



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.

December 2007 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 09 December 2007

Called to Order: 20h30

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President
Rod Hopkins - Treasurer
Jim Daly – Secretary,
Terry Tupper – Past President

Members present: 19

The President called the meeting to order at 20h30 welcoming everyone in to the Tiger's new meeting location, the Hamilton Police Association Banquet Centre, 555 Upper Wellington Street, Hamilton.

He apologized for any extra traveling some may have had to endure to attend. He reminded everyone that the Tuesday night meeting would not be the norm and we would return to the first Wednesday night of each month starting in January and for the balance of the 2008.

WHAT'S UP?

Nick explained the criteria that he and other members of the Executive used when he/they were scouting out new meeting locations. He/they looked at Legions and Community Centres but found the hours of operation were not conducive to our club's needs as well as cost prohibitive.

When they found the HPA Banquet Centre they realized that the site did not meet all the needs of the club however the price was extremely affordable at \$25.00 per night. It was noted that the room was nice and bright and warm but not an ideal location for the Great Rubber Race or to hold a Swap Meet but would suite our monthly meeting requirement just fine. When the members present were asked whom actually missed not having a swap meet this past fall and no one responded it was realized that the correct decision had been acted upon.

Nick gave us an update on the fate of the 447 Wing RCAFA where we had been holding our monthly meetings for the past few years. Basically the organization is in limbo with no known outcome at this time. He announced that we had

paid for the use of the hall for November and December and were unlikely to recover that money at this point in time.

Next the Prez reminded everyone to please send in there Membership Renewal Forms, both Club and MAAC along with the appropriate fee(s) to the Treasurer. He also reminded everyone of the \$25.00 late fee for outstanding membership renewals not received after January 31st, 2008.

Nick mentioned that it might be a good idea to see if retired member Brian Facey would like to sell his laminator to the club so we can continue offer the laminated cards to members. All those in attendance agreed.

He also wanted to acknowledge the hundreds of hours Brian relentlessly spent as Chief Field Dog ensuring, along with helpers like Dick Koning and others, that the field was well maintained at all times. He wanted to know what the members thought about making Brian an Honorary Life Member of the Flying Tigers.

Through several minutes of discussion during which there was some points made that perhaps Brian di not want the membership it was decided that Rod Hopkins would broach the subject with him and report back.

Trade Mark

The Zone Fun Fly, (SOMA), will be held on August 16,/17, 2008. Nick is looking for two people, for next year, who can represent the club at the planning meetings. This will involve one night a month starting next month up to the event. Please contact Nick if you would like to help. We will also need volunteers for the two days, as we will be manning the Radio Impound again next year. If anyone has their Private Pilot's license or Aviation Radio Operators License the organizers could use your help as well as right now there is only one qualified person to run the Unicom Radio at this active airport. Yes remember this is an active airport and although it will be shut down for the event we must still monitor their Unicom station incase an aircraft has an emergency and must land at the site.



NEW BUSINESS

Rod Hopkins remarked that the Frequency Board required updating to have spots for the new 2.4 GHz equipment that was now more prevalent in the hobby

It was also announced that we would be changing from displaying your MAAC Card to having to use your Club Membership Card instead. You must still have your MAAC card with you at the field as proof of insurance.

Nick has asked the Webmaster to include a link to XTENTV on the club website. These are the people who bring you RCTV. The full link is www.xtentv.com for those that would like to bookmark it.

Jim Daly asked if the club would reconsider holding a Scale Aerobatics/IMAC contest in 2008. Jim brought up the fact that there were now four other people in the club interested in this discipline and would like to see this event return to the club.

A discussion ensued and it was decided that if a date could be found that would not conflict with the Heli Fun-Fly then the event could go forward. Jim agreed to co-ordinate with Joe Bajkor in scheduling both events appropriately.

Nick asked if anyone new the current condition of the field or more specifically the condition of the road in. Both were reported to be in good condition with a little bit of works required right near the entrance gate but the balance of the road was good.

Nick reminded everyone of the clubs' Frozen Finger Fly starting around 10:00AM, New Years Day, Tuesday January 1st, 2008. He enquired if anyone new if we had propane for the gas barbeque and if we needed any wood for burning. Chili, Stew, Hot Dogs and Burgers would be available and if anyone wanted to bring anything else they were welcomed, except of course NO

Alcoholic Beverages. This is basically a pot-luck affair with some stuff being provided by the Executive oh and don't forget to bring something to fly. The field has been registered so we are covered by MAAC but please ensure your MAAC is renewed for 2008 if you plan on flying at the FFF.

ELECTIONS

Terry Tupper, as Past President and Sergeant at Arms, presided over the election of new club executives for the 2008 season. He first asked if any of the current Executive were prepared to stand for re-election. Nick Saraco and Jim Daly said they would. Rod Hopkins declined and with Brian Facey retiring it left two vacant positions available.

Nick then said he would like to take over from Rod after learning he was stepping down so this left the Presidency vacant. Terry opened the floor to nominations and the following were made: Nick Saraco - Treasurer – By Rod Hopkins, 2nd – John Mickle; Dick Konning – Officer At Large – By Ron Cruz, 2nd - Rod Hopkins; Terry Tupper – President – By Ralph Martin, 2nd – Jim Daly – DECLINED; Rob Weis – Secretary – By Jim Daly, 2nd – Ron Cruz; Jim Daly – President – By Rob Weis, 2nd – By Ron Cruz.

Terry asked if there were any further nominations and there being none he asked for someone to move that nominations be closed, so moved by Jim Daly and 2nd by Ron Cruz.

As there were only one nominee for each position and anticipating the vote Terry asked for a vote for those Opposed to the nominees and received a "0" count. He asked for abstentions and again there were none. All Nominees were voted in unanimously. Congratulations!

Your 2008 Flying Tigers Executive is:

President – Jim Daly
Treasurer – Nick Saraco
Secretary – Rob Weiss
Past President – Terry Tupper
Officer At Large – Dick Konning



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PRANGED PIG

There were no nominees for the coveted Pranged Pig this Month. There was some question as to what qualifies you for such an honor. Basically anything caused by Dumb Thumbs is fair game. It does not necessarily have to result in the total destruction of an aircraft so keep that in mind for 2008!

FREE DOOR PRIZE DRAW

As we missed the November meeting and awarding a door prize, two Gift Certificates were drawn this month. The first \$40.00 Gift Certificate to Skycraft Hobbies was won by Don Asher with the 2nd one going to Nick Sarraco.

Meeting adjourned at 21h50.

Here are a few photos from previous events and meetings.

