



RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
CANADA
Vancouver Chapter 85



General Meeting
Tuesday 1st April 2014

Preliminary

Attendance: 18 members attended. Executive Committee members attending: Heidi Bekker, Tom Boulanger, John de Visser, George Gregory, Cyril Henderson, David Marsden, Hugo Regier, Dave Rose, Peter Whittaker.

Call to Order: At 19:30 by Vice President Peter Whittaker.

Minutes: Motion: Hugo Regier and John de Visser motioned that the Minutes of the 4th of March 2014 General Meeting be adopted. Carried.

Visitors: Perry – Trained years ago at Langley Flying School and is currently trying to build a 701.
Albert Backert – Work colleague of Eric Muntzer

Communications: A BCIT Bursary was awarded in Memory of Don Souter and BCIT is providing the chapter with the opportunity for a facility visit. John contacted the recipient of the Bursary and sent an invite to attend an RAA meeting. Lots of interest was expressed in taking a tour of the BCIT facility.

Tonight's Program: Ray Maxwell, an aerobatic gliding instructor provides an introduction to the world of flying without an engine. Ray discussed the differences of overall flight and conducting aerobatics in a glider versus a power plane. Ray went over the requirements on how to obtain a glider license. Heidi introduced Ray to the members and thanked him after the presentation.

Financial Report: Tom Boulanger reported that to date, we have \$43,400 bank, \$14,700 in income, and \$9000 in expenses.

Old Business:

Turbi Sale: Dave Rose confirmed that a deposit has now been made toward the purchase of the Turbi. The deposit was made by a chapter member in Brandon, Manitoba. At present time, the plan is for the Turbi to be taken apart and trailered back to Brandon, when the weather improves. The purchaser plans to pick up the aircraft in April.

Results of chapter Airplane Survey: Dave Rose reported that 23 people responded to the survey and noted a summary of preferences; 18 positive for purchasing a club aircraft, 16 expressed interested in flying the aircraft, 12 willing to buy block time, and 17 members willing to volunteer a day to maintain aircraft. 4 members preferred a tailwheel aircraft, 2 preferred nosewheel, while 12 had no preference. For the registration category – 5 for owner maintenance, 6 for amateur built, and 7 expressed no preference. 8 members were for an aircraft in the \$25000 range, while 6 were for \$30000, and 4 at \$20000. Dave Rose confirmed that we are leaning to Owner maintenance category as amateur built could be more costly. Peter Sleeman mentioned a C150 for sale at a club in Sechelt in the \$21000-25000 and is a 1974 aerobat. Dave Rose advised he had found aC150 in Kamloops, but it was taken apart.

Review of Annual Awards Banquet winners and distribution of remaining awards: Peter Whittaker announced all the winners from the Annual Awards Banquet.

New Business:

Call for Creation of Flying Group: Dave Rose

Annual Delta Air Park Fly In June 28: Volunteers are still needed for the following; Pancake breakfast, aircraft and car parking, fly in registration, tent setup, display, answering questions, etc.

Committee Reports

Membership: Dave Marsden announced that a membership list was sent out to the RAA National for a status report.

Hangar and Workshop: John is trying to see when the workshop will become available. Dave Marsden is looking for a new workshop for his aircraft. John also announced that 2 people have signed up for tie downs, and no more tie downs are available at this time.

Custodian: Hugo announced that a new vacuum has been purchased for chapter use.

Vice-President: Peter Whittaker announced all the winners from the Annual Awards Banquet.

DapCom: Tom reported that we will be cutting down the trees near threshold of runway in the first part of April. Number 3 hangar project is in the works. Tom advised that a management meeting coming up where there will be project plan presented for the year and they will be provided with an operational budget. Also upcoming events will be announced.

RAAC National: Dave Marsden had nothing further to report.

Newsletter: George Gregory announced that the newsletter is now available. George encourages the members to provide new material for publications.

Programs: May programs: Dave Marsden is to speak about the Skylark Design

COPA 5: Gary Peare announced a Copa for kids event being held on May 10th at Boundary Bay Airport, on April 24th there will be an Ipod and android info session held at the Delta clubhouse. There is also an annual fly in on June 21st in Langley.

Announcements

April Pancake Breakfast April 13, 2014 - Volunteers are still needed

April, 5: BC Aerobatic Club Meeting on Saturday at 17:00 hours. Guests are welcome.

Eleanor Spence – Happy 90th birthday!

Adjournment: Peter Sleeman and Bob Lalonde made the motion to adjourn.

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