



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.
March 2005 Meeting Minutes

02 March 2005

Call to Order: 19h55

Executive Present:

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

The President called the meeting to order at 19h55.

He welcomed everyone to the March meeting and reminded all that club business would be kept to a minimum in order to facilitate the running of the 8th Annual Great Rubber Race.

Minutes for the February meeting were handed out by the Secretary prior to the meeting being called to order however a “last Call” was made for those that may have come in late. Nick asked if anyone required the minutes to be read. Since there was no response from the membership, John Mickle moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Rod Hopkins seconded and the motion was put to the floor and carried unanimously.

New members and Guests were asked to identify themselves and the Club welcomed Don Henning as its newest member hole heartedly into the club. Don resides in Caledonia and has been flying on his own for years on his mother’s property just outside of Caledonia. I guess he was getting a little lonely out there and decided to join in all the fun we are having as a group of like minded individuals pursuing this obsession of ours. Welcome aboard Don. I am sure we will learn much from each other in the years to come.

Next a member introduced his son, Paul David Hill, a junior, as a guest who would be competing in his first contest at the ripe old age of eight years old. The members welcomed the addition to our ranks for the duel between our club and the Burlington R/C Modelers.

The "Prez" then reported on the preliminary organizational meeting, held Feb 17, 2005, that our club attended concerning the proposed Middle Zone Fun-Fly. Present at the meeting, from our club, were Ron Mattiuz, Gary Maker and Nick Saraco. Also present were members of both the Stoney Creek and Niagara clubs. Nick gave a brief overview of what was discussed at the meeting. It is to be called "The Great Lakes Model Aviation Airshow & Expo and is tentatively scheduled as a two day event to be held August 20 – 21, 2005 at the Stoney Creek Airport located on Mudd Street east of Centennial Parkway. The organizing committee has asked each participating club to donate \$350.00 startup money for items like advertising and rental expenses.

This event is being organized as a Public Relations event to enlighten the general public on our modeling activities. Plans are under way to invite several local newspapers and TV stations out for the weekend. Numerous display teams are being formed to expose the public to the numerous and very diverse disciplines in R/C Modeling

After the overview the club was asked whether we would like to participate, as a club, or not in the fun-fly. The membership was reminded that we normally hold our own club fun-fly around this time and there was some concern about participation in both with the two events being back to back. Some discussion followed during which the membership was asked for a show of hands as to whom would like the club to participate in this event. The "YEAHS" overwhelmingly indicated the clubs desire. It was decided to let the Fun-Fly Chairman and the Executive to resolve the issue of the back-to-back events. More information to follow in the coming months, check the club website, <http://www.flyingtigers.ca>, for updates.

The Treasurer reported that the Executive had authorized a \$2000.00 injection into the "Sinking Fund" to further bolster our clubs "Replacement Field Fund. Hopefully we will not require the use of this fund for several years to come but it is always good to have something to fall back on should the unthinkable happen.

The floor was then opened to the Committee Chairmen to give updates on the various events we have coming up. There were no new issues to report from any of them.

Pranged Pig:

The floor was opened for nominations for the pig. Terry Tupper nominated Don Brisson to receive the Pig for lack of good judgment. The incident occurred at the field the previous week when Don inadvertently tried to stop a spinning propeller with his hand. Terry reported that Don would be ok but probably should have gone for stitches. Unfortunately Don was not present to defend himself therefore the members present had no choice but to vote for him unanimously. Congratulations Don!

Final call for 50-50 draw was announced. A total of \$146 was collected and the \$73 prize went to a visiting member from the Burlington club. Sorry I neglected to get the gentleman's name.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20h20 in order to conduct the Great Rubber Race. Event report to follow.