

HPAAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006 – MINUTES

Attendance: Christopher Ball, David Peck, John McKenna, Brian Wheaton, Brendan McKenna, Kenny Bryenton, Kevin Harvey, Tim Parker, Lance Mitchell, Tim Reicker, Gunther Gebhardt, Maxine Westhead, Tim Fedak, Erik English, Greg Boyd, Mark Dempsey, Brian Boudreau, Trevor Romo, Michael Fuller, Judith Newman, Blake Daley.

The meeting started at approximately 20:30 in the Stowaway Restaurant, Parsboro

Blake Daley started off the meeting welcoming all members, pilots, and visitors.

Brian Boudreau read the minutes from 2005 (Christopher was away last year)
Minutes were approved

Business arising from minutes:

- Crabbe Mountain – nothing was done at that site
- West Bay – ownership has changed hands – note to be careful in how we approach West bay...minimize cars (leave any unnecessary vehicles on the main road) and double check that all garbage INCLUDING WIND RIBBONS have been taken away after flying.
- Fox River – Launch was improved and very much admired by everyone on the weekend. Unfortunately, only a few of pilots were able to use it because of light winds this weekend.
- Welsford Mountain – Tim Reicker noted that it is owned by Irving and permission has not been sought, but there is a concern that if we seek official permission, we may get into too many issues (and a likely “no”), so the thought is to continue using it on the QT. Judith asked for info on the site to put on the web page and Tim will provide the necessary info
- Web Site: Needs updating..please send info on sites to Judith for updating.
- Yahoo Group: There are a number of unknown names on the Yahoo group list, so it needs to be cleaned up and update. Judith will send an email to all members on the list asking them to respond and identify themselves and update their member profiles. Anyone who doesn't respond after one month will be deleted from the list.

Treasurer's report

Tim Parker read the treasurers report, which is in the last issue of In Flight magazine. The balance is \$2151 with \$200 more coming from HPAC for 2004. Michael asked Tim to remind HPAC to remit 2005 dues, as they are now late doing so.

We have not received the bill for the Fox River launch work, and Michael mentioned that the work might have been donated. Tim will check with the contractor and either receive an invoice for the work or clear the liability from the books if it's donated.

President's report

- Blake expressed his happiness at breaking the two year spell of “no flying” at the festival with the successful flights we had over the past two days.
- He encouraged involvement in Tim Reicker's Maritime Challenge – it encourages and supports the flying community and the proceeds will go to site development. If some of the funding went to a place like Welsford, it could create a whole New Brunswick contingent by providing a good thermal flying site
- This year's festival will provide \$400 in site development funding

Safety

Motion by Michael Fuller: All HPAAC thermal potential sites or coastal sites that have the potential of 500 feet or more altitude shall be restricted to pilots who are carrying a reserve parachute.

Seconded by Brian Wheaton

Carried unanimously.

National Report

Michael spoke about a new national rating system that is being developed and introduced within the next year. There will be exams for Intermediate and Instructor levels and new requirements for Novice ratings. There may also be ratings for different types of experience; i.e. tow / coastal / mountain etc.

The insurance policy is also being reviewed.

HPAC now has a new business manager, (Troy Whitmore; admin@hpac.ca) . Write to him for concerns or questions.

Christopher spoke about the new HAGAR testing. TC no longer offers locations to write tests for all levels of recreational aviation (your tax dollars are being redirected to “border security”). Now, various “invigilators” have been certified to offer the test. Christopher will find out which flight centres or schools are offering this service and how much they will charge and get back to the group.

New Safety Officer Marlene Jacob will now administer National Safety and the whole system is being updated. Last year only 17 accidents/incidents were reported, which is unlikely to be realistic. Michael encouraged everyone to report incidents so that others can learn from them. HPAC is planning to publish accident reports so we can access them, but the system is not currently in place. Blake Daley (see below) is our local safety officer; so report any incident or accident to him.

Brian Wheaton asked for more info on the Cape Breton accident, but HPAC is waiting for a coroner's inquest and police reports before they can proceed with their own report.

Other Issues

Christopher spoke to the issue of the consistently bad weather at this time of year and suggested moving the Festival of Airports to a summertime date with more likelihood of success, and keep this weekend as the AGM and "rust-off" for pilots. The issue was deferred to the Festival Committee, which is separate from HPAAC.

Half Island: Mark Dempsey will look into the process of getting permission for site development at Half Island (Lawrencetown) as good potential exists for a site there. Judith asked for an updated description of the site for the web page

Motion by Michael Fuller; that we budget \$500 for site development at Half Island if we can get permission to proceed.

Seconded by Eric English

Passed unanimously.

Elections

There were no new nominations for the following positions, which are back by acclamation:

Vice President Michael Fuller

Secretary Christopher Ball

Treasurer Tim Parker

Web Site Development Judith Newman

Newsletter Editor Mark Dempsey

Brendan McKenna was nominated and elected as President, as Blake Daley will be stepping down.

Blake Daley was nominated and elected as Safety Officer

Brendan Thanked Blake for his hard work as president and accepted his new position.

Motion to adjourn by Blake Daley

Seconded by Mark Dempsey

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 21:30