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Monthly Meeting Notes

At 7:30 the meeting was called to order by Brian Nadalin with 28 members present and two guest. Nathans mother and Bob. Brian also welcomed three new members, Ron Bonneville, Ivan Osterman and Gerald Looyenga. The minutes from the March 3rd 2010 were accepted.

President's Report

- Brian thanked John Artuso for organizing and putting on a very good mall show. The location in the mall and the selection of models was excellent. Models ranged from small indoor, War Birds, scale and extreme jets.
- Brian thanked Leon Lewis for contacting MAAC on noise levels, it is up to each club to set it's own standard. However Leon reported that our "DB" meter is out of calibration. He has asked MAAC if they have a calibrating device they could loan us. To have our meter calibrated would cost about \$300. And to buy a new meter is about the same price so let's see if MAAC can get us one. Martin suggested we have our own calibration device so that we can keep our "DB" meter within limits.
- The date to open our field is Saturday April 17th, 2010 at 9:00am. Fourteen club members volunteered to be there, the roster is attached to these minutes. Please bring a rake to rake up the corn cobs that got tossed onto the field from harvesting.



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Meetings are held at 7:30
PM on the first Wednesday
of each month.

(June, July and August
excluded)

At Evergreen Seniors
Center, 683 Woolwich,
Guelph, Ontario

50/50 Draw Winner:

Ivan Osterman \$ 48.00

President's Report Cont'd

➤ Glen Wilkinson passed around the grass cutting schedule for 2010 which is attached to these minutes. Glen also discussed how he would like the field cut. Please cut the perimeter of the field at 3 inches tall, 6 feet in from the edge. Then lower the mower to "0" tolerance for the centre field. Also please cut the driveway at 3 inches clearance. This is to avoid striking rocks and high ground in those areas. Bill Hamer said you can cut the grass Sunday A.M. However you must phone the farm first to let them know that you are coming. Glen said he would role the field on May 3rd or 7th.

➤ Brian asked for a discussion on using turbine engines at the field. Brian set out the limits to the members that he was considering.

-No jets larger than a boomerang sprint

-No engines larger than 70 Newtons thrust (17 lbs thrust) this keeps model size in around a typical 90 size sport plane.

-MAAC rules must be followed: Pilot must have a spotter, wheel brakes installed, and fire extinguisher on hand.

-Pilots to have shown proficiency by executing five take offs and landings with an experienced jet pilot. Blair said he could help with this.



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➤ A good discussion ensued around the room covering off the following concerns.

-Shawn Romanelli talked about staying within flying area of the field. It was accepted that restricting the engine size and therefore model size to 70 newtons would not allow a model to be flown a great distance from the field for visual reasons.

-Harry Johnson felt that new technology is safer and less likely to be a safety problem compared to the experience the club had in the past.

-Hans Peuker felt that the reason the grass was damaged from the last experience was due to raw fuel being sprayed from the thrust tube onto the grass. Once again this does not happen now.

-A vote was taken to allow turbines to be used at the field, it passed unanimously.

➤ Brian presented the following list of instructors for this year.

-Head Instructor: Ernie Festa, 519-821-8021

-Helicopter Instructor: Shawn Romanelli, 519-855-4737

-Trainer: John Artuso, 519-824-3228

-Trainer: Tony Cabral, 519-836-2134

-Trainer: Blair Howkins, 905-838-2174

-Trainer: Jeff Peuker, 519-829-2927

➤ Brian said he would check with Art Penner on the aerobatic pattern for aerobatic day.

➤ Swap meet started with lots of stuff trading hands, a good time was had by all.

➤ Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.