

December 5th,



2012

President: Brad Banville **Treasurer:** Elaine Schenk **Secretary:** Brian Cheadle
Chief Flying Instructor: Rob Feket **Field Operations:** Tom Savage

Call to order 18:30

Attendees

Brad Banville, Tom Savage, Stefan Boyle, Brian Cheadle, Roy Martin, Ross MacEwan

Financial report, Elaine Schenk
See attached sheet.

Field Report, Tom Savage

Currently the field is in very poor shape due to wild turkeys digging up large holes again. The turkeys first dug holes in the runway last April but after the holes were repaired they dug more holes within days. The MNR informed us that this was a mating ritual and members of the MNR offered to hunt the turkeys with crossbows to discourage them. After four birds were killed turkeys were not seen. Two work parties repaired the holes, and the area reseeded. Due to the very dry summer, the seeding didn't work too well but the runway was useable. In October more holes were dug and large groups of turkeys are often seen including many young ones. Until the holes are repaired the field is only suitable for small planes that only need a small runway or planes that can be hand launched.

Discussion

Until the wild turkeys have been discouraged from the area there is little point in repairing the damage and reseeded, as they will just make more holes. Brad will contact the MNR to see if they can offer a solution. Tom has looked into making a 60ft by 300ft landing strip of gravel screening, which would pack almost like concrete but would cost about \$2000. We are still welcome to use Pembroke Airport on specific days if arrangements are made.

Our current membership is 22 with about six people flying regularly. This doesn't give a very big pool for work parties or raising funds.

Possible Options

1. Remove the turkeys and then repair the damage – work parties and seed.

2. Install a surface that cannot be dug up by turkeys. Gravel screening would probably be the cheapest - we would have to raise ~ \$2000.
3. Find another place to fly where there aren't any turkey problems.

A decision on what to do for next year was postponed until the meeting in March.

Flight Training Report

No report. Although several people expressed interest nobody came forward and requested training this year.

Mrs Licht has given all Helmut's planes and gear to the club. Bob Howard has sorted it out and there is a useable trainer plane and gear that is currently being stored in Brian Cheadle's cottage garage. This equipment can be sold to someone wanting to learn to fly.

Election of Officers for 2013

The following slate of officers was proposed.

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Roy Martin proposed the motion that the slate of officers be accepted, seconded by Ross MacEwan. Motion carried unanimously.

Club Dues

Tom Savage proposed that club dues remain the same \$60.00 for 2013, seconded by Brian Cheadle. Motion carried unanimously.

To renew memberships please fill in the form and include your MAAC membership number.

New years Day Fun Fly

There are currently no plans to hold this event. However if the weather conditions are suitable for an event at Pembroke Airport, Tom savage with make arrangements and contact people.

Next Meeting

March 6th, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Pembroke Airport lounge

Meeting Adjourned

At 20:30