**Rose City Model Flyers**

**Executive Meeting Minutes**

January 27, 2019

**Opening:** As one of the participants (Rob R.?) was 15 minutes late, the meeting was not officially called to order until 9:15 AM

**Attendees:** Bob Gunter – President (Chairman)

Rob Rittner – Vice President

Bob Winter – Treasurer

Andy Falka – Safety Officer

Bob Wheaton – Secretary

**Guests:** Bill Henderson

Joe Rodgers

**Approval of Agenda:** unanimously accepted, as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes:** as this was the first meeting of 2019, there were no previous minutes to approve.

**Open Items:**

Indoor Flying – according to Bob G., this endeavor is going great, with lots of participation. It was also noted that the indoor flying project is self-sustaining… that is, it is paying for itself and is not a drain on general club finances.

General Membership Meeting – there are plans to call a general meeting in the future, but exact time/date/location is still to be determined. More news on this will be announced in the future.

Canal Days Event – as this event was a lot of work, with very little return, it has been decided that the RCMF will no longer be participating in this annual Labour Day weekend event. A question was brought up, as to how effective this event was, with respect to club recruitment. The answer was… we saw very little in the way of new members, but that wasn’t a bad thing, as the ultimate aim of the club is to remain at or around 50 members in total. Bob G. has informed the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum that the club will not be attending in 2019. This item is now closed.

Treasurer’s Report – Bob Winter presented the Financial Statements for year ending 2018, as well as proposed budget for 2019. Some highlights are as follows… current assets of approximately $8,200 in the bank; short term GIC’s (our efforts at self-insuring tractors/lawn movers) is $6,500; 2019 budget has estimated surplus. If anybody is interested in seeing the actual spreadsheet data for 2018/2019, please contact Bob Winter directly. Item now closed, with respect to 2018 finances.

Equipment Maintenance – during discussion of the financial statements, it was noted that Rick Young is now our “maintenance manager”, looking after maintenance and repair of the tractor/mowers. Item now closed.

2019 Vintage Fly – the date for this year’s event is Aug 17th, with Aug 18th set aside as the rain date. The plan is to leave the event as a low-key, family day, fun fly event, similar to last year. There is a possibility that after the official end of festivities (3:00PM), there may be some “air combat” activities, rather than last year’s ill conceived/badly executed pylon racing. More details will follow, as they become available. Rob R. is to create the official announcement of the event, for inclusion in the MAAC magazine and on the MAAC web site.

MAAC Requirements – a special bulletin will be issued in the future (this spring?), but for now, it is highly recommended that all R/C aircraft have the following onboard… a minimum of MAAC # of pilot (owner) and MAAC phone number. It wouldn’t hurt to include MAAC web site. Personal information such as your own name and phone number should be considered optional.

Dinner Cruise – based on the success of past cruises, the executive decided to start the process for a 2019 cruise. Bob G. will be looking into dates/cost and report back to membership.

**New Business:**

Spring Cleanup – field repairs to area where the “toy box” used to reside;

 lawn rolling, plan to use bigger roller than previous years;

 fertilizing and over seeding, estimated at $300-400;

 more stone for driveway and parking areas (Bob G.);

 possible regrading of driveway (Bob G.)

As mentioned before, the landlord is impressed by how “clean” we keep the field and surroundings. Good job, guys… keep it up!

Cub Day – Rob R. is looking into this and will report back to the executive.

Toy Box/Main Gate – roll up door on the toy box is to be replaced with a barn door style opening. Apparently, some of our shorter members can’t reach the door handle when the door is up, not to mention the doors’ actual operation seems to be suspect. And, for those complaining about how hard it is to move the gate at the entrance to the field… F16 wheel on the gate, to be replaced with Tundra wheel ☺

Weather Reporting Station – Joe Rodgers made a brief presentation on assorted weather stations that could be placed at Marshville Air Park. He will be heading up a committee, assisted by Bill Henderson and Dwayne Baldwin from Burlington, to assess this possible project. At a minimum, the executive feels that such a reporting station should have local wind speed and direction, as well as temperature. Nice to have features would be precipitation (current and past) and/or humidity, as well as a camera with video or stop motion. Video access could provide two distinct advantages… who’s out flying right now, or at least how many vehicles there are in the parking lot, and security. The big question is obviously cost and how club members access the data. For the purposes of further study, the executive unanimously voted to approve a capital expenditure of $1,000 for equipment, with an ongoing monthly subscription fee of $50 (or $600/year). Joe R. will be putting together a report in order for the executive to decide whether this project is feasible or not. In the meantime, Bob G. and Joe R. will meet with the landlord to discuss wifi/internet access and possible locations for the equipment (weather station, camera, power supply).

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

This meeting’s open items not yet closed

This meeting’s new business items that need follow up

New Business

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:52 AM, by Bob G.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Wheaton

Minutes approved by: Bob Gunter