

Model Aeronautics Association of Canada

Annual General Meeting

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Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Ottawa, ON

Call to order: Past President, Carl Layden who welcomed all in attendance, called the 2006 Annual General Meeting of MAAC to order at 2:04 pm with 7503 members in attendance in person or by proxy. Carl noted that this has been a very productive weekend for the board members, due in part to the excellent organization by the Ottawa zone and President elect Richard Barlow. Thanks were extended to Richard.

Introductions: The head table was introduced; Bill Rollins from Pacific zone, Doug MacMillan from BC zone, Walter Chikmoroff from Alberta zone, Don Forness from Saskatchewan zone, Jeff Esslinger from Manitoba/Northwest Ontario zone, Kevin McGrath from Northern Ontario zone, Wayne Bransfield now Past Past President, Jim Pepperdine former Alberta zone director and now past executive committee member as well, Mike Taziar from Middle zone, Bob Hudson from South East zone, Richard Barlow from Ottawa zone and President elect, Jean Blaquiére from St Lawrence zone, Richard Biron from Quebec zone, Regis Landry from Atlantic zone and lastly Doug Giesel taking notes for an absent Linda Patrick, Secretary/Treasurer.

Carl then introduced the 2006 Executive Committee; President elect, Richard Barlow; Vice President, Kevin McGrath, executive members, Don Forness and Doug MacMillan. The audience was asked to recognize outgoing members of the executive committee; Jim Pepperdine and Wayne Bransfield.

Others recognized from the audience; ACC Delegate, Dave Larkin; Chairmen, Jim Moseley (Free Flight), Jim Anderson (SAM), Chris Brownhill (Control Line), Jack Humphreys (FAI & CIAM representative), Brian Wattie (Giant Scale), Fred Messacar (Constitution) and John Boyd (Space Modeling). Claude Melbourne, Deputy Zone Director for Ottawa zone was also introduced.

Members in attendance were asked to indicate by hand which zone they were from so that the final tally could be taken for zone director votes.

Door Prizes: There were 8 door prizes donated for the meeting, they will be handed out intermittently during the proceedings.

Carl then acknowledged the participation of the people at the head table, they all came prepared to work, showed up on time each day and kept to the agendas. A lot was accomplished with their hard work.

Minutes of 2005 AGM: Minutes of the previous meeting were included in the packages picked up at check in. Gerry Nadon #5271 moved the minutes be accepted as presented seconded by John Boyd #61382.

Fred Messacar #25381L explained how the vote counts would be carried out. Members were asked to give their name and MAAC number before speaking.

The motion to accept the 2005 Minutes carried unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presidents Report by Carl Layden: 2005 was a very active year. The board had to deal with a variety of issues not the least of which was internal board issues. The greatest accomplishment of 2005 through the board team was putting our house in order. Later on we'll be voting on a new set of bylaws. This represents a huge effort on the part of constitution chairman and his committee. So much so that the board directed me to acknowledge the work put into the effort. The constitution committee asked that David Plank, who is not a part of the committee, be recognized for providing a template from which the document being presented today was put together. It saved the committee hours of work. This will erase nearly 50 years of delinquency on our part by getting bylaws that are acceptable to Industry Canada. Industry Canada has already accepted these bylaws assuming membership ratifies it today. The by-laws will be in effect once approved and it will be the direction of this board to recommend acceptance.

Also, as you will see from the budget 2005 was a difficult year from a financial point of view. Even though it was difficult, we survived and did well, suffering a deficit of \$4000 but considering the size of our budget; it was successful considering the hard cuts we had to make in so many different areas.

Earlier this year in the early summer, some insurance issues were brought up. They were circulated by two of our board members. They brought into question whether the insurance we had purchased was in fact what we had advertised it to be. These letters were circulated internationally and actually jeopardized our relationship with the Academy of Model Aeronautics at one point. The directors involved did not return to the board at their respective Annual Zone Meetings. The relationship we have with AMA is 100% intact and quick action on the part of the executive insured that. Our insurance, I will assure you, was never in question. Our broker, as well as legal council has backed this up.

During the summer we had to deal with interference in the current lawsuit that was a result of the accident in 2003. I'm assuming everyone has seen the notice that was on the web site and basically we were instructed by our broker and Temple Insurance to inform our membership that if they wished to contact anyone, the information had to go through the president or our insurance committee chairman and the contact was through the

broker. There were instances of the adjusters as well as the lawyers involved in the case being contacted directly.

The combined Canadian Nationals in 2005 had approximately 170 competitors enrolled and it went off well. The competitors spoke well of the event. However the financial reporting of the specific event is still outstanding.

In the fall we saw Industry Canada providing approval of the bylaws conditional upon the approval of the membership.

