General Meeting Minutes RAA Chapter 85 January 3 2012
Delta Heritage Airpark

The Meeting was called to order at 19:32 Hrs Jan 3rd 2012 by President John Macready

A New Member Introduced: Ray Roussey. He owns and flies a Ryan Navion from Delta and has been a tenant of Delta Air Park for 15 years.

Correspondence from Canada Revenue Agency received advising us that a business number (80130 2514 BC0001) was issued to RAA Chapter 85 November 23 2011.

Presidents Report: John Macready
John described his election platform and intentions to improve numbers and expand activities of chapter in 2012.
He thanked Past President Tim Nicholas for his service as RAA 85 President
John announced he cannot attend all meetings due to work, Raymond Colley (who is Vice President) will fill in when he is not available
John introduced new members of the executive namely David McIntosh as Secretary. Raymond Colley as Vice, Tom Boulanger as Treasurer. Bruce Prior as Custodian/Paint Shop. Gary McBride as aircraft chairman. Alex Routh and John de Visser are new directors.
There will be a meeting in February to review all portfolios, identify goals and set objectives for 2012.
John Hopes to refocus chapter back to the roots, building airplanes and developing home building skills. In other words, return to our mandate to build airplanes, show them off, and improve building skills.
John wants to make the chapter more hands on; we have the expertise, facilities, and money.
John hopes that we can promote ourselves more to demonstrate our RAA "Esprit de Corp." He suggests one small way to do this is to wear RAA apparel with logos, etc. to increase our visibility and promote our image in the local aviation community.
John reviewed flow of events of the meeting and how for the short term it will remain the same as last year, but eventually would like to increase efficiency of meeting decrease politics and when decisions are made record them and act upon the decision.

Treasurer: Tom Boulanger:
Tom reiterated that he needs help to understand the financial records. Carol Foley did explain some of the recording to him, but he admits he still has a lot to learn out.
Tom thanked Carol for her work for previous 6 years
He reported Income for 2011 as $31,423.48 and expenses of $30,275.00 for a balance of $1148.48 profit.

Membership: David Marsden:
David reported that we have 33 paid up Members and two more were signed up tonight.
David reiterated the cost of membership fees. Regular is 65.00 with 15 dollar surcharge for non national member. The surcharge will pay for an insurance policy that national provides to cover airfield events sanctioned by RAAC.
All members of the executive of the chapter are required to be national members. A minimum of three directors must be national members in order to qualify for the national insurance coverage. They are the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Buildings: Tom Boulanger
The major issue is billing for parked airplanes. Three members have paid. The rest are still pending. The rent has not been paid for the Turbi as yet.
All paint shop/work shop rentals have been paid for and accounts are even.
Gerald Ohm will pay off paint shop debts $150/month until 2015.

Custodian: Bruce Prior
Bruce was appointed in October 2011 to the executive as custodian.
He clarified that the paint shop isn't really a paint shop; it is a work shop officially.
There will be a new booking system on line with date in and date out for rental of space and items. He will keep track of heating bill incurred by members.
Rental of work shop space is $10/day members, $20 non-members
Three projects recently completely recently were: Cessna 170 (Instruments), Emeraude (Deconstruction), Cessna 150 (engine installation).
The library used to have a sign out system for books, but now it's an open source library (not locked, no sign out required). We simply ask that you bring the book back. System is working so far
Bruce explained to meeting attendees that his role as custodian is to manage the club's assets (where things are, what they are, who's got them, terms of borrowing).
He explained that Metro Vancouver owns Delta Air Park, they rent hangars and the club house to the chapter and grants us right to rent as we see fit.
DAPCOM rents all other hangars on at Delta Air Park from Metro Vancouver

Vice President: Raymond Colley
Mentioned the upcoming awards banquet, He may need help in organizing it (room booking, catering, etc.)
John Macready said it's very easy to organize. The procedure is written out and easy to follow. He added that we need an awards committee to make nominations for awards.
Raymond suggested that we should send out an email describing each award and request nominations for each one.

Aircraft: Gary McBride: (Not in attendance but sent a message)
Gary McBride was unable to attend the meeting, but sent in a report on the Turbi usage and costs.
In 2011 Turbi flew for 9.3hrs, 8.5hrs billed, 0.8hrs check pilot recurrence.
The aircraft did not fly much due to a requirement for a new propeller, tachometer repair, intercom repair, and new battery installation. (Major costs being propeller and insurance)
The propeller was paid privately.
Gary also reported stated that the new cylinders were a big expense as well. new connecting rods, bearings, seals, (Basically a top-end overhaul was completed in 2011).
He explained that the goal is to significantly increase the membership's use of the Turbi in the coming year.

DAPCOM: Raymond Colley:
Raymond described the repairs to the airfield hangars i.e. 32 hangar doors were replaced, with rollers and sliders. New doors have lexan windows at top in order to let in light.
Twenty eight additional hangar doors will be replaced this year to finish off all the hangars
The Embry house interior will be started in the spring and should be finished by the fall, Gerard will likely move in when the house is completed.
The Barn repairs/restoration may or may not occur due to the cost of the project. It may end up being a very expensive project.
Raymond reported that 2011 was a good year and he was looking forward to 2012.
Bruce Prior mentioned that there's a new cat in the coffee shop. Her name's PINK and she will take over the role of 'Mouse Hunter.'

RAAC National: John Macready
John Macready is the National Director for RAAC. He will supervise the distribution of the scales when members want to borrow them.
John plans to contact other chapters in BC to find out what they are doing and possible plan some mutual cooperation in projects.
John encourages members who have completed an airplane to write the project up and submit the article it for publication.

Newsletter: George Gregory:
George wants someone to forward notes about the meetings and noted that we need to share our great wealth of building knowledge with others.
Because George edits the Turn and Bank and the Recreational Flyer, he would like to encourage us to contact him with any little hints or pointers and easy ways of doing things for the newsletter. It will make the magazine more interesting. We have to encourage our members to contribute small articles if they have completed some project or know something about a topic.

George explained that the website is a great resource, but is being underused. We could improve the RAA "brand" if the forum were to become a go-to place for aviation knowledge. He would like to make the RAA Website the touchstone point for homebuilding aircraft to find out what's going in Canada with the RAA. John Macready described the RAA 85's involvement at the COPA convention last year. George designed 3 posters. John encouraged members to write articles for Turn and Bank.

Programs: Cyril Henderson:
Cyril has a film for tonight about fabric work. It's dated, but still an interesting film that covers all the steps in the project.
Cyril will attempt to get a Transport Canada person to a meeting for a talk about homebuilt aircraft.
John adds that the program part of the RAA is very important. The more hands on the better, and he'll talk with other chapters to see what they do to keep members interested.

Old Business:
John reported that Robin McNamara requested financial records, but Tom needs to arrange them before they can be displayed properly or distributed.
Robin McNamara also requested license agreement for the air park. Raymond will contact METRO to get it, and permission to maybe put it on the website.

New Business:
Jean Prior wrote a new schedule for Airpark activities for the entire year. Will be posted in the clubhouse and pilots lounge and eventually will be available online.
John M suggested a circle set up for meetings to make members feel more involved.

Announcements:
John Macready requested that members avoid using the RAA message system (email) for non-RAA 85 information / topics.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:42 Motion: Carol/ Raymond Colley.

Minutes recorded by David McIntosh and reviewed by John Macready