



Holy Heck!!!! Is December here already? This months' newsletter will pretty much be a summary of the November 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting. It is however accompanied by sincere BEST WISHES for the upcoming Holiday Season.

## **Information From November 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM with 19 members being in attendance. The members present included all 3 of the outgoing directors of our corporation.

The "Trash and Treasures" consisted of a stack of magazines brought to the meeting by this writer and given to anybody who wanted them.

There followed some comments on the club wings program and young Mr. Bradley Wood was presented with his wings. Congratulations to this youngster who brings some youth to the club amongst most of us aging fliers.

There was a report that there had been no members joining since the previous meeting.

The show and tell portion of the meeting featured Don Mitchell with remarks on his homebuilt motor. Don advised that he has finally gotten it working well. He had to reduce the compression somewhat and the addition of a second glow plug really brought the engine to life. Overall Don is quite pleased but, advised he probably would not do a "flathead" design again. I look forward to seeing the engine in whatever WW1 design Don settles on to build.

Our secretary reported briefly on the minutes of the previous meeting. No copy of the minutes was available at this time.

John Alford reported that some repairs have been made to the vandalized property at the field.

There was a discussion regarding the wings program as regards the issue of locating the club "buddy Boxes" and the need for better co-ordination amongst the Chief Flying Instructor and other instructors.

John Alford then delivered what he referred to as a "sermon" on safety. He mentioned specifically the need to be attentive at all times around model engines in operation. Propellers being the number one danger when we become complacent. He also suggested that all members review the

MAAC safety code from time to time, and mentioned that we sometimes have low flying ultralights etc. that pass over our field.

A greeting card that expresses our gratitude to Marlene for her work at Heydenshore was circulated for signature and will be forwarded to this lady who, I am told, is the main reason Heydenshore gets done every year. John Alford went on to say that certain other members such as Don and Jean Mitchell and Don Cavanaugh often do extra for the club in a very unheralded manner and felt it important to express how much it is appreciated.

Howard Smith gave an update on the state of the treasury. He reports the receipt of funds from the sale of two pylon racers. He has purchased a laminator for club membership cards in order to make them wear a little better. There is about \$ 5,400.00 in the bank and there will likely be significant savings on field maintenance this year due to one member who has taken on a big portion of the job.

A discussion of how to “get the word out” about our club lead to a suggestion from Ken Currell that slightly used model magazines could be left in the Doctor’s office with a contact number affixed. Good Idea.....

The meeting adjourned briefly while attendees indulged in coffee. It resumed at 8:27 PM and attention was turned to the election of the directors and the executive of the club.

### **The Election**

As explained last month, our club is a limited liability corporation. The corporation requires three directors. These people also hold the positions of President, Treasurer and secretary on the club executive. The process basically requires these people to resign annually and that an election then be held.

The three directors resigned. John Alford and Howard Smith indicated their willingness to stand for office again and Doug Wood declined to stand again. Yours truly, Bob Byrnes, was nominated to stand as one of the directors to replace Doug Brown. Nominated by Jean Mitchell, and there being no further candidates the nomination were closed as moved by Tom Ayling and seconded by Wayne Challis.

Wayne Challis was willing to stand for office of Vice president again

Nominations for these four positions were closed as moved by Kevin Ward and seconded by Howard Smith. The three candidates for the position of director then left the room to discuss their various positions on the executive.

There were two candidates for the position of Chief Flying Instructor, these being, Neil Benjamin and Dave Parton. Both gentlemen spoke briefly and the result was that Neil will remain the C.F.I. with Dave as his assistant

### **The Results**

Listed here are the names of your new directors and executives along with the positions each will hold.

### **Corporate directors**

John Alford, who will also remain as president of our club.

Howard Smith, who will also remain as treasurer and webmaster of our club.

Bob Byrnes, who will assume the duties of secretary and will remain as editor of the newsletter.

### **Other Executive Members**

Wayne Challis will remain in the position of Vice President

Neil Benjamin will remain as Chief Flying Instructor with Dave Parton as his assistant.

The office of Safety Chair remains open. John Alford has however been a consistent influence in this area.

The office of Field Chair remains open at this time. There were suggestions to approach Chris Bridell and Ed Tureski was nominated in absentia by Don Mitchell. Wayne Challis nominated himself in the event no other member took up the challenge. This office will be filled , probably prior to next season's flying.

### **Others**

Kevin Ward will chair the Pylon Racing Committee assisted by Wayne Challis and Don Cavanaugh

Discussions of an Events chair/social convener were held in abeyance until next meeting.

Following the election there was a discussion on the issue of the "affiliated membership". There has been no apparent abuse of this membership. These memberships run for a one year term. It was moved by Wayne Challis that the members in attendance vote, seconded by Doug Wood. The vote to retain this type of membership was unanimous. The hope remains that affiliate members might become full members

The Heydenshore event was spoken to by John Alford. There is no conflict with the similar events in Oakville and Newmarket. The deposit is in place for the hall rental. There is a need for members to step up to chair or be a part of a committee to get this event up and running. The time is growing short. Please consider if you might be able to help. This is our only annual club event and has reflected credit on the club when it is attended by many others who share our hobby from around Ontario. Try to attend the January club meeting and be ready to put your hand up to help.

Pylon racing was discussed as regards the decision to power the club racers with .25 sized engines instead of the 15's. Experimentation has shown they are not a lot faster, but, getting off the ground is enhanced by the extra oomph. There may be a need to build some more airframes. The OS .25 FX will be the engine of choice.

## **FINALLY**

There being no meeting in the month of December, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the club executive to wish all members the very happiest of Holiday Seasons. The next formal meeting will take place on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. In the interim don't forget the annual "Frozen Finger Funfly" at the club field on January the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Anybody can fly when the weather is mild and calm. Come on out and celebrate the New Year with a flight.

Best Regards to all  
Bob Byrnes.