

Minutes of the CRCSS 2006 AGM, March 18, 2006

Calgary Area Outdoor Council Building, Calgary, Alberta

Total Attendance: 15 people. 9 paid 2005 members were in attendance with 1 additional paid member represented by proxy. This attendance represents 34% of 2005 membership of 29 (Quorum)

Executive:

Adam Till (president), Ryan van Beurden (vice-president), Allan Glover (treasurer)

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by Adam Till.

The minutes from the 2005 AGM were read by Ryan van Beurden and a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Graham Eastham and seconded by Brian Cutt. The motion was passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Allan Glover delivered the financial results for the 2005 fiscal year.

Some discussion ensued about the outstanding costs of F3J equipment that Kevin Hanson had submitted to the club. It was the general feeling that the club should pay out these expenses. A motion was made by Graeme Eastham to pay Kevin Hanson the costs for F3J equipment that he had submitted to the club (\$46.59). The motion was seconded by Brian Cutt. The motion was passed with unanimous approval.

It was also discussed that the community association had not been paid for 2005 as the Allan was not sure of where the cheque was to be sent. Brian Olson mentioned that he know the president of the community association and offered to forward the funds to the community association. Brian will forward the funds for both 2005 and 2006 when he receives the cheques from the treasurer.

Allan Glover mentioned the hard work that Kevin Hanson put in dealing with the club field issues last year. A general thank you was sent out from the group to Kevin, though he was not in attendance.

Some notes about the financials that Allan made were that the interest revenue was offset against some minor banking fees and were judged to be immaterial to the financial results. Also, the assets were to be depreciated for another year and this had not yet been done.

A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by John Hipwell and seconded by Brian Olson. The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The issue of the fire extinguishers not having been purchased was brought up. Adam accepted responsibility and offered to rectify the situation by procuring the necessary equipment. It was

noted that those using IC engines for towing activities last year did stick to the rules instituted from last year's meeting and that they had the proper fire extinguishing gear with them.

Brian Olson mentioned the concern with IC engines on the Red Deer Lake field. After some discussion, Brian Olson moved to amend the bylaws to read:

“CRCSS does not sanction the use of internal combustion engines at the Red Deer Lake flying site.”

The motion was seconded by John Hipwell. The motion was passed with a vote of 8 for, none against (some members abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

Some conversation was had regarding the flying field situation that CRCSS is currently facing.

Adam Till mentioned the potential use of the Polo fields for some aerotowing activities next summer.

Matt Bielecki expressed his concern that conditions at the Red Deer Lake field may not be suitable for flying throughout the whole summer.

A picture of the potential field next to Highway 8 was shown and some people expressed concern for being too close to houses and the road. While the site looks good, there was worry that someone would likely corkscrew a plane onto the road.

Brian Olson suggested trying to approach the farmer with the pasture just directly to the north of the existing field in order to maintain a presence at the Red Deer lake park.

Chris Gregg offered his place again and mentioned that it was about 40 minutes east of Calgary. Chris was thanked for his offer.

From these concerns, a four-man committee was stuck to look into the potential use of a temporary field. The committee consists of Kevin Hanson, Matt Bielecki, Allan Glover, and Graeme Eastham.

Brian Olson moved that CRCSS continue to support the Red Deer Lake community association and his motion was seconded by Allan Glover. The motion was passed unanimously.

Adam Till mentioned that members had approached him before the meeting expressing some concern about the email etiquette shown on the Yahoogroups list. Various options of moderating the lists, closing them to the public, closing them entirely, etc. were presented. The general consensus was to attempt to implement moderation of the existing list, or failing that, retire the list and start a new one (possibly the existing "private" CRCSS list). Whatever option is finalized will still allow non club members to read the list, but these members may not have permission to post directly to the list. Adam promised to look into these options, and implement them as soon as possible.

Adam Till mentioned the potential sale of the F3J equipment since it was his feeling that it only benefits a certain type of club member. Most members felt that the gear should be kept on the

books since selling it would bring minimal financial gain to the club. It was decided to table the potential sale of the equipment until the next AGM and to see if it is used this summer.

It was decided that having the F3J equipment in Kevin Hanson's possession was better than having it in the box at the field and that for the time being, Kevin would remain the keeper/maintainer of the F3J equipment.

It was mentioned that the club trainers are too much work for someone to bring to the field every time. Instead, it was decided that the availability of the trainers will be mentioned at the top of the membership application form so that new members are aware of the services they can access.

In addition to the trainers, some conversation ensued about the training program. Brian Olson mentioned that in the past, the Wednesday night flying session was used for training and suggested that we try to get back to that. Most members agreed. If a new member wants to learn to fly, he or she can contact an instructor and the Wednesday night session (or another day that is mutually convenient for the student and instructor) can be the focus night for the training activities to take place. A line will be added to the membership application form to look at the instructors list on the website if a new member wants some help learning to fly.

Adam Till offered to continue as co-webmaster in lieu of an executive position for 2006. He made a request that anyone with digital photos of any of the club events please forward them to him over the coming year.

A special thanks was directed to Martin Pilko for his excellent work on the club website last year. Many mentioned that it was something they looked at a lot.

Some discussion ensued about the increase in fees, and the relatively good financial position of the club for this year. It was mentioned that due to the weather, the club had less expenditures than it should have had and as such, carried an unusually high bank balance. Since this year was unusual, the general consensus was that the high bank balance should not result in decreased general dues in the coming year.

A compromise was suggested and Graeme Eastham moved that all members from 2005 who renew for 2006 will have to pay \$75.00, rather than the full amount of \$100.00. The annual dues for any new members (or those returning from any year other than 2005) will stand at \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Brian Olson and was passed unanimously.

Chris Gregg raised a concern about the exclusion of certain members of the public from a contest last year. The general consensus was that this was counter to the spirit of the club and that it should not have happened. Brian Olson then moved that all club contests should be open to all members of the public provided they abide by all club guidelines, and possess and up-to-date MAAC membership. Graeme Eastham seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE FOR 2006

Adam Till read the job descriptions from the by-laws for the four positions on the executive. Adam also thanked the members of the outgoing executive for their hard work.

Adam Till nominated Brian Olson for President of CRCSS for 2006. No other nominations were brought forward and Brian Olson was acclaimed.

Matt Bielecki nominated Graeme Eastham for Vice-President of CRCSS for 2006. No other nominations were brought forward and Graeme Eastham was acclaimed.

Brian Olson nominated Kevin Hanson for Secretary of CRCSS for 2006. Kevin Hanson was not present to accept or decline the position. No other nominations were brought forward and Kevin Hanson was acclaimed pending his acceptance of the position. If he declines, the remaining executive will fill the position through shared responsibility or delegation to club members.

Brian Olson nominated Allan Glover for Treasurer of CRCSS for 2006. No other nominations were brought forward and Allan Glover was acclaimed.

Graeme Eastham moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.