



RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
CANADA
Vancouver Chapter 85



General Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Preliminary

Attendance: Executive Committee members attending: Heidi Bekker, Tom Boulanger, Cyril Henderson, John Macready, David Marsden, Hugo Regier, Peter Whittaker and Gerard Van Dijk.

Call to Order: At 20:32 by President John.

Minutes: Motion Rob Prior and Bob Lalonde motioned that the Minutes of the June 2014 General Meeting be adopted.
Carried.

Visitors: Andrew Lau, Randy Kulferst, Philippe Souvestre, Nick Paczkowski and Steve Aldridge.

Communications: None

Tonight's Program: Peter Whittaker provided a presentation on Jabiru engines, and walked us through a step by step process that he took in order to build his Zenith 601 aircraft. John thanked Peter for his presentation.

Financial Report: Tom Boulanger reported that we currently have \$46,800 in the bank, we have received \$27,900 in income and have \$18,900 in expenses, giving a net total of \$9000..

Old Business:

Search for an interim airplane: We are introducing Ron Zeleschuck's Piper Tri Pacer as a potential interim aircraft replacement for the Turbi. A viewing of the aircraft was scheduled at 1900. A survey regarding the purchase of this aircraft on an interim basis was sent out to members by email and phone: We had 14 replies on the survey to date – 10 agreed to the purchase, four did not. Six of the 10 members plan to fly the aircraft. Four will not fly it.

The positive points on the aircraft are that it is easy to fly, and it is reliable and safe. The Tri Pacer is also for sale at the right price, \$25000. The aircraft has been properly maintained, and has a 150hp engine. Also, the aircraft has a nosewheel which is easier for members to handle than a taildragger. It was stressed again to the members that this aircraft would be purchased on an interim basis only. Members should form a committee to locate an amateur built aircraft appropriate for the Chapter. Gerard is to fill in as an aircraft maintenance chairman.

Tom estimates that we will need 15 flying members in order to justify the purchase financially, and it could end up being a dry rate for flying members, plus fuel. The aircraft burns 8.5 gallon per hour on average.

The following comments were made by members:

- Eric Munzer stated the aircraft is 58 yrs old. It could have rust. He also mentioned he had concerns about the resale value.
- Gary Peare commented that the aircraft has good radios, transponder and engine.
- Rob Prior expressed concerns about the cost factor –money for the pacer is being taken from purchasing an amateur built. We might not have enough money to Purchase an amateur built if we find one.
- Andrew Lau (visitor) suggested we could create a surcharge which goes to the purchase of a second airplane.

- Randy Kulferst stressed that we need to ensure we have insurance to protect the members - if someone sued the club. The chapter does carry one million dollars of Director and Officers Liability insurance.

New Business:

Renewal of Delta Air Park Licence Agreement: John sent the letter into Metro Vancouver Regional Parks to apply for our renewal of the license agreement.

General Elections: Elections will be held in October. Members are reminded to think about what role they would like to play in the executive committee.

Committee Reports

Membership: Dave Marsden noted that we acquired a new member. This brings our total to 55 members

Hangar and Workshop: John de Visser did not attend the general meeting held on September 2, 2014. Randy, a new member, has a project in the workshop at present. Dave Marsden will be moving his project back to the shop when it is available.

Custodian: Since there is no clubhouse committee, everyone is responsible for maintaining the clubhouse, replenishing items, changing the garbage, etc. The executive has published a list of responsibilities for members. It will be posted when finished.

Programs: October will be the elections.

Announcements

John reviewed the events that took place this year along with the upcoming events: We held an exhibit at the Abbotsford Airshow and the Langley Fly In. We hosted our Annual Fly In, we held a BBQ in August, and on November 11th we will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony.

September 21st we have been asked to participate in the Cammidge House Event. We are looking for volunteers to help set up for this event.

2nd Sunday of the month we host a pancake breakfast – everyone is welcome to attend.

Heidi Bekker has announced it will be her last general meeting for the year of 2014.

Motion to adjourn:

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