

Meridian Model Flyers Association
Minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting

Call to order 7:35 pm

attendance 9 Mbrs/2 Executive/0 guest

Reading of Minutes

They were sent out via email and are on the website

Treasure Report

- Debits: bank fees, lawn tractor fuel, lawn tractor battery and oil change supplies
- Credits: Membership for 2024, 50/50

Total membership 51 including 1 jr memberships for 2024

Full amounts available from the treasure on request

Correspondence

- George reported on the recent MAAC President's talk. Transcript available at maac.ca
- Reminder that the MAAC AGM is June 2 in Saskatoon and online attendance is available. See maac.ca for details
- 3 new MAAC NOTAMS have been released, 2024-01,2024-02 and 2024-03. These pertain to club events, RPAS Wilco, and altitude restrictions. These are important and should be read by all members. Available on MAAC website under 'Resources-Documents-Advisory Group Safety'
- April 25 MAAC announced a 'Motto Contest' to replace the current "Join Because You Want To" motto. Prize is a free flight model kit. The contest is closed at midnight May 13. Results to be announced at the June 2nd AGM
- MAAC released the results of a survey they recently conducted. MAAC members surveyed 67% AGAINST continuing a printed MAAC magazine and 33% FOR continuing the print magazine. It was not mentioned what effect this will have on the MAAC magazine
- Darren J. spoke with MAAC V.P. Randy Hepner to determine if a student who is flying under the direct supervision of an RPAS certificate holder also requires an RPAS certificate. Darren was told that it is preferred that the student has the RPAS certificate, but it is not an absolute requirement until the student begins flying unsupervised

Field Report

- Field is in great Flying condition, Burrowing Rodents are still an issue

Old Business

- Maurice has received the NFP renewal forms he will submit once elections and year end Audit has been completed **UPDATE** Maurice has finished the required paper work and audit will be done at the end of tonight's meeting and application forwarded to the province **UPDATE** documents have been completed and sent to the province on December 6 2023. **UPDATE** no response as of yet **PENDING**
- Dale has suggested that due to the extreme dry conditions additional fire suppression devices be added to the field. After discussion it was decided that an additional fire extinguisher be placed at the gate behind the pilot stations and that a couple of corn brooms be purchased and placed by the starting area and pilot stations. Also water suppression equipment such as sprayers will be addressed in the spring as that is not an option during the winter months. Shawn has a fire extinguisher he will donate and place on the fence at the exit gate to the pilot stations **UPDATE** it was decided to obtain a couple of fire blankets and some form of water suppression will be looked into once overnight temps stay above freezing **UPDATE** Dale S. has purchased 2 corn brooms and will bring to the field soon **PENDING**

New Business

- Burrowing Rodents are beginning to take over the field again and removal is required in

the past trapping and smoke bomb extermination has be effective we need members to step forward and begin that process Dave will send an email asking for volunteers

PENDING

- an inquiry was made to George from a drone racing organization regarding the use of our drone field. After discussion it was decided to look further into this as a possibility. It was also agreed on that the organization would have to abide by all MAAC regulations and club rules, and that they would be responsible for the maintenance of the drone field. George will make contact and gather further information.

Next meeting will be June 4 at 7:30pm in the PERC building,

50/50 was won by Jeff J

Meeting Adjourned at 08:25 pm