

Minutes EAA Chapter 679
April 02/03 Nanaimo Flying Club

The meeting was convened by Chairman George Carpenter at 7:70 p.m. 15 members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, proposed by Gord Henne, seconded by Randy Galusha.

Treasurer's Report

Bryon Calverly reported:

He had deposited \$140 – Doughnuts were \$16.05 - coffee fund was \$18.72

Total at the bank was \$ 395.83

The report was accepted as read proposed by John Owen seconded by Randy Galusha.

Old Business

The chairman advised members that the Tech Advisors had completed the forms as requested by EAA headquarters and should be returned as signed.

The annual pancake breakfast was discussed and dates were suggested as 14th or 21st May. Bob Lord, breakfast chairman, suggested his deputy Gord Henne would officiate in the event that he would not be able to attend. Vince Doyle was co-opted to assist.

Final date for the welding seminar given by Chuck Roberts was not fixed as Chuck did not know at this time when he would be free to conduct the seminar but suggested it would be early June.

The Centennial display booth to be erected at Woodgrove Mall was still not finalised as its chairman had not had confirmation from the mall administration.

New Business

Denis Browne our EAA Canadian Council representative gave a report of the meeting held in Ottawa, Feb 24th.

Topics of discussion were as follows:

! EAA insurance for Canadian members is now available from Falcon Insurance.

2 The MD-RA program. Denis passed along some of our concerns to its chairman. Rem Walker suggested EAA should contribute to the training costs of inspectors in Canada. Questions from Chapter 679: Would EAA put money into training for Tech Councillors and Flight Advisors? Would MD-RA hold training sessions in BC? Denis replied that he would try to resolve some of these issues and reported that the MD-RA chairman wanted to resolve some of the differences of the past now that MD-RA was independent of RAA.

3 Canadian content on the EAA website is to replace the Canadian pages in Sport Aviation. An all Canadian website would be prepared by EAA headquarters and requested chapters to contribute items. Denis would collect contributed items and reports.

Denis reported that there are presently over 5,700 Canadian members though many of them do not belong to a chapter. Homebuilt Aircraft Council (HAC) chairman Jack Duek in Alberta is supportive of the website and publications.

4 Rem Walker announced his retirement as EAAC chairman. Denis Browne was asked and accepted the position as of May 01/03.

5 COPA was willing to accept articles and reports for COPA Flight Magazine.

6 Canadian members thought generally that Sport Aviation had gotten away from the grass roots of tips and help. EAA replied to the effect that it would endeavour to replace some of this material back into the publication with more tech information and reprints of older designs.

Chairman George Carpenter thanked Denis for his report and offered congratulations on his new role. George suggested that Chapter 679 write a letter of thanks to Rem Walker for his participation over the many years of hard work as EAAC Chairman. – approved by the members present.

Dave Priart reminded members of the Nanaimo Airport Commission meeting and suggested it was in the best interest of the chapter to have as many members as possible attend. It was suggested that our members should try to educate the Commission about the volume of recreational aircraft and activity on the airport.

Gord Henne reported that Mindy's trailer might be available as a chapter clubhouse for a minimal annual payment – he would look into it.

Next meeting May 07 at Duncan Flying Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Members relaxed and watched a video of the Brussels Aviation Museum provided by Vince Doyle.