

RAAC Chapter 85 General Meeting
1 April 2008

The Meeting was called to order by President Tim Nicholas at 1935.

Executive Members Attending: Joan Cox, Carol Foley, Tedd McHenry, Robin McNamara, Eric Munzer, Tim Nicholas, Bruce Prior, Rob Prior, Alex Routh, Daniel Weinkam, Terry Wilshire

There were no guests.

Minutes: The March general meeting minutes neglected to report Eric Munzer was present. He was indeed there.

Correspondence: Eleanor Spence sent a thankyou card for being invited as a guest to the upcoming Awards Banquet.

Treasurer: Carol presented the Chapter's financial status and provided a hard copy of her report for the minutes.

Vice President: Terry reported that the Awards Banquet will be at Newlands Golf Course on 26 April. Tickets are \$35 and there's no charge for significant others. He's working on finding a guest speaker.

Membership: Rob reported the membership count now stands at 68 paid up or lifetime.

Library: Robin thinks she has found an O-320 overhaul and maintenance manual for whomever was looking for one.

Buildings: No report.

Program: John confirmed that he has taken over the Program Chair (Chris Cutting has moved to Calgary to begin his flying career in a Piper Navaho). Tonight Chris and Joan Cox will speak on their RV7 project.

Chapter Aircraft: The Turbi flew 6.5 hours in March, 2.6 February and 4.0 in January. A thorough annual has just recently been completed and the Turbi is airworthy. Terry Elgood has completed a new windshield for the Turbi. He advised it can probably be installed in a couple of hours or so. Terry and Gerard will do it. The membership recognized Terry's efforts with a round of applause. There was some discussion about summer flying with the canopy removed. An insertable rear windshield is needed. The old "ME109" canopy is long gone.

DapCom: The next Management Committee meeting will be at 1900 on 22 April in the RAA Clubhouse. RAA members may attend as observers. The next Delta Breakfast will be on Sunday 13 April beginning at 0900.

Turn & Bank: Editor Joan expressed thanks for two articles recently received. Last night Bob Stewart, editor of Winnipeg RAA's "Windsock," asked Joan if he could reprint some T&B articles. Turn and Bank is going national! Will syndication be next?

Old Business:

A member asked if everyone understood that the Turbi operation is subsidized by approximately \$15 per member? Most members seemed to understand that and some recalled that continued ownership and operation of the Turbi had been voted on and approved in the past year. Others expressed their view that \$15 per year was worth the price in bringing in new members and keeping members current.

Chris advised that he was unable to complete his research of 406 ELT requirements as he promised to do last meeting. He did learn that no final decisions have been made by Transport yet. He'll continue to monitor and report.

New Business:

A member asked if the “ditch” across the taxiway between hangars 1 and 2 could be paved. This improvement is on DapCom's action list. Repaving of all the hangar taxiways is planned but will probably be scheduled together with GVRD's plans to pave the parking lot and access road. Another member suggested that perhaps we could get paving done by the contractor that repaves 104 Street.

Editor Joan starts ground school tomorrow and will recommence flight training soon.

Does anyone know anything of the Jurca P51 that was once at Abbotsford Airport? A member advised that it's still at YXX. He said it flies frequently “looking for the Huns!” The engine in it is similar to what Terry will install in his Spitfire. Terry will confer with the P51 owner on engine installation and operation.

Terry asked if we should discuss what to do with our blossoming bank balance. Some members suggested the membership should be advised beforehand that such a discussion is coming up. It was agreed that the May meeting should be devoted to a broad discussion of Chapter 85's needs and objectives.

Robin asked if Chapter 85 has ever financially supported COPA. Terry described our contributions and some of the history behind them. Should we do more? This question can be raised at the debate next month.

Vern Little presented “a proposal to make money:” a Real Estate Affinity Program. The Chapter would get \$200 per real estate transaction brought to Vern by a member and \$500 for a buy and sell. The proposal would include a monthly ad insertion in T & B and exclusive rights to such a program. Some members asked how the mechanics of exclusivity would work. How could we stop a second realtor from advertising the same thing? Motion (Cox/McHenry): that Vern's proposal be reviewed by the Executive first. Carried. Vern was invited to attend the next Executive meeting.

Linda Todd reported that as of April 10 there will be a change in aircraft control phraseology: “Taxi to Position” or “Taxi to Position and Wait” are not ICAO standards. After April 10 the words will be “Line Up” and “Line Up and Wait”. The USA won't adopt the ICAO phraseology at this time.

Gordon will bring his Vari-Eze to the shop tomorrow for 10 days. He asked if the Chapter could make a concession “that every 36 years a member gets a break.” There was much laughter but Gordon was serious and much discussion ensued. Some claimed the present rates are reasonable and even generous. Others thought that long term members should be entitled to benefits in recognition of their years of Chapter support.

Motion (Macready/Cutting): that the paint shop rates be re-examined. Defeated.

Motion: (Cox/Cooper): that storage of parts in the paint shop for a specified period (30 days, for example), be available at half price if shop space isn't otherwise booked. Defeated.

Motion (Cooper/Prior R): that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

The above discussions took considerable time and it was decided to postpone the Cox's presentation to a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2120.