

HPAAC Minutes of AGM , May 18 2003

Sunday May 18, 2003 at the Gloosgap Restaurant, Parrsboro

After a good meal and refreshments, the meeting was called to order at approximately 20:30

HPAAC Members Present: Michael Fuller, Blake Daley, David Peck, Joselyn Bourgeois, Dan Yorke, Mike Fougere, Christopher Ball, Brian Wheaton, Judith Newman, Kevin Harvey, Tim Parker, Shawn Hicks, Brian Boudreau, Jonathan Ingles, Tracey Dempsey, Mark Dempsey, Brendan McKenna, Tim Reicker.

Brief Introduction from Michael Fuller: This is the biggest meet yet with 35 people plus hopefuls present over the weekend, 20 of those were pilots.

Role Call of Officers; All present except Chris Walters

Minutes from May 19, 2002 and of March 8, 2003 were summarized by Judith Newman and Adopted. She noted that reports, minutes etc are available on the website. www.lupinworks.com/hpaac. There is also a link at the HPAC site.

Minutes AGM 2002, Minutes March 8/03

Business Arising from Minutes:

HAGAR study guide is available on the HPAC site.

Last year 17 Atlantic members registered/renewed with HPAC. Don't forget to log on and update your information. Your HPAC number or last 4 digits of your phone number is your password.

Blake was dealing with registration of Joint Stock and Judith will confirm this.

National insurance issues have been resolved but with an increase in membership fees. For Atlantic members that will be \$125/year

Windtalker phone numbers will go on web site. Hidden Falls is working; Advocate is installed but needs repair; Economy and West Bay...we have the equipment, just need installation. MT&T is not charging us for monthly charges or airtime. They hope to recoup from incoming LD calls.

We would still like to have a first aid course (We did have the high-rescue talk on Friday night). Christopher recommended a Wilderness First Aid course he completed, run by Blair Doyle in HFX. Will post the details on the discussion group.

Judith read the **President's Report**.

Judith read the **Treasurers Report**. Site development in New Brunswick was proposed for the coming year.

Michael Read the **Newsletter Report** (posted on line) and announced he will be passing the torch to David Peck

Brian Wheaton read the **Safety Report**:

Michael and Brian have been working on acquiring rescue rope and other supplies for possible tree or cliff emergencies. Paul Hill gave pilots a briefing on Friday about cliff rescue techniques

There have been two incidents since the new year involving new pilots flying in higher winds; (perhaps a "no fly" situation). It is suggested new pilots always fly with an experienced person. The PEI incident is to be reported to HPAC.

Michael's accident at Dennis Beach was discussed. It was a result of strong conditions during ground handling (not yet even in the harness when the canopy inflated).

HPAAC is planning to have a reserve repack seminar – notice and dates to come soon. You can leave your reserve to be repacked if you can't make it, or come to the seminar.

Compliments to Michael for running a safe school with his many students.

Thanks to the Hidden Falls tree clean up crew (C.Ball and B. Boudreau) for taking down some encroaching trees.

Discussion:

All incidents should be reported to HPAC so others can learn from them. Reposts are put in a safety column of the newsletter. Note to always have a third party at launch to do a Hang-check and always have a standard procedure you follow for launch. Nominations and Elections

No new nominations from the floor

The New Executive was elected:

President: Blake Daley

VP: Michael Fuller

Secretary: Christopher Ball

Treasurer: Tim Parker

Editor: David Peck

Safety Officer: Brian Wheaton

Webmaster (and Past President): Judith Newman

New Business

It was suggested that we have a landowner column in the next newsletter recognizing those who let us use their land. An annual Christmas card for landowners was also suggested.

Dennis Babineau has cleaned up and made a nice LZ for us at Hidden Falls and we'd like to thank him. An aerial photo enlargement of his house was suggested as a suitable gift. Michael made a motion that we recognize Dennis in this way.

1st Joselyn Bourgeois,
2nd Mark Dempsey.
All in Favour.

Site maintenance – crews are needed for High Head (although some good work was done on the Monday after the meeting) and for Alma near Sussex NB.

Brian will organize a High Rescue Course and anyone can participate ~ you don't have to be a pilot or a member

There was discussion to have HPAAC officially host the annual Fly-in and Festival starting next year (The 10th year).

Motion; Michael Fuller
1st Joselyn Bourgeois
2nd Mark Dempsey
All in Favour

There was discussion of registering a unique domain name for HPAAC for the web site, but the resolve was to leave it the way it is (as part of Judith Newman's web site)

Also a discussion of individually surcharging for lunches during the fly-in / PGHG Festival next year. The resolve was to leave it the way it was this year, which worked very well. (Pilots paid a fee at the beginning and lunch was provided to all)

Joselyn asked if the association can accept donations for a tax receipt, but we are not a charitable organization, so we cannot.

Michael discussed the idea of the Association getting a winch. Should it be part of HPAAC? What about the training of operators? Where will it be kept? What about maintenance? What about access? Lots of questions! Think about it and discuss it on the YAHOO Discussion Group. We need to get some information together, including how we are going to finance it, and discuss it at a meeting later on.

Final Announcements

There was a Presentation of Appreciation to Michael for organizing and leading the festival. Michael expressed great thanks and wished to also thank Brian Wheaton who puts lots of time into the event as well. Also thanks to Ruth for the excellent baking and treats.

Finally, special thanks to Judith Newman for a great job as past president.

The meeting was adjourned at approx 21:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Ball
Secretary HPAAC