



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.
June 2005 Meeting Minutes

01 June 2005

Call to Order: 20h25 (8:25 PM)

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President
Rod Hopkins – Treasurer
Jim Daly – Secretary
Brian Facey – Officer at Large

Members present: 25

The President called the meeting to order at 20h25.

While welcoming everyone to the June meeting he asked how many members had already been out to the field flying. A few members responded that they had and that the field was in good condition.

Minutes for the April and May meetings were distributed to the members as they arrived. Nick asked for someone to move that the minutes be accepted as printed. Moved by John Nichol and seconded by Jim Daly.

Nick reported that two more Safety Starting Stands have been added to the two we already have. One was donated by a club member and the other was built from scrap wood.

MIDDLE ZONE FUN-FLY

The "Prez" then reported the third organizational meeting that our club attended concerning the Middle Zone Fun-Fly to be held August 20 – 21, 2005. Nick reported that the "seed" money was now all in from the participating clubs. \$300.00 of this money is being used to purchase prizes at the local hobby shops. The last meeting will be in July.

The floor was opened to new business and Larry Hlavenka inquired as to why the "summer month" meetings were not held at the field as was typical of other clubs? Many of the members expressed that the facilities offered by 447 Wing were much more conducive to a relaxing boyz night out, (sorry Darlene), than the hot sticky field. The general feeling of the members present was to continue as we have been doing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FIELD: Brian Facey reported the new Pilot's Stations were almost complete. Cost for implementing the new MAAC Field Safety Codes have cost approximate \$50.00 to date. The shelter has yet to be moved but once completed it will be located approximately 20 feet back towards the rear fence line. Our Massey lawn tractor threw a pulley, we are awaiting parts and the Sears tractor required a new tire. Nick asked Brian how the damaged sunshade repairs were progressing. Brian reported that Don Brison had been unable to work on it as of yet.

Nick pointed out that there was a mistake in the May meeting minutes where it had been reported that the field owner was unhappy about garbage being left around. This was not true. He was a little concerned about the length of the grass surrounding the perimeter of the field and asked that we keep it shorter.

Brian mentioned that there was a 10' x 10' portable sun shade currently available at Canadian Tire for \$150.00 + taxes and enquired if perhaps it might not be a bad idea for the club to purchase one. A vote was put to the members present and it was decided to purchase two. Brian was tasked with obtaining these.

Brian asked the members to please clean up after themselves by ensuring all chairs and other items they have removed from the shed be returned to their appropriate spot not just left all over the field.

It should be noted that Darlene Walton took it upon herself to plant some flowers and other plants around the field. Thank you Darlene they have definitely enhanced the look of our field.

Ralph Martin mentioned that he was at a club in the Southern United States where it was mandatory to use an empty tank or fuel bulb connected to the tank overflow to collect the fuel that would normally have just spilled onto the grass. It was suggested that this would be a good practice to follow as it would keep the grass area in the Pitts healthier and was safer for the environment.

TRAINING: Gary Maker announced that 6 flight training days had already taken place. Students were progressing well. Gary also reminded everyone that Thursday from 6 – 9 PM and Saturday from 9 – Noon were designated as Training Days Only. No general flying, by the membership or guests, is allowed during these dates and times. Please do not show up at the field during this time expecting to fly, you will be turned away

FUN-FLY:

Nick announced that the Annual Club Fun-Fly would be a "club only" event this year due to its close proximity, in dates, to the Zone Fun-Fly. This will be a Pot-Luck Lunch on Sunday August 28th, 2005. As the title implies everyone is asked to bring something, for lunch. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

HELI FUN-FLY:

Duane Bouyea reported everything was a go for Saturday July 2nd 2005 with the 3rd as a rain date. A higher turnout than last year is expected. Darlene and Don will be running the food concession. Joe Bajkor asked if it would be possible for the club to purchase one of the new Hobbico Scanners for use during the contest. Peter Menning graciously offered to make the purchase and donate it to the club. Thank you Peter. All members are reminded that the field is closed to all fixed wing aircraft on this date.

COMBAT:

Terry Tupper informed everyone that this event may be canceled due to possible non-participation of our American friends. Approximately only 6 or 7 fliers might attend. A final decision will be made on Wednesday June 8th.

IMAC:

Co-CD Brian Facey reported that preparations for the upcoming contest, June 9th & 10th, were coming along nicely and encouraged all club members to stop by during the contest and check it out. He also reminded everyone of the Stoney Creek IMAC coming up on July 18/19 2005.

SHOW AND TELL:

Richard Crother showed off his latest creation, a low wing electric sport model he calls the LD-102. It has a wingspan of 54", weighs about 4.5 lbs and is powered by a brushless motor.

NEW BUSINESS

The floor was opened to New Business and the membership was reminded of the upcoming Burlington Float Fly June 11/12, 2005 at the Christie Conservation Area.

Graham Lumsden asked about the clubs weekly float flying at the Binbrook Conservation Area. Nick reported that he had been unable to contact the responsible parties at the Conservation Authority.

PRANGED PIG:

Darlene nominated Don Brison for parking his big Cub in one of the only two trees close to the field. The parking turned out to be more like a threading maneuver and it is sad to report that the remains are now somewhere in a land fill site. As there were no other nominations, Don was the winner again, making it three months in a row I believe.

FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW

The 50/50 Draw took place with the \$54.00 prize won by jack Dundas.

Next meeting is Wednesday July 6th, 2005, 20h00, (8:00 PM).

Meeting adjourned at 21h30.