

February 2008



**President: Tom Savage**

**Treasurer: Elaine Schenk**

**Newsletter Editor: Brian Cheadle**

**Chief Flying Instructor: Pat Bindner**

**Field Operations: Tom Savage**

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**Meeting December 6, 2007.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Tom Savage.

Treasurer's Report:

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Field Report:

Road will be plowed for January Fun Fly. Heat will be on, coffee and donuts will be available.

New Business:

Annual Fun Fly is registered for June 1, 2008

Election of the Executive for 2008.

President, - Tom Savage

Treasurer, - Elaine Schenk

Secretary...vacant

Newsletter Editor – Brian Cheadle

Flight Instructor – Pat Bindner

Meeting was adjourned by Roy Martin

**Fun Fly, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Although it wasn't that cold (only -5C) there was a cold wind, a gray sky and it was gently snowing. Not great

conditions for flying. The depth of snow was the most that we have had for years with a couple of inches of light new snow on top, ideal conditions for Seaplanes! Tom, Irvyn and Gert had got everything ready – ploughed the road, got the wood stove going, the coffee brewing (portable generator) and bought the doughnuts. We had the best turnout for several years but only the same three hardy competitors as last year came prepared to fly. Tom, Pat (to defend his title) and Bob.

The planes were all set up on the field benches. Tom had made skis for his Excel trainer. Pat's Seamaster is still being repaired from the summers float flying so he had made skis for his venerable coreplast Blue Movie. Bob brought his Sporty 40 again but he had modified the skis to hopefully prevent them tipping forward during flight. Last year this resulted in a rather steep landing approach! At noon the competitors set about starting their engines. Tom's immediately backfired spinning off the prop nut (this happened to Bob last year). Pat (who is usually well prepared) eventually realised that he needed a new glow plug! Meanwhile, Bob started his engine and got it running satisfactorily – after all there was no rush – took off without any problems, did a couple of circuits and landed way down the runway, an easy win. Bob and Yvonne found out how deep the snow was when they went to retrieve the plane! Pat now got his engine running and managed a hairy flight. Tom helped by Gert, eventually got his engine running but the skis were a bit too small for the weight of the plane and it bogged down in the light snow. A good push from Gert got it moving and Tom was able to take off. The landing was not one of Tom's better ones – repairs will be required!

Irvyn presented Bob with the traditional prize and everyone quickly retreated to the warm hut for coffee and doughnuts.

Brian Cheadle