

Flying Tigers R.C. Club Minutes

Date: January 2 2008

Called to order (time) 8:15 PM (20h15)

Executive present:

President	Jim Daley
Treasurer	Nick Saraco
Secretary	Rob Weiss
Officer at large	Richard Koning
Past President	Terry Tupper

#Members Present 18

Presidents Report:

Jim Daly welcomed everyone to his inaugural meeting as president of Flying Tiger Radio Control Club. He asked if there were any visitors or new members that were in attendance for the first time, none were present.

Minutes from the December 2007 meeting had been distributed to members as they came in. Jim asked for the minutes to be accepted as written. John Mickle made the motion to accept the minutes and it was second by Darleen Walton. The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Jim continued the meeting with an overview of the frozen finger fly held on January 1/08. It was a little disappointing that there were only about 10 members that showed up but the weather probably played a big part in that. It seemed to be snowing heavily around the Hamilton region but the weather improved the closer you got to the flying field. There were even times when the sun seemed to poke out from behind the clouds.

The first official flight of 2008 was logged by Rob Weiss and his electric Stryker followed by the first glow powered flight by Jack Marcotte and his Showtime 50.

Although it was not mentioned at the meeting we would like to thank Jim Daly for the hot & wholesome beef stew and buns that he brought and also to Jack Marcotte for supplying the Tim Hortons coffee and Tim Bits. This was very much appreciated by everyone at the field.

With the exception of the driveway being a mess it was a successful event and fun was had by all who attended

Membership

Nick Saraco indicated that we have approximately 70 members in our club at this time of that, 20 members were all paid for next season. Renewal Forms are available from Nick or you can download them from the Flying Tigers web site. All members need to be paid by the February meeting or there will be a \$25 late fee applied to your membership dues. Don't forget you must have a MAAC membership as well to fly at our field.

Renewal trends for our club tend to be:

- 1/3 Early Payment
- 1/3 On time Payment
- 1/3 Late Payment (+\$25 fee)

Committee Reports:

SOMA

Nick Saraco mentioned that the first planning meeting will be held in January some time. As Nick is hosting this meeting he will be setting the date shortly. He also reminded the members that volunteers were still required and would be greatly appreciated.

Heli Fun -Fly

Joe Bajkor reminded everyone that the heli fun-fly would be on Saturday July 5 /08 with a rain date of Sunday July 6 /08. He will also be contacting MAAC magazine so that there will be at least two issues with advertisements for the event in them. Darleen Walton will graciously be doing the food again this year.

IMAC

Jim Daly reiterates that the IMAC event will be held at our field on Saturday July 20 and Sunday July 21 2008. Darleen said that she would help out with the food for this event as well.

Flight Training

Our chief flight instructor Terry Tupper stated that there were no plans to change the days of instruction at this time so it will remain on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 1:00pm. He will reassess the situation if need be later in the spring.

BBQ

Nick Saraco point out that last year we had a BBQ several times after flight instruction. He asked the members if they would like to continue this again this year. It was suggested to have then about twice a month for July and August with the actual dates to be determined later. The membership agreed to continue it again this year.

Field/Maintenance

Our new Field Dog Richard Koning reported that there was some work to be done on the Massey tractor. A new drive belt was needed and the radiator may need some work done to it (cooling problems).

The orange fence that separates the pit area from the flying area will be replaced this year with a 3 foot high chain link fence. This is to help protect people in the pit area and to prevent people from stepping over the fence with their aircraft running.

There will also be five 2.4 GHz spots added on the frequency board. There was a discussion about adding more but since there is only 5 flight stations there would be no need of any more.

Repair to the lower part of the driveway will probably have to be done this year. Weather it needs to be graded, rolled or fill (stone) added will be determined later in the spring.

New Business

No new business was reported

Break Time Entertainment

During the break Jim Daly had arranged to show the video "Aerobatic Shoot out 2006" from Tucson Arizona. The video showed many of the top rated pilots doing their free style routine. Their flying skills are incredible.

Pranged Pig

Being winter there has not been a lot of flying but there was one nominee for this prestigious award

Joe Bajkor nominated Sam Rinaldis for an incident that occurred in Joe's garage. It seems that Sam had bought a new little electric heli and was excited about showing it off to Joe. Sam turned on the power to his Tx and then the Rx and carefully placed the heli on the floor. As Sam advanced the throttle nothing happened, the rotors didn't budge. Sam checked all the other movable surfaces and they all worked just fine. After playing with it for a minute he advanced the throttle to full power, still nothing happened. Sam still couldn't figure out why the heli wouldn't respond, he set the throttle back to low. As he did the heli came to life rocketing to the ceiling smashing numerous parts of his brand new never flown heli. Apparently in Sam's hast to show Joe his little gem he forgot check to see if the throttle servo was reversed. Sam now had a \$30 repair bill for a \$90 heli. For this he is awarded the first Pranged Pig award for 2008.

Door Prize

The door prize of a \$40 gift certificate at Skycraft Hobbies was won by Ralf Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05