

Minutes Winter Meeting HPAAC

Charlottetown PEI, Jan 31 2009

Attendance: Don Searle, Jason Searle, Blake Daley, Scott Newman, Brendon McKenna, Sam Jeyes, Tim parker, Todd Andrews, Christopher Ball

After a fun day scouting some banks and a couple of sled runs, we gathered for the Winter Meeting at 18:00

The Minutes were read by Christopher Ball and accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Point Prim: A very good launch site has been established with a bit of work yet to be done.

Poles for line retrieval: Some have been placed, Dennis Beach for example. Not sure about others. Randy Corcoran was not at the meeting, so could not report on it.

Radios: Still an issue. Brendon asked all who do not have radios to consider purchasing and for those who have them to remember to charge them.

Atlantic Director, HPAC: Michael Fuller still seems willing to continue at this point, but has made it clear that if anyone else wants to try this position he would be happy to accede. It is an interesting opportunity to be involved in the sport nationwide. Further discussion on this will occur at the AGM.

Ratings: The HAGAR is still a requirement for intermediate ratings, and nothing has changed with ratings yet. It was made clear that anyone who has a specific rating already will keep his or her rating no matter what new requirements are brought in.

Treasurer's report was provided by Tim Parker and accepted

No major projects this year, but we expect some bigger expenses in the spring with the establishment of new sites.

Safety

Blake mentioned Tim Parker's accident at West Bay, thanking him for prompt reporting to HPAC. It is important to report any incident or accident as it can help avert future problems. At West Bay, this is the 2nd accident reported in the same area under similar circumstances, so we now know that there is a particular issue at West Bay. There will be more detailed discussion at the AGM about these incidents and what might be the cause of the problem.

Newsletter

Christopher distributed the Winter 2009 newsletter to all attendees and will be mailing out the rest shortly (with the gracious assistance of Sam Jeyes who is printing them for us!). He discussed the idea of printing additional copies of newsletters to use as promotional items for the sport, sending them to regional airports (pilot lounges) other HG/PG clubs, HPAC provincial directors, and other venues such as the Flight Festival and outdoor sporting stores. We currently print about 35-40 and the idea would be to print around 100, with some of them being handouts and some additional mail-outs.

Todd Andrews made a motion to accept printing and mailing more newsletters for promotional purposes. Blake Daley 2nd. Motion Carried.

Christopher also discussed the idea of including a local “directory of members” to go in the newsletter, but due to a privacy issue that came up this time this will be discussed later, possibly for the next newsletter. In the meantime, Christopher is amassing a list of HPAAC members, friends and landowners in an excel file which will help with future mailings.

New Business

Dennis Beach –cost recovery

Michel Fougere and Joey Savoie put some cash into work at the Dennis Beach launch and requested cost recovery from the HPAAC. Blake moved that we provide up to a maximum of \$50 compensation for costs incurred. Sam Jeyes 2nd. Motion carried.

Support of National Team

Tim Parker is collecting donations for the National Team representing us at the worlds.

Promotional Demonstration

Blake Daley has managed to secure a prime booth at the Sport and RV Show this March in Halifax. The show attracts about 15,000 people per year. The booth will promote the two PG/HG schools (Pegasus and Scott Newman’s new HG school) and the sport in general in the Atlantic Provinces. There will be a PG and HG on display, as well as video screenings, You tube links, posters, newsletters and possibly a flight simulator. Christopher volunteered to cut a small video together and will provide a 9x12 foot cinema screen for the display. The event is March 12-15. Any volunteers who can help man the booth would be much appreciated.

Brendon thanked all for making the trip to PEI

Blake Daley made a motion to conclude the meeting, Todd Andrews 2nd. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at about 21:00

Respectfully submitted by your past, and also fill-in, secretary, Christopher Ball