Bob Graham, Irvyn Groehl, Scott Henderson, Ron Hutcheon, Ross MacEwan, Jeff & Myles Mallette, Roy Martin, Davin Nadeau, Dave Pepin, Paul Petrie, Tom Savage, Richard Whorley, Colin Winsor.

### 3.0 Treasurer's Report

- a. We currently have 29 members registered for 2009. The final balance for March was \$XXXX removed prior to posting. Expenses for March were as follows, \$100.00 for snow plowing and \$125.00 for the yearly costs for hosting the website. The treasurer's report is attached removed prior to posting.
- b. A motion to accept the reports was made by Roy Martin and seconded by Paul Petrie.

### 4.0 President's Report

- a. The field is in great shape. The roadway is muddy right now; it should be fine in a few days.
- b. Horst has arranged for the roller.
- c. The spring clean up will take place towards the end of the month. Tom will send an email looking for volunteers.
- d. Tuesday nights will be quite busy as we have 15 new flyers working towards their wings.

### 5.0 Field Report

- a. Still looking for ways to improve our field. The following suggestions were made:
  - Cut down offending Pine tree
  - Paint or stain picnic tables and benches
  - Acquire a cover for the stand
- b. We have a new flag

- c. The windsock still needs some maintenance.

## **6.0 Flight Training Report**

- a. 15 students have registered for training. We have 6 instructors.
- b. The club trainer is being stored in Tom's garage and is ready to fly.

## **7.0 Old Business**

- a. Confirm Bylaw Committee (Len, Pat and Bob)
  - 7.a.1 No progress yet.
  - 7.a.2 Tom has old copies of our By-Laws; he will forward them to the committee.
- b. Scott Henderson is working on Fun Fly Publicity. Last year the NRT ran an advertisement for us. He has received a folder of samples from last year's Fun Fly.
- c. Field Improvement Fund
  - 7.c.1 Bob will try to get funding from the Trillium Fund.
  - 7.c.2 Jim has provided costs for a concrete pad (\$8000.00).
- d. Insurance for Flying at Pembroke Airport
  - 7.d.1 Airport has expressed an interest in having us give a flying demo this year.
  - 7.d.2 MAAC will insure us if we designate the airport a flying site.
  - 7.d.3 A plan of the field will be submitted to MAAC.
  - 7.d.4 MAAC warning signs will have to be posted.

## **8.0 New Business**

- a. The Windsor model club is hosting a Heavy Lifting contest this year. Members felt that there isn't enough time to submit an entry this year.
- b. Tom was approached for donations to support the F3A team in Portugal. A motion was made by Pat Bindner for the club to donate two dollars per member to the MAAC travel fund rather than an individual team. Rob Fekete seconded the motion.
- c. Bob Graham passed around a list of items Mike Blore has for sale. His contact information and the list has been posted to the website.
- d. Paul Petrie made the members aware of an estate sale taking place in Cedar Springs, 14 planes are being sold.
- e. First aid kit needs resupplying; Paul Petrie volunteered to look after this.
- f. Tom said he would be ordering club shirts by the end of April. The cost will be 24.00 without a pocket and 26.00 with one. Anyone interested was asked to add their name to a list.

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

May 6, 2009.

## **10. Meeting Adjourned**

At 20:20

Coffee and donuts followed, thanks to Irvyn.

**Additional notes from Tom**

**GOLF SHIRT ORDER**

**Golf Shirts: If you want a shirt this summer you have to get your order in to me by APRIL 20 since the order will be placed on April 21<sup>st</sup> in order to ensure that we have the shirts for the June Fun Fly. Shirts with pocket \$26.00, without pocket \$24.00. I need to know quantity, style (pocket/no pocket) and size. An email will be sent shortly.**

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**THANK YOU**

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the club who were able to participate in the Spring Banquet at Finnigans Restaurant this past Saturday.**

**The growth and success of any club requires participation and involvement of Club Members and it was wonderful to see so many of you at this event.**

**Our club continues to grow in members, and I look forward to a very active and enjoyable season this year.**

**See you at the field!**

***Tom Savage***  
**President**

## MY B-17 FLIGHT

**This past January, while I was in Florida in south Fort Myers, we came across an ad for a World War II Aircraft display that was going on at Page Field in Ft. Myers. They were offering rides in their B-17, B-24, P-51, so I immediately called to get a reservation on the B-17 for the next day.**

**My flight was for noon on Monday, so we arrived an hour early to look over the planes on the field and register. The plane took 8 passengers per flight. I climbed onboard and sat on the floor with a seatbelt. The takeoff was very smooth, and then we were allowed to roam around the plane and take pictures. We flew South and circled over the Caribbean Sea and then return to Page Field where we made the most perfect landing (no notice of when we touched down). The flight was about 25 minutes.**

**After previously having a flight in a Lancaster and now a flight in a B-17, I see that the reason the Lancaster could carry almost double the bomb load was because of the extra engine power.**

**Another great experience under my belt!**

