

## Minutes of the HPAAC AGM - May 19, 2002

After an incredible day of flying by all, and an amazing dinner to boot, the AGM was called to order at 21:45 at the home of Brian Wheaton.

### Attendance:

Brian Boudreau, Lance Mitchell, Michael Fuller, Judith Newman, Michel Fougere, Shawn Hicks, Kevin Harvey, Tim Parker, Christopher Ball, Brian Wheaton

- 1. The agenda** (see attached) was approved with a request for the "Business arising from Minutes" to come after "Reports". Unanimously approved.
- 2. Minutes from the May 21<sup>st</sup> 2001** AGM and the January 30<sup>th</sup> 2002 meetings were read. Michael pointed out a correction to the May 21 minutes that only Blake wrote the HAGAR, (Michael already had it).  
Judith moved to adopt the May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes to unanimous approval.  
Michael moved to adopt the January 30<sup>th</sup> minutes with a correction to item 6, change from Parks Canada to DNR. Unanimous approval.
- Judith read a very thorough **presidents report**, which was unanimously approved.
- Judith read the **treasurers report** due to the fact that Chris Walters was unable to attend. Most of the costs this year were bank charges, registering of the association and minor housekeeping. Most cheques have now been accounted for. It was pointed out that the GIC with a value of \$867.40 expires on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Chris Walters suggests re-investment unless otherwise allocated at this meeting. Total assets are \$3,495.53. There is a commitment towards the Hughes Brook road and a commitment of \$50 each to NFLD and NS for renewal of registration. Judith called for a motion to accept the Treasurers Report to unanimous approval, and discussion followed.  
Michael asked for a clarification on the commitment towards the Hughes Brook Road. There was some discussion of the GIC and whether to renew or add some funds to it. It was pointed out that since interest rates are so low, there might not be much benefit renewing. Shawn suggested we open a Presidents Choice account, which does not charge bank fees, interest is earned on money held in the account, cheques are free and the account is accessible through interact. There is some question about whether associations as opposed to individuals can have a PC account, but the recommendation is for Chris Walters to explore the possibilities.
- 5. Safety Report**, read by Brian Wheaton. It was pointed out that pilots who travel outside of the Maritimes and into the US should get Medical Insurance. CAA offers insurance at less than \$2 per day. Information on this can be found through the National organization.  
If you plan to fly in the US, call ahead regarding membership in the USHGA. Some sites require it and some don't. Christopher asked about the possibility of the HPAC and the USHGA having a reciprocal agreement so we can fly there and vice versa. Judith will check with the National.  
In the last 12 months there was one accident and one incident, both of which are in the process of being written up. Michael suggested following up on these reports soon, as he heard that Jonathan Ingles has also had two incidents in the valley which have not been reported as far as anyone knows. There was a debate about the difference between an accident and an incident and at what point to you "report". It was pointed out that the A.I.P has definitions for "incidents" and "accidents" as well as reporting procedures. Michel Fougere asked about hospitalization if you get hurt when in another province. Judith pointed out that the policy is to take you to the nearest high-quality centre or give you the choice of going to your home province if it is safe and reasonable to do so.  
As new sites are developed, Brian reminded everyone to give himself or Michael a call for help in assessing the sites. For existing sites, there is a guide on the HPAAC web site, and Brian welcomes all pilots to add comments as they experience conditions at these locations. Judith offered to accept pilot comments by email and add them to the web site.  
Brian pointed out that some pilots were a bit too anxious to fly despite occasionally marginal conditions at Hidden Falls today, and there were some risks taken. He feels that he or Michael should intervene if there is any question about conditions, risk or experience level. It was pointed

out that this is something we should all take some responsibility for as pilots, even though the final decision to launch is up to the pilot. There is also the threat of sites being shut down if accidents happen, so it is in everyone's benefit to take action if risk is apparent.

6. Michael Fuller suggested that we do an annual **First Aid Course**. Lance Mitchell is a medic and has left some first aid gear with Michael for use by the club. Although he is not certified to give a first aid course, he will gladly demonstrate the gear and give some pointers. It was suggested that this be built into the next fly in and/or on the Novice weekend.
7. There was some discussion of the **Corner Brook Fly in** dates of August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, but this needs to be clarified as it does not fall on a weekend.
8. Michael stated that there was nothing new to report in the **Newsletter Report**. One has been issued and two more are planned.
9. **Business from Minutes Wind Talkers**: The equipment for 2 more wind talkers will be here by the end of the month. There was a discussion about where to put them, with Advocate, Economy, High Head, Green Hill and eventually Dorchester as possible candidates. Advocate is already in the works, so it was agreed that Economy would be a good place to run the other one for the short term until all bugs are worked out, then move it to High Head later. \$30 per pilot for the ongoing costs of the wind talkers was collected from members who wished to contribute. Brian suggested that we send a cheque for the year (\$300) to Blake now as he is fronting the costs, while we are still collecting from pilots. Work party volunteers were canvassed for the Cape Chinecto installation and names were collected by Judith. Michael Fuller will also write an article on the Wind talkers for AIR magazine. Michel Fougere suggested that the Weather Network might be looking for stories, and that HG and PG (and the wind-talkers) might be an interesting topic for them. Michel will make an inquiry.  
**HAGAR**: A reminder for all members to send in their HAGAR to Andre Nadeau at HPAC once you have taken and passed the test.  
**Membership Development**: There are 17 pilots this year, so membership is up.  
**Summer Students**: Shawn did get some information, but the deadline has passed. There would be a lot to do on the administration side, money would be required up front and we'd need someone to oversee the students, so it may be a difficult proposition.  
**Safety Stickers**: The HPAC board decided not to go ahead on this due to costs.  
**New Fly-in Name**: "The Atlantic HG and PG Festival" is suggested as an alternative name with general agreement by all present. Another fly-in is being tentatively proposed for the fall, perhaps the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.  
**Registration with Joint Stocks**; Chris Walters and Judith Newman are taking care of this in NFLD and NS respectively.
10. **New business HPAAC Membership Dues**: The HPAAC membership voted unanimously to have HPAC continue to collect the dues on their behalf. Judith will take this request to the National.  
**New Site Development**: Michel is developing a new site in Dorchester and has questions about approaching landowners. Do we need to have them sign, or show them a waiver? Michael and Brian suggested that this may scare people off and verbal agreements have worked well in Parrsboro so far. Judith will check with HPAC on a landowner package of some sort and whether a verbal agreement is acceptable. Government or Provincial Parks will need an official agreement of some sort, as opposed to private landowners.  
There was some discussion on how to help set up new sites. The club could purchase windsocks, for example and members could volunteer to help with work parties.  
Christopher updated the potential Hirtles Beach site; one landowner has said no and the others have not responded. He and Brian Boudreau may try to fly this site soon.  
Shenstone near Hillsborough may also be a potential site. The landowner would be welcoming of pilots, so it just needs to be properly scouted. Christopher offered to do aerial surveys from his ultralight if anyone wanted to have an area checked out.
11. Judith suggested a **periodic get-together and possible information sessions**. Trips to the FSS (now FIS — Flight Information Service) or to the Aviation Museum were suggested as good winter activities or meeting locations.
12. **Nomination of officers: President**: Judith Newman  
**VP**: Blake Daley  
**Treasurer**: Chris Walters

**Secretary:** Christopher Ball

**Newsletter:** Michael Fuller

**Safety:** Brian Wheaton

Unanimously approved.

13. At 24:00 Judith Newman made the **motion to adjourn**. There was unanimous approval and we all crawled off to bed, exhausted.

Respectfully submitted,

**Christopher Ball**  
**Secretary HPAAC**