

October 8th, 2014

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

Call to order 19:28, Pembroke Airport

**Attendees:** Yvonne Adam, Sebestien Beaudet, Stefan Boyle, Brian Cheadle, Bob Graham, Bob Howard, Ken Klein, Ross MacEwan, Deven Stoyles.

June's Minutes Approved: Ross MacEwan / Deven Stoyles

**Financial report (TY Elaine) was approved by:** Brian Cheadle / Ross MacEwan As of September 30th. there were 23 (2 honorary + 21 paid) club members. One expense item, Lawnmower tube & installation for \$40.00.

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

# President's Report, Bob Howard

**AGM Report** 

- Richard talked about regulations related to models vs. UAVs. Richard is making a recommendation to MAAC that models be required to have the owners name and MAAC number on or in the aircraft.
- One reportable incident: An electric plane started to fall off the pit table and the pilot made a grab for it and hit the throttle, severely cutting two fingers. A TX failsafe mode may have prevented this incident. It was also suggested that clubs have an adequate first aid kit and review basic first aid techniques.
- The Picton Club flies at the Picton Airport. However changes in the Airport's insurance policy now prohibits the flying of model aircraft.
- A recommendation for police checks of instructors who instruct minors was narrowly defeated. While confirming the vote with Chris he suggested that the club could advise instructors that a minor's guardian be present during lessons.
- Jason Ade won the wings graduates draw of an Albatross. Brian will be busy this winter.

Bob Howard congratulated Sebestien Beaudet for getting his Wings and presented him with his certificate.

## Field Report

Ken Klein suggested that the club needs to investigate options for improving our runway surface. In the meantime the use of a cultivator and some means to remove ruts after mowing the weeds might be beneficial.

Brian Cheadle volunteered to be next in the grass cutting rotation, need and weather conditions permitting.

Brian Cheadle mentioned that the Arnprior club uses a GeoTextile type surface under their pit tables, the members present thought this might be a good idea for our field.

## **Flying Instruction**

Brian Cheadle stated that it was a frustrating year for training, due to adverse and unstable weather conditions.

Brian Cheadle noted that the Arnprior Club will not train new members on foam electric models, as it is felt that balsa model characteristics better prepare the student for flying more advanced aircraft

### **Old Business**

- **Tractor maintenance:** Deven Stoyles and Stefan Boyle volunteered to check with the Base and local schools to see if someone would interested in replacing the drive belt and investigating the cause of the slow turnover at start up.
- Fake Camera: Jim Childerhose forwarded via email that the cost would be about 20.00, we need to confirm if this model requires A/C or runs on batteries.

#### **Discussions of Interest**

Winter flying was discussed and it was stated that depending on interest and amount of snow the the road could maintained to allow access to the field.

To encourage members to get out and fly Brian suggested that next year we arrange club Funflys every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weeks on Saturday or Sundays.

Mike Blore sent along some gear with Bob Howard to see if anyone was interested in buying any items.

### **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be November 5th, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:50.