For 2006 the board sees six new zone directors. Walt Chikmoroff, Austin Taylor who represented the SE zone for a short time and then had to resign, followed by Bob Hudson introduced earlier, Regis Landry, Charles Smith represented the SW zone up to approximately ten days ago, and Bill Rollins. We saw 3 zone meetings in the SE zone, rather unusual, but everything has worked out and they have a representative on the board.

The next topic in this report is one a lot of you are waiting to hear about. That would be the group known as the Canadian Aeromodeling Club. There was \$2,000 that was never returned to MAAC that this board believes should have been. This is part of the 2005 reporting that is not complete from the Canadian Nationals. The board approved combined Nationals for 2006; that approval came with some conditions, primarily around financial accountability including the 05 Nats. This concerns the same group of individuals. The motion to approve, amongst the conditions was a requirement to respond by the 30th of November. At that time, during the same day, within hours or an hour, the offer to host a combined Nats was withdrawn, subsequent to that was the application for the Canadian Aeromodelers Club and an application for an event sanction for an event known as the Canadian Championships. There was a motion made to accept this club, it was defeated. MAAC is the Canadian body for model aviation. This board must approve national events. A National event refers to Canada. There is no difference between a National event and a Canadian Championships. These are the opinions as expressed by the board. The board believes this was a deliberate action to circumvent the proper accounting and the conditions that were required to host a National event. This board is responsible to all members to ensure proper accountability to the corporation. There was an error in our office at the time. The process has been corrected. There was a certificate issued that bears the signature of the President. There are several documents in the office that bear the presidents signature, which are not filled in. The reason being that it is just too cumbersome and time consuming to send things back and forth to St Johns. If anyone needs further proof that I did not knowingly sign the document, I would submit that I was in Cuba at the time.

The board as I pointed out has dealt with a number of challenges this year. Also under insurance we received a letter of complaint from our broker. Mr. Charles Smith, SW zone director at the time had contacted the broker directly. Our broker notified us that one of his staff had been rudely spoken to, an unpleasant experience. The action that resulted from that was that the insurance chairman and myself both sent letters of apology to the broker assuring him of the professionalism of this board and that the board did not

support such action. I'm happy to say that the relationship with our broker is still intact, our broker made it very clear to us that one of the reasons and one of the things that insures we get good insurance coverage every year is our professionalism, were now with Lloyds of London and that should speak volumes. He sells the organization, not as a bunch of guys flying model airplanes; he sells us as a professional corporation that conducts itself in the way it needs to be done, servicing all these modelers from coast to coast.

I also received a letter from a lawyer representing Mr. Charles Smith. In it were a number of things, primarily cautioning me towards anything I might say or do that could be construed as defamation of character. There were three MAAC members included on the letter to myself. I'm uncertain as to why those individuals were copied; however the action that was taken was to give it to our legal counsel. A response was sent, which to my knowledge remains unanswered. Basically the letter asked for proof of any such actions to be produced. Also it indicated that had there been any defamation of character, to please produce the documents and reminded the lawyer that he should discuss the responsibilities of a director within the board with his client.

This past year we have incurred legal costs above the norm in order to minimize risk to the association. Some of those costs included legal fees associated with verifying our insurance policy, insurance is the single biggest line item in our budget, when we're spending six figures on insurance it's a very good idea to make sure we're getting what we think we're getting. The board also had to deal with notices of censure to board members, which were also run by legal council. Legal council also provided some opinions regarding the Canadian Aeromodelers Club. There was also response to the legal letter mentioned a moment ago.

Members of our association were threatened in 2005. One of our directors chose not to follow the direction established by this board, despite several reminders of responsibility, he used his position to promote the Canadian Aeromodelers Club event in the SW zone. This was 100% contradictory to the board's decision and direction. This is a conflict.

After all of those things, I'd like to let you know there is also some good news. The RABC endorsed and encouraged this organization to use the 2.4 Ghz band. Our safety code has been amended to allow use of these radios in agreement with the manufacturers recommendations. Having that additional approval if you will from the RABC certainly makes it a little more official and carries a little more weight that we're doing the right things.

We still maintain an active and integral relationship with Transport Canada. We're working on projects with them that hopefully will lead to a better relationship in the future. These concern UAV's, special flight ops certificates, fast models, and heavy models. Don't think that anything is changing for the association, it isn't, and our role with Transport Canada is a consulting role. They're asking us for our experience, opinions and our expertise.

We saw a need to establish a new relationship with government for Natural Resources. What does aeromodeling have to do with Natural Resources? Part of aeromodeling is Space Models, most of you know of them as model rockets. The propellants used in model rocket engines fall under explosives, explosives fall under natural resources. The Honorable John Effort, who was Minister of Natural Resources at the time, is known to me through family. I contacted his office and he opened the door to facilitate MAAC's access to the people who wrote the proposed changes that were going to impact space modeling. As a result they are now looking to us for the input they need so that these changes are not detrimental to the mining industry which is what they are concerned about but are also permit the recreational activity of space modelers across the country, not just for MAAC but for all the high school programs and all the science students that fly model rockets. So again this is a very important door that has been opened to us and gives us access to assure that the right things get done.

The last thing I have in my report is the fact that I have retired from the office of President of MAAC. There is a note on the web page and I'll provide whatever certainty you want to ensure that the challenges of the last two years have had no bearing on my decision. Last year in Kelowna I had a long talk with my wife Pam about where things were going and what needed to be done, we decided then and there that this would be my last year in this position. The executive has been aware of my decision from that time and has supported me immensely and it helped them prepare for me to step down. We shared a lot of work through the year and it was only from their efforts that made it possible for me to get the job done this past year. So the time that I will be gaining back is so that I can reinvest in my son Logan, family and my career. These are things that must and have to come before MAAC. That's something I have to do and am really looking forward to it. I think a lot of the folks here have met Logan and think you understand.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

Financial Report: The Auditors Report was included in the packages picked up at registration. Jack Humphreys #1797L moved the Auditors Report be accepted as presented, seconded by David Rees #51926. There were no questions or comments.

The motion carried unanimously.

2006 Budget Presentation: The board is recommending acceptance of the budget for our operations for 2006. Mike Clemmens #10577 moved the 2006 budget be accepted as presented, seconded by Gerry Nadon #5271L.

Member Mike Clemmens #10577 noted that he had sat through the board meetings where the budget was discussed and felt the board did an excellent job when they were going through the document.

Chris Brownhill #3797L asked why we see such a rise in membership revenue? The increase in membership revenue is based on the fee increase. When the budget was put

together, we anticipated a 10% reduction in membership; we have no idea if that will actually transpire. Current numbers in membership indicate we're right on track with any other year, however, it is still early in the year and we can't be 100% certain if that estimate was correct.

The motion to approve the 2006 budget carried unanimously.

Appoint Auditors for 2006: Missing from the magazine along with the Auditor's Report was nomination of an auditor for 2006, which should have been there. Carl asked for nominations. The Board discussed the possibilities and was pleased with the work that was done for 2005. This was a new auditor for us. You will have noted in the minutes of last year, an auditor was not appointed in the hope we could find a more economical auditor to audit our books for us on an annual basis and we did find that, they came in and did a great job of working with Linda, going through everything and pointing out where we needed to change some terminology particularly in things like the members equity fund and dedicated funds as dedicated funds actually consist of two things. Sometimes there are donations where they are explicit as to where the funds are to be used and as a result those funds must be split out and you see the split in the auditors report.

Brian Wattie #5089L moved that the firm of Beckett Lowden Read be appointed as auditors for 2006, seconded by Dennis Pratt #52272L.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed New Bylaws: The recommendation of the board is to accept the new bylaws. Carl turned the floor over to Fred Messacar, constitution chairman who explained that the work on the new bylaws had been ongoing for over a year, working very carefully and with Industry Canada. Fred explained the division of policy items into a separate manual from the bylaws. Submissions were made to Industry Canada and finally acceptance of the new bylaws was obtained pending approval of the members at this Annual General Meeting. Fred called for questions there were none forthcoming. Carl noted that the board recommends acceptance of the new bylaws.

The vote to accept the new bylaws (printed in the February issue of Model Aviation Canada) was carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved Duties of Officers shall include: Upon election, the President shall sign the disclosure statement included as part of the MAAC Board of Directors Code of Ethics and submit it to the MAAC office, MAAC executive committee, and retain a copy for himself/herself. Moved by Ian Gunn, 2nd by Cato Hansen. (Atlantic Zone)
2. Be it resolved Duties of Officers shall include: Upon election, the Zone Director shall sign the disclosure statement included as part of the MAAC Board of Directors

Code of Ethics and submit it to the MAAC office, MAAC executive committee, and retain a copy for himself/herself. Moved by Ian Gunn, 2nd by Cato Hansen. (Atlantic Zone)

Resolutions 1 & 2 read exactly the same except that one references the president, the other zone directors. The committee notes that both are to do with policy and are not resolutions, both have been referred to the board of directors as such. Carl noted that the board of directors has approved adoption of both into policy and they are now in effect with the Code of Ethics as proposed in the recommendations, which has also been adopted into policy by the board. The board recommends defeat of these two resolutions, as they are policy items. The two were voted on in block.

Dennis Pratt #52272L moved that resolutions 1 & 2 be accepted, seconