

Meridian Model Flyers Association
Minutes of the Nov 5, 2024 meeting

Call to order 7:33 pm

attendance 17 Mbrs/3 Executive/0 guest

Reading of Minutes

They were sent out via email and are on the website

Treasure Report

- Debits: bank fees, fire extinguishers recharge, Wreath for Remembrance Day, out house pumping,
- Credits: 50/50,

Total membership 68 including 4 jr memberships for 2024

Full amounts available from the treasure on request

Correspondence

- MAAC president videos, AZM info, updates and info on Javier status and passing, request from a paraglider to use our field, MAAC president stepping down

Field Report

- Field is in great Flying condition
- Field lease has been Paid

Old Business

- 2025 is the 30th anniversary of the club it was brought up that some form of celebration be held such as a BBQ and perhaps a prize draw of some type it was generally accepted that this is a good idea and further discussion should be held UPDATE it was suggested perhaps we could put a float in the farmers days parade as well **PENDING**
- The executive was made aware that there are again some loud aircraft being flown at the field. As we have had noise complaints in the past the executive will find the levels that were set previously for noise limits and if required will implement testing on the area designed for testing in the pits. Remember failure to comply with club rules and regulations may result in the removal of flying privileges and possible revocation of club membership UPDATE previous club noise level restrictions are still being investigated UPDATE investigation has been made and a recommendation of 96dba will be utilized at the field see new business **CLOSED**
- Fire extinguishers require recertification/filling Dave G will do this UPDATE both fire extinguishers have been recertified and filled **CLOSED**
- Ed K needs additional pamphlets Darren J will print some out and get them to Ed **PENDING**
- Due to the recent charging station fire pails of sand will be placed at the charging station to be applied to burning batteries Mike M will bring some pails UPDATE Pails and sand has been delivered to the field thanks Mike M **CLOSED**
- There was much discussion around Jet flying at our field with points for and against as well as several suggestions around how the issue could be resolved there was no determination made so the discussion was tabled UPDATE MAAC MAP01 field guidelines list the suggested field size for various types of aircraft as the recommended limits for Turbines and high performance aircraft greatly exceed our field size it is decided the club will adhere to MAAC guidelines as our SOC requires us so Turbines of any kind will not be permitted at our field limits suggested by MAAC are Length 900m, depth 500m, altitude 120m. it was also discovered that the AMA has similar guidelines and measurements **CLOSED**
- There was an issue where a new pilot was being instructed and the instructor asked to have the field for a few minutes to assist the beginner a members were asked not to fly one member did so with a result of a midair. Dave G will send a reminder about common

sense and courtesy and flight line protocol UPDATE reminder has been sent **CLOSED**

NEW Business

- It was suggested that an obituary be prepared and sent to MAAC Dave M will draft one and forward to the executive for approval **PENDING**
- It was noted that for anyone who may not be aware that the use of private equipment at the field even for club purposes is at the peril of the owner the club will not be responsible for any loss or damage to that equipment and the owner does so at his own risk **CLOSED**
- The wreath has been purchased for the ceremony at the Stony Plain Legion and they will lay it on the clubs behalf **CLOSED**
- There was an enquiry around the installation of a safety officer after some discussion it was determined that all members are responsible for safety and as such the following motion was drafted. Motion made by Randy P, 2nd by Dick C “move that in regard to a safety officer none is required and all members are responsible for the safe operation’s at the field and to report infractions to the executive “ 1 opposed 0 abstain 19 in favour motion passed **CLOSED**
- As most members were appreciative of the snow blowing that Chris J did at the field last winter it was decided that the club purchase one for storage at the field for club use Motion was made by Randy P 2nd by Dik C “Move that the club purchase the used snow blower from Robert B at a cost of \$500.” 20 in favour 0 opposed 0 abstain motion was carried **CLOSED**
- After much investigation by several members of the executive there was nothing discovered as to the past noise levels the club used. With further investigation it was found that the level of 96dba was about the standard in use so the following motion was made. Moved by Rob f 2nd by Dale S “ move that the club adopt a maximum sound level of 96dba to be measured with the aircraft secured with the motor/engine in the center of the hard point (sidewalk block) and measurements be taken on the 3m stones(in front, left and right and behind) at a height of 2 feet above ground and that the club purchase a sound meter to insure consistent readings purchase not to exceed \$100.” 20 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstain Motion Carried. Ron T will purchase the meter for storage in the sea can **CLOSED**
- ELECTIONS
 - o There were no nominations for any positions from the floor
 - o Existing executive were asked if they were willing to Stand all confirmed that they will stand so the following is the executive
 - President George Semper
 - Vice Pres Robert Bailey
 - Treasurer Maurice Houle
 - Secretary David Geddes
 - Director Randy Preece
 - Director Ernie Reinhold
 - Director Ed King
 - Director Darren James (volunteered to replace Terry B and was accepted by all)
- Dave M and Ron T stepped up to assist with the instructor Role and Randy P will remain as chief instructor. **CLOSED**

Next meeting will be December 3rd at 7:30pm in the PERC building,

50/50 won by Greg O

Meeting Adjourned at 08:33 pm