

Minutes for PDQ Flyers February 17, 2019 Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Greg Brunt at 1304 with 33 members present. Brian has decided to rejoin after a sojourn building hot-rods.

We are still having some problems with folks not getting e-mail notices. Five members present indicated they did not get a notice of the meeting.

Revamp of the website, under Mike Gaskin is continuing.

El presidente has made arrangements for a tour of the Victoria Aviation Museum and Viking Aviation to take place on March 29th with one pickup point in Parksville and another in Nanaimo. The cost will be \$40.00 per person for the bus and tour.

Plans are underway for another tour of the Comox Aviation Museum and a briefing by the Snowbirds during their practice time in April.

President Brunt asked members to check their information on the MAAC website and ensure that their club affiliation is shown as PDQ Flyers.

Minutes of the January 13, 2019 read. A motion to accept the minutes by Leo Katila was seconded by Craig MacQuarrie, approved.

Geoff Graham gave a rundown on how the new Canadian Aviation Regulations Part 9 will impact model aviation. It is expected that Members of MAAC will be exempted from most of the regulations. They will though be required to have identification in or on the model showing the MAAC number and a telephone contact. More information to come.

Treasurer: Tim Rowledge, indicated we had \$15,300 and 75 paid up memberships.

Field: Keith Hoelscher, field is open, getting started on the three new field tables. Keith put a motion forward, seconded by Bruce Barry to spend \$350 on a metal frame picnic table to replace table that is falling apart. Motion passed.

Safety: no report.

Noise: no report.

Public Relations: Street Market in Parksville added to the list of venues for our information tent. Keith Hoelscher will take another run at producing a club brochure.

Instructors: Allan MacMillan is the new Flight Training coordinator. He will be liaising with Leo Katila to hand over training hardware. There's one more new student being trained. Allan will be talking to Mike Gaskin to get more training information on the new website.

Float Fly: Some of our members have been flying float planes off the snow covered field.

Indoor: no report, but there are three sessions remaining this winter.

Website: no report, update of site in progress.

Programs: Members asked to come forward with ideas for programs and more show and tell. We would even consider a program that was non-model or aviation oriented. Tim Rowledge has promised to do a program on telemetry for our next meeting.

Polos/Golf Shirts: More details next meeting

The executive is still working on getting a joint meeting with the Qualicum Beach Flying Club.

Leo Katila gave an update on field negotiations with the Nanaimo Parks and Recreation. It is ongoing and looking at Elaine Hamilton Field for Drones and the Serauxmen Field for fixed wing electric only. The East Wellington Field is still in play as well. Progress is very slow.

It was suggested that those members that still fly control line bring their aircraft to the field for a demonstration.

It was also suggested that members check their home insurance as a number of insurance companies are no longer insuring model aircraft or drones.

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 13 at 1900 in the Parksville Community Centre, 132 E. Jensen Ave., Parksville.

Meeting was adjourned at 1345 followed by a swap meet.