



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.

February 2006 Meeting Minutes

01 February 2006

Call to Order: 20h43 (8:43 PM)

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President, Rod Hopkins – Treasurer, Jim Daly – Secretary,
Terry Tupper – Past President, Brian Facey – Officer at Large

Members present: 27

In keeping with the pace started at the January meeting the February meeting was called to order by the President at 20h43, nearly 8:45 PM.

In his opening remarks he welcomed everyone while reminding them that as of adjournment of tonight's meeting the \$25.00 Late Fee becomes active on all outstanding Membership Renewals. The meeting was official with 27 members present we had a quorum!

The Secretary distributed minutes for the January meeting to the members a few minutes before the meeting started leaving ample time for all to scrutinize. Nick asked for a motion that the minutes be accepted as printed. Stu Watson so motioned, seconded by John Mickle. The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Nick asked if there were any guests in attendance, there were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nick Saraco reported that the club's Financial Statement would be presented by the Treasurer Rod Hopkins. He also noted that he would be drawing up a budget for 2006. He then turned the floor over to the Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rod Hopkins proceeded to walk the membership through the report he had prepared on the club's Financial Statement for the 2005 fiscal year:

- The club took in about \$1000.00 less then last year due to TX Impound.
- No contribution to the GIC this year but we still made some interest.
- Goal of about a \$15,000.00 Emergency Field Relocation Fund.
- Biggest Expense – Field Maintenance
- Income from Club Events, not designed to make or loose money, lost about \$100.00 over the five events.
- Treasurer plans to streamline membership dues allocation. There is always some miss-allocation of fees from one fiscal year to the next due to the renewal period spanning the two years.

When Rod asked if there were any questions from the members, David Pengelly stood up and thanked him for reporting the statement in a clear manner so that the members at large could understand it. As there were no further comments or questions the President asked for someone to make a motion for

acceptance of the report as read. Ron Mattiuz obliged and was seconded by Joe Bajkor. As there were no "Nays" or "Abstentions" the motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The floor was then opened to the Committee Chairmen to give updates on their respective responsibilities.

WINGS PROGRAM: Nick announced that Terry Tupper had stepped up and offered his services as Chief Flying Instructor (C.F.I.) for the 2006 season. There was a rousing round of applause when Nick announced that we would take Terry up on his offer. As his first act as CFI Terry announced that he would be contacting all those that had expressed interest in instructing in the not to distant future. He is planning an Instructor's Meeting, time and place TBD. Part of the meeting will be to discuss the possibility of having only one day reserved for Flight Instruction. That would be on Saturdays from 09h00 – 13h00 with general open flying being allowed to start at 12h00. This would give a 1 hour overlap to allow the students to meet some of the other members and fly in a more realistic environment, with one or two other models in the air at the same time.

SWAP MEET: Nick had a flyer indicating that the Toronto Hobby Show was being held November 3 – 5 this year. To ensure we did not run into a conflict again this year he is proposing either October 21st or 28th for the Swap Meet. He would like members to comment via the Forum on the Club's Website. A decision must be reached at the March meeting to ensure we get our announcement in to MAAC so that we can have it listed in at least two issues of the MAAC Mag prior to the event.

GREAT RUBBER RACE: David Pengelly took the floor and reported that with the upcoming 10th Annual Great Rubber Race happening at the March meeting is the longest running contest the club has hosted. He showed off his entry for the Scale portion, a Fiesler Storch. He also showed a simple sport plane and announced that he had a small supply of MAAC Cubs for sale. He was trying to motivate as many members to come out as possible since we are defending our Championship Title from the Burlington Club.

David mentioned that one of the main reasons we won last year was the number of successful flights posted by members with a MAAC Cub. Entry Fees are \$1.00 per aircraft however MAAC Cubs fly for free!

NEW BUSINESS: The floor was opened for new business. As there was none Nick announced a 20 minute break for coffee and to talk shop.

PRANGED PIG: Upon returning to the meeting the membership were asked for nominations for the famed Pranged Pig award. There wasn't much flying going on in January so it was a little slow to get started but eventually Ron Mattiuz stepped forward and nominated Nick Soraco for breaking a set of rotor blades on his electric Blade helicopter. Apparently Nick had been flying in his garage when his wife opened the garage door upon returning from a shopping trip. The ensuing hurricane, (5 kmh wind), caused a loss of control and the helicopter tumbled in damaging the blades.

As there were no other nominees a vote was not necessary and Nick wins the prized (?) Pranged Pig for this month. Congrats Nick.

FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW:

The \$60.00 haul was won by Joe Bajkor in this month's 50/50 Draw.

Next meeting is Wednesday March 1ST, 2006, 20h00, (8:00 PM).

Meeting adjourned at 22h00.

Recorded by: James Daly, Club Secretary