



RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
CANADA
Vancouver Chapter 85



General Meeting
Tuesday 3 June, 2014

Preliminary

Attendance: 22 members attended. Executive Committee members attending: Heidi Bekker, Tom Boulanger, John de Visser, Cyril Henderson, John Macready, David Marsden, Tim Novak, Hugo Regier, Dave Rose, and Peter Whittaker.

Call to Order: At 20:40 by President John.

Minutes: Motion Rob Prior and Bob Lalonde motioned that the Minutes of the 6th of May 2014 General Meeting be adopted. Carried.

Visitors: None

Communications: 22 people attended the BCIT tour. Thanks to Ralph Heldt, instructor, and Stephan Forsythe, student the instructor who conducted the tour. Stephan Forsythe was the recipient of the bursary from RAA in 2013.

Financial Report: Tom Boulanger reported that we currently have \$47,900 in the bank, \$22,800 in income, and \$12,700 in expenses.

Old Business:

Update on Turbi pickup: Dave Rose confirmed that the Turbi was picked up by Clare Turner one week ago, and has now arrived in Brandon, Manitoba. Dave thanked the members that assisted in loading the Turbi. The purchaser of the Turbi has advised that he wishes to become a member of Chapter 85. John Macready thanked John de Visser, Dave Rose and Gerard Van Dijk for all their work with the Turbi.

New Aircraft - A Debate on the Type: John De Visser, Dave Rose and Tom Boulanger

Dave Rose provided a summary of the previous survey results:

- 18/23 wanted to purchase an aircraft
- 16/18 would rent the aircraft – approx \$90/hr
- 12/18 agreed to paying for block time in the aircraft - proposing 5hr increments
- Tail/nose wheel – 4 voted for tail wheel, 2 voted for nose wheel, and 12 had no preference
- Certified/owner maint/amateur/ no pref – 5 owner, 6 amateur , 7 no preference, 0 for certified
- 17/18 would be willing to volunteer to maintain or assist with the maintenance of the aircraft

Tom Boulanger reported that there are a total of 12 flying members, regardless of whether the Chapter purchased the Cessna or an Ercoupe. Two members stated they would not fly Cessna, and two members have confirmed they would not fly Ercoupe providing a total of 12 members for either aircraft.

John De Visser provided details about the Cessna: He stated it is a very good airplane. The details are as follows. A 1976 Cessna 150 with 390 hrs is hangared in Pitt Meadows. Two AME members Peter Sleeman and John Stewart have volunteered to work on the aircraft and John has offered to sign it out for a Minimum Fee. It is assumed that chapter members would work on the aircraft when required. The aircraft has a nice interior and a 100hp engine. There was unknown damage that occurred in 1980.

Dave Rose provided details about the Ercoupe: The 1946 Ercoupe in Langley has a C85 engine and metalized wings. Dave listed the pros to purchasing an Ercoupe; it has a strong landing gear, good visibility, no flaps, it can't stall, and it has rudder pedals. The aircraft has a total of 4000hrs, and 1300hrs on the engine. Dave noted that the Ercoupe has 1 to 3 soft cylinders. The asking price is \$18000, or \$22000 with new cylinder. Dave is still negotiating on the price. Dave expressed that he believes the owner maintenance category is the way to go as that is the culture of the Chapter. Dave advised that he could not find any Amateur category aircraft within the price range of the Chapter.

It was suggested that a vote needed to be held, in order to clarify which kind of aircraft the majority preferred; as seven members voted no preference, which could also mean a certified aircraft.

Motion: Rob Prior/ John de Visser moved that we should buy a certified aircraft. John de Visser seconded the motion. Certified: 6. Non-certified: 10. Motion – defeated. The chapter will not buy a certified aircraft

Motion: Rob Prior/ Bob LaLonde moved the chapter attain an amateur built aircraft. This would more clearly reflect the values of the RAA. The Vote was as follows; yes – 13. No – 4
The Motion was approved. The chapter will search for an amateur built aircraft for chapter use.

In summary, it has been confirmed that the Chapter is in favour of purchasing a non-certified, amateur built aircraft to maintain the culture of the Chapter. It was also noted that a new aircraft search committee be implemented. The Present aircraft committee resigned their positions.

The aircraft chairman submitted his resignation verbally at the end of the night.

New Business:

Annual Fly In - June 28, 2014: Team leaders and volunteers are needed for the event. There will be a meeting on Sunday for the fly in. It was suggested we need to purchase new hats, shirts, and an exhibit tent for displays. Volunteers are also need for the pancake breakfast.

Committee Reports

Membership: Dave Marsden reported that there are 53 members to date, and the status report has been sent in for the national member list.

Buildings: John de Visser reported that the workshop is full on a month to month basis until Dave Marsden can find a new workspace. Members can still use turbi hangar for a in the meantime workshop. John reported that there has been no change to the state of tidiness of Alex Routh's hangar and that the chapter should send the letter again requesting the Hangar be cleaned up.

Custodian: Hugo reported no issues. John Macready suggested we create a clubhouse committee for housekeeping – dishes, garbage, stocking, etc. as these are frequently left undone.

Vice President: Peter Whittaker will try to get his Zenith ready for the fly in, and David Marsden will bring his Skylark. The chapter plywood booth will be set up for Fly In and used as a display.

DHAP Committee: Tom had nothing to report at this time.

Newsletter: George Gregory was not present for the June general meeting. The last edition of the Turn and bank has been sent out.

Programs: There will be no general meeting in July. The executive meeting in will be held however.

Announcements: Gary Peare advised there is a Langley fly in on June 21st. Friday/Sat/Sun Notam closures will be in effect. Gary suggested Chapter 85 should bring a display for the event. The Boundary Bay fly in will be held on July 19th. We are looking for volunteer to set up and stand at the display.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Rob Prior and Bob Lalonde motioned to adjourn.