



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.

November 2005 Meeting Minutes

02 November 2005

Call to Order: 20h20 (8:20 PM)

Executive Present:

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

Members present: 25

The President called the meeting to order at 20h20, welcomed all in attendance.

Minutes for the October meeting were distributed to the members by the Secretary 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, so moved by Ron Mattiuz, seconded by John Mickle. The members voted to accept the minutes, unanimously.

Nick reminded everyone that it was that time of year again to renew both your Club and MAAC memberships. The club will be trying something new this year in that it will provide each member with a “personalized” Club Renewal Form. As mentioned at a few past meetings, members are to note any changes on the form. Additionally we are asking all to fill in any blanks or gaps in information we are missing. We will be including new fields for Date Of Birth, Emergency Contact(s) – Name(s) & Number(s) and email address to name a few. Please pay special attention to the “Member Type” field as the system defaulted to “Open”. Please change if you are a “Junior” or “Senior” member. Lastly fill out the Total Money being remitted to the club, sign & date and return it with the appropriate payment.

Nick asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. There were two new members present: Neil Nugent was previously a member of the Burlington club but decided to come over from the Dark Side and join our little merry band of brothers. Jeff Hisell is a rank rookie. Both were welcomed whole heartedly by all in attendance.

Various points of business were floored by the President:

SWAP MEET: Members were reminded that the swap meet will be held on Saturday November 5th, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The hall will be open at 8:00 AM for the Vendors. There will be 18 – 20 tables available.

Jim Mickle suggested “Hello” tags be given out to identify those attendees that had paid the admission at the door. This was brought up as it appears that several people managed to be admitted last year without paying. The club decided this was a good idea and it was further suggested that the Vendors where the same name tags and that way people could get to know one and another a little better.

Darlene Walton will be looking after the food and will be rustling up Hot dogs, Hamburgers and Sausages on a gas BBQ provided by Past Prez Terry Tupper.

Nick asked for volunteers to help setup on Friday night and approximately six members responded.

CLUB ELECTIONS: Nick reminded members of the upcoming Club Elections to be held at the December meeting. He asked them to consider nominating people for the following Executive Positions: President; Treasurer; Secretary & Officer At Large. He also asked them to consider volunteering to head the following Committees: Middle Zone Fun-Fly, Food, Fun-Fly, and Swap Meet.

David Pengelly suggested a mailing of a short letter describing what is involved with each Executive position. David was “volunteered” for this task.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Nick brought up the topic of Membership Participation or rather the lack of it. He suggested the possibility of “user fees” for those members that simply joined but never participated in any club events, including meetings. It seems the same 10 to 15 people are doing all the work in the club while others are merely just using the club as a place to fly. They do not volunteer to help at any of the club functions in any capacity. There was much debate for and against and it was decided this topic would be revisited early in the New Year.

MEMBER RECOGNITION: Two of the club’s members received special recognition during the meeting: The President presented Dick Koning with a plaque in recognition of all his hard works throughout the years, culminating with the building of the new Transmitter impound. The plaque will be prominently mounted on the new structure.

Terry Tupper presented long time member Ron Mattiuz with a Club Lifetime Membership & Plaque in recognition of his services as the clubs Past Chief Flying Instructor as well as all the other work he has done for the club. Ron will soon be leaving us as he moves his family to BC. Ron you will be greatly missed. Our clubs loss is most definitely one of the BC Clubs’ gain.



Dick Koning (L) & Nick Saraco



Ron Mattiuz (L) & Terry Tupper

GREAT RUBBER RACE: Members were reminded it was once again time for the Great Rubber Race. This installment is to be held at the Burlington RC Club on Thursday November 24th, 2005. Race Time is immediately following the club monthly meeting. Practice is available from 7:00 PM till about 7:45 PM. All members are encouraged to attend to defend the club’s title and bragging rights!

MAAC CLUB REGISTRATION: Nick assured the members that he would have the MAAC Club Registration Form submitted by the 2nd week of November ensuring that all club announcements concerning, contests and fun-flies would be published in all the 2006 MAAC Mags.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FIELD: Brian Facey reported that the field would be cut by Dick Koning as the grass was getting long again and the good flying weather just won't seem to end!

WINGS PROGRAM: Nick announced that the club was looking at revamping the club's Fight Instruction Program. He asked the members to consider volunteering to become an instructor. The club will also be looking for a new CFI. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, Gary Maker will no longer be able to serve in this capacity. The Executive, along with the new CFI and Instructors will be looking towards a more structured arrangement than in past years. More details to come.

SCALE AEROBATICS CONTEST: Brian Facey announced that the club would hold its 4th Annual Scale Aerobatics contest the weekend of July 8th & 9th, 2006. All were invited to come out and try their hand at the Basic routine. CD Brian Facey and Co-CD Jim Daly will be setting up some casual practice dates for those interested in trying out the sequence before the contest.

HELI FUNFLY: Joe Bajcor announced that the club would be holding its annual Heli Fun-Fly on Saturday July 1st, 2006 with Sunday July 2nd as the rain date.

CLUB FUNFLY: The Club Fun-Fly will be held the first weekend in June. Firm date to follow.

PRANGED PIG: No nominees for this month so... Congratulations Jack you get to keep the Pig for another month.

FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW:

The 50/50 Draw took place with the \$59.00 prize won by Terry Tupper.

Next meeting is Wednesday December 7TH, 2005, 20h00, (8:00 PM).

Meeting adjourned at 21h15.

Recorded by: James Daly, Club Secretary