



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.

January 2006 Meeting Minutes

04 January 2006

Call to Order: 20h24 (8:24 PM)

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President, Rod Hopkins – Treasurer, Jim Daly – Secretary,
Terry Tupper – Past President, Brian Facey – Officer at Large

Members present: 31

The President called the meeting to order at 20h24, reneging on his re-election promise to start meetings sharply at 8:00PM this year.

Members were welcomed to the first meeting of 2006 and reminded to renew their memberships. The meeting was official with 33 members present we had a quorum!

The Secretary distributed minutes for the December meeting to the members a few minutes before the meeting started leaving ample time for all to scrutinize. Nick asked for a motion that the minutes be accepted as printed. Stu Watson so motioned, seconded by John Mickle. The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Nick asked if there were any guests in attendance. New members Kevin and his girlfriend Michelle introduced themselves. Apparently we are going to have to watch out for Michelle. She has been flying the pants off Kevin on the sim and has herself a Twist to fly come the spring. Kevin is a past member returning to the fold. All those in attendance welcomed them both.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nick Saraco reported that the club's Frozen finger Fun-Fly was well attended. It was a relatively mild, for January, day with light winds which helped to bring so many people out. He thanked Ron Monkley for the donation of the use of his very quiet Honda generator and space heater as well as the stew and chili Ron prepared himself. It was discovered that the new "Transmitter Hut" could comfortably hold a picnic table, folding table and 8 people quite comfortably. Nick was also thanked for bringing out some of his secret recipe chili as well. The First Flight of the year goes to Chris Page with his electric helicopter. Jack Mancotte had the first glow powered flight of the year and the First Crash honors go to Jim Daly with Terry Tupper in close second. Tony Ferrara and Terry Tupper had the first Combat sortie of the New Year. For next year it was decided to hold the event from 11 AM till 2 PM. The members were also asked to try and bring more wood for the fire as we barely had any this year.

Nick informed everyone that the following "house keeping items had been completed: Club's MAAC Registration and the Hall rental for 2006. Next he reminded all the Contest Directors to get their sanctions into MAAC so that they can be listed in the MAC MAG Upcoming Events page(s). the last major expense for the year is due in April and that is the lease of the field. Nick sees no problems with this formality as the land owner is very please with our group. Let's keep it that way.

Finally he announced that the club's Financial Statement would be revealed and discussed at the February monthly meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The floor was then opened to the Committee Chairmen to give updates on their respective responsibilities.

FIELD: Brian Facey reported that road was in very rough shape due to the mild weather and the number of people driving into the field for the FFF and as well as other good flying days. He warned that we will need to lay down quite a bit of gravel this Spring/Summer due to the damage.

WINGS PROGRAM: Nick mentioned that the club was still actively looking for more instructors as well as a person to act as Chief Flying Instructor (C.F.I.). It was suggested that it might be easier to get instructors if we cut back the training days from two to one day a week. It was decided that Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM would be the best day and time for all. It was also suggested that a student could contact an instructor on his own and arrange an additional or different day if both were in agreement. He asked for people to come and see him after the meeting and it appears we may have 8+ instructors for this upcoming season. Way to go volunteers!

SWAP MEET: Nick asked the members to do some homework and think about a date for the Swap Meet for 2006. He asked the members to post their thoughts on the bulletin board on the club's website.

CLUB FUN-FLY: The Club Fun-Fly is scheduled for Sunday June 4th. Time to be announced.

NEW BUSINESS: The floor was opened for new business, there was none.

Nick had a few final things on his agenda: 1 – He reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring installment of the Great Rubber Race at the March meeting; 2 – The May meeting was our Annual Show & Tell so get building and 3 – A final reminder that Club Membership Dues were due in by the February meeting to avoid the late fee.

PRANGED PIG: Rod Hopkins nominated Terry Tupper for crashing his combat plane at the Frozen Finger Fun-Fly. Apparently Terry's plane had only up elevator and it became jammed up during launch and almost went into the back of his pickup truck. Luckily nothing or nobody was hit. The problem was fixed and the airplane was flying successfully in a few minutes.

Ron Mattiuz nominated David Pengely for trying to thread his plane through some tree branches, unsuccessfully. The wing became lodged in the tree and had to be rescued. This also took place at the Frozen Finger Fun-Fly.

A third casualty of the FFF was Jim Daly, nominated by Terry Tupper. Jim was loaned an airplane and failed to check the CG. The SPAD in question was hand launched and was flying so erratically that Jim attempted to bring it in for a landing during which time he took his eyes off the airplane to adjust the throttle trim when the aircraft pitched down into the ground.

The last nomination came from Terry Tupper again whom nominated his son Shane, for getting overconfident while piloting his flying wing during which time he was getting closer and closer to the ground on each pass till finally he just flew right into it.

A vote was taken and the membership decided that since Terry already had it from last month, he just might as well keep it for another month. Congrats Terry.

FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW:

Stu Watson who walked away with \$59.00 in his pocket won the 50/50 Draw this month.

Next meeting is Wednesday February 1ST, 2006, 20h00, (8:00 PM).

Meeting adjourned at 21h20.

Recorded by: James Daly, Club Secretary