

HPAAC MINUTES – February 6th Mid winter Meeting

Attendees: Christopher Ball, Terry John Myers, Mark Dempsey, Trevor Romo, Lance Mitchell, Tim Parker, Asif Illyas, Kelsey Laking, Judith Newman, Michael Fuller, Blake Daley.

Meeting started at 19:00 at the Chinatown Restaurant.

Congratulations to Michael Fuller, who is now president of our National organization, HPAC. Also congratulations to Asif for his ECMA nomination!

Hidden Falls: Needs some maintenance and grooming to keep landowner co-operation and to show some proprietorship. A cleanup weekend is scheduled for the **30th of April**, with a back up meeting May 7 if the weather is no good. After some discussion of whether to buy a lawnmower for that site (and after consulting with Tim to find out that we have \$1300 in the bank), Lance made a motion to purchase a used lawnmower in the \$100 range, Seconded by Asif. Motion Approved. Lance offered to search garage sales with his garage-sale-savvy spouse. An announcement will be made in the newsletter about the cleanup weekend, with a reminder to bring shovels, rakes, chainsaws, wheelbarrows etc

Wind talkers: Need maintenance and repair. It was decided that maintenance of the existing wind talkers would be done in the above noted clean-up weekend. We have 4 units, but only two installed, so it was felt that High Head and Economy should be installed to see what difference it makes to the traffic on those sites. Christopher said he would talk to his Ultralight partner, who is a radio maintenance engineer at CBC, to see if he can figure out what is going wrong with the wind talker power supplies. Michael will send Christopher a schematic of the current set up. A reminder that wind talker phone numbers are listed in the website, and will be published in the next newsletter.

HPAC is offering a “Solid Ground Award” to any non-pilot individual who is helping the sport in a significant way. It was suggested that we nominate a local landowner for their help, and after some discussion it was decided that Dennis Babineau would be the HPAAC nominee. Other options discussed were Andrew Kernohan, John Bragg, Gordon Berry and the Dept of Natural Resources at Advocate. Judith put forward the motion, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Michael made a motion to give an honorary HPAAC membership to Judith Newman. Judith is no longer an active pilot, but is still making great contributions to the sport through HPAAC and HPAC volunteer work, maintaining our web site etc. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Michael mentioned that the Fox River site needs some work at the lip to make it safer, but would require some large machinery to make it happen. It was estimated that a couple of hours with an excavator (about \$200) would be needed. Mark moved that the work be done if it was in this price range, Terry seconded. Motion carried.

There was general discussion about who was on the Yahoo group, and who was automatically receiving emails etc. It was decided to put a big notice in the newsletter about the discussion group, (how to join, how to get the automatic updates etc), to try to get our whole membership in the loop.

Michael mentioned that the HPAC BOD meeting will be held in Parrsboro this year, and extended an invitation for pilots to come out and show some east coast hospitality. The meetings will be closed, but come on out for an after hours party on the beach. Mark will put more details in the newsletter and check the Yahoo group discussions.

The May Festival of Air Sports in Parrsboro: This will be the 11th annual HG/PG Festival as well. Asif, Christopher and Terry will go on the organizing committee list. Asif will look into making raffle tickets for tandem intro flights on PG's and ultralights to help raise money and awareness. Christopher will try to get the UL community out this year. It could be a fun year with a possibility of balloons, UL's, model airplanes and us. All we need is the weather.

Asif offered to donate a model airplane to the club to fix up and maybe use as a wind dummy, or just entertainment on slow wind days. It was gratefully received and Kelsey will look into fixing it up.

Tim handed out a summary of finances which shows expenses of \$1257.06, income of \$510.00, which means a loss of \$747.06 (however HPAAC dues have not yet been remitted from HPAC yet this year). We have \$1317.93 in our bank account currently. It was decided to keep our annual budget in the \$600 range so we don't keep depleting the account.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45.