

Minutes HPAAC Winter Meeting 2004

Sunday Jan 25th, Bedford, NS

Members present: Christopher Ball, Mark Dempsey, Johanna Redden, Carrol Redden, Asif Illyas, Tim Parker, Jayson Biggins (visitor from Victoria BC), Judith Newman, Michael Fuller, Kelsey Laking, Greg McAusland (visitor), Brendan McKenna, Blake Daley, Sara Daley, Krista Wells, Brian Wheaton, Kevin Harvey.

Meeting began at 19:10

Minutes from the AGM were read, approved and adopted.

Business arising from minutes:

- **Alma site:** No landowner permission has been established – It's a dangerous site and the landowner doesn't want anyone there. We'll need permission before going any further with that.
- **High Head:** Work was done at the AGM weekend, now it's in very good shape.
- **Wind talkers:** The wind talkers didn't all get up and running...(ideally the system needs 120v and a landline to work well and we're trying to do it with cellular phones and solar power). Apparently what we need is a voltage regulator because the batteries are overcharging. Plans are being made to upgrade the equipment and they will be running for the spring. Brian W. offered to take the needed supplies up to the Hidden Falls wind talker this winter. Jayson B. asked how much the systems cost. Blake replied about \$800. Mark Dempsey asked if we could have one at Joggins, Blake replied that we have 4 units and we need to decide the locations we want them. Judith requested an article for AIR magazine on the Wind Talkers as it would be of interest to all across the country. Michael was arm-twisted into this particular job.
- **Green Hill:** The clean up took place, and a good number of people showed up. The west side of the hill was cleared and some trees taken down. Michael requested that everyone get on the discussion group to make communication easier as not everyone heard about the clean up. Also a note that HPAAC members (only members can fly this site) MUST contact the landowner, Nancy Liveau before flying to find out which LZ is available and to tell her they are flying there. Michael has the contact numbers. He also noted that the Liveaus's are very supportive and we should do something for them as a group. Green Hill has potential as a good inland thermal site. Brian requested that the Green Hill information be put into the next newsletter.
- **West Bay:** The power line relocation is done, but there's a phone line yet to be moved. The cost of moving the power line was \$1443.73. It is up to the landowner to get the phone line moved, and Brian will follow up to see how it's going. Michael cautioned that the lines were not moved to allow gliders to "fall back" and fly there, they were removed as a precaution in case you "fell back". Conditions can be dangerous in that area, so stay out front.
- **Hidden Falls:** The road will be improved in the spring for \$500.00. We need two 16" culverts if anyone can get their hands on them cheaply.
- **New Brunswick:** Linda Wilson, co-owner of Crab Mountain in Fredericton said "no" to flying, but may not have fully understood what was being requested. Blake knows the owners and said he would approach her again with more detailed information.
- **Dennis Babinaeu:** Michael has the photo but it needs framing. Kelsey L offered to do it!
- **Chinecto:** We now possess a club key for Cape Chinecto, which Michael has on hand.
- **Blomiden:** Michael, Jayson and Christopher flew from Blomiden today, at the look off and Blomiden itself. Lower Blomiden has the potential for strong venturi on the inside of the cape, so exercise caution and stay well out front.
- **PEI:** Brendan is doing well with sites there, except one, which he can't get landowner permission for. The Provincial Ski Park has said yes for summer flying.

- Brian asked if **Dennis Beach** is on our website, and Judith reminded everyone that she needs information to update the sites. So, anyone with information, email it to her!!
- **Rescue Ropes:** These were not yet purchased, although Michael found some fisherman's rope thrown up by the storm and it's now at the shop ready to be placed at the sites as needed.

New Business:

Asif recounted his adventure on **Citadel Hill** while ground handling and being stopped by police while being photographed for the paper! As we discussed, it's a great location to help sell the sport, but it is illegal to actually take flight there. We could look into a limited class F airspace, but it's unlikely due to the hospital heli-pads in the immediate area. Ground handling is legal however, and it was decided that the executive would approach the police to explain what ground handling is so they know not to bother us if they get a call.

Web Site: Judith noted that photos cannot be sent to Yahoo list as attachments, so email them to her and she can post them. Judith also reminded everyone that she needs info on sites. Michael will get her information on Greenhill and Dennis Beach. Judith will put a link to the web "weather cams" located around the province.

Brendan asked if **non-HPAAC flying sites** could be put on the web site. All HPAAC web site locations should be members-only sites, so we can't put them on if we're not representing them. We could have a link to Brendan's site or email, and he could post the details.

Atlantic In-Flight Magazine: David Peck (not present) was having problems with the software. He was contacted by phone and is working on a resolution. He requested specific deadlines so he could work towards them. It was suggested that the End of October and the End of April (to be in the mail) were suitable.

MOTION: Michael Fuller

1st: Judith Newman

That we adopt a 2-issue cycle that has deadlines of October 31 and April 30 and that the club will support the editor to achieve this.

Discussion: Brian suggested that earlier in April might be better for the fly-in notification. However, the Yahoo group and other methods of communication do a good job of this.

The motion was put to a vote: All in favour.

Fox River: Louis Babinaeau (land renter) has successfully pressured the landowner (Philip Plant) to close the site. There is a launch east of Fox River, but it's not very safe by comparison. Blake did speak to Louis directly and said there may be a chance of swaying him in the future. Fox River was one of the most used sites and excellent for instruction.

Safety:

- Brian W. spoke to safety issues, and mentioned that there will be a detailed article in the newsletter with an overview of accidents and incidents that were mostly discussed in the last meeting.
- There will be a rescue rope/rescue session set up this spring, dates TBA.
- Brian suggested a get together/round-talk session in the Easter holidays if anyone wanted to drop by his place in Parsboro. If there's flying, then great, if not, there's a chance to talk about flying. Brian will get in touch or send a message out about dates for this.
- It was discussed that we should have a reserve parachute clinic once/year. Dates are to be determined on this.
- Michael asked if we should follow up on non-HPAAC incidents or accidents. It was agreed that we should investigate for the good of the sport. (Jayson mentioned an unsafe pilot in BC who they have started to 'bring-around' to a safer way of thinking). Brian W. will contact the NB pilot who has had an incident.

Festival:

Parsboro is putting on an invitational Festival of Flight, inviting all types of pilots and flying machines! A committee has been struck and the festival will take place in the long weekend in May. It will be listed in the tourism guide. Christopher asked about a contact because, as secretary of the Ultralight Flyers group, he can get the word out. Michael F. said he could get the contact info.

National

Michael F. is now Vice President of the National Organization.

- Insurance issues have been resolved and even with slightly less cost!
- Working on administrative efficiency
- Looking for a new editor for AIR magazine
- There is a need to meet on a regular basis, not just online. This year's meeting will be in Toronto and next year is perhaps in Halifax.
- Thinking growth, not just maintenance

Final Business:

Brian W. welcomed Jayson B. who flew with us the last few weeks. Jayson had a great time here and flew more sites than many of us!!!

Michael F mentioned that CBC's "On the Road Again" was filming at Pegasus this spring and will be airing in February. All details will be posted on the discussion group.

Asif I. mentioned a possible site on McNab's Island, (now that Hurricane Juan took the trees away). It is worth investigation – SW launch

Blake D. finished up thanking all. It was great to see lots of people out this year. Hopefully next year; even more.

Meeting adjourned at 21:45