



December 2nd, 2015

**President:** Bob Howard **Treasurer:** Elaine Schenk **Secretary:** Bob Graham  
**Chief Flying Instructor:** Brian Cheadle **Field Operations:** Tom Savage

**Call to order** 19:35

**Attendees:** Yvonne Adam, Maxime Boyle, Stefan Boyle, Brian Cheadle, Jim Childerhose, Bob Graham, Bob Howard, Ken Klein, Tom Savage.

**November's Minutes Approved:** Yvonne Adam / Brian Cheadle

**Financial Report Approved:** Jim Childerhose / Tom Savage

As of November 30 there were 19 (2 honorary + 17 paid) club members. Income from Interest \$.99.

Bank account balance	\$xxx
Cash on hand	\$xxx
Total – bank and cash balance	\$xxx

### **President's Report**

Bob Howard noted that Ross McEwan has moved to Ottawa and will probably not renew his club membership.

### **Field Report**

About two or three weeks ago vandals set fire to our club building. The resulting fire destroyed the building, all contents and both lawn tractors, all that is left is a few sheets of roofing tin. The flight line and picnic tables are still usable as they were outside of the burn area. Tom reported the incident to the OPP and they issued a Crimestoppers notice on the local radio stations. Tom will inform the property owners of the fire. And also ensure them that we will be removing the remains of building structure including the lawn tractors and return the site an original state, sometime in the spring. Costs for a dumpster and a spring cleanup date need to be determined.

Since only a maximum of seven active members actually fly at the club field the club needs to come up with a solution which will allow us to have a place to fly with a minimal cost outlay and also reduce the chances of a significant loss in the future.

The members present felt that the best way would be to come up with options, discuss them over the winter, then agree on an approach prior the the 2016 season.

## Field Report (Continued)

The following applies to all options:

- Complete cleanup of the fire damaged structure and remove all damaged equipment.
- Club flying at the Pembroke Airport and the Deep River could be preempted by the owners events,
- Formal permission will be needed from the owner of the facilities.
- Training will be done at the Pembroke Airport.
- Larger aircraft could be flown at the Pembroke Airport or Deep River site.
- Some off water flying might be possible at Brian and Bob H's beach.
- The issues with the Pembroke Airport are full size planes use the facility and the concrete runway is quite bumpy.
- The Deep River Airport is essentially a rectangle cut out of the bush and has tall trees along the two main sides. It is good for small planes as long as it isn't too windy as the trees produce difficult wind conditions. The owner would like people to fly there.

### Option 1 Abandon the current field.

All club flying would be done at the Pembroke Airport and the Deep River Flying club.

#### Advantages

- No cost for field maintenance or rental.
- Minimal labour, if any required by club members to maintain facilities.

#### Disadvantages

- A more detailed cleanup of the club field would needed to remove all club owned equipment such picnic tables, pilot tables and fencing.
- The club field would be no longer available, if it is required in the future.
- A dedicated known club area for people dropping by would be lost.

### Option 2 Maintain the current field at a reduced level

To eliminate the possibility of future damage to club owned equipment property runway grass cutting would be contracted out. To reduce costs Stefan Boyle volunteered to maintain the parking area on an as needed basis. Larger aircraft would be flown at the Pembroke Airport and the Deep River Flying club.

#### Advantages

- The club field would be available every day for flying smaller aircraft.
- If required, maintenance could be expanded to accommodate larger aircraft.

#### Disadvantages

- Recurring costs for grass cutting around the runway area. (Estimated costs would be \$40.00-\$60.00 per cut x 18 = \$800-\$1100 per year).
- Gift /rental fee of \$300.00 per year.
- A workable weed management scheme for the runway will be required.
- Some club member volunteer labour will be required.

## Flight Training Report

No students listed as of now, however we might have five-plus.

## Old Business

- Round Up, the farmer who takes hay from the field wouldn't have it, Stefan Boyle said he would check into possible sources.

## Discussions of Interest

Deep River Model Show

- There was a large display of Meccano and model trains at this annual event.
- Bob Howard and Yvonne Adam setup a R/C aircraft display and handed out club brochures.

Website costs

- In an effort to reduce club expenses Jim Childerhose suggested we look at other options for hosting the club website and registering our domain name.
- He will forward information on the vendor he is using for review and a comparison with NRTCO.

## Elections for Club Executive

In order for the club to continue running and meet our Club by-laws the following officers are required, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Instructor, Editor, and Field Manager.

These are the results of our efforts to fill the above positions at our December meeting.

**President:** No volunteers, Bob Howard to continue on as President.

**Secretary:** No volunteers, Bob Graham to continue on as Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Yvonne Adam volunteered and was accepted as our new Treasurer.

**Instructor:** No volunteers, Position open.

**Editor:** No volunteers, Position open.

**Field Manager:** No volunteers, Position open.

## Next Meeting

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 21:35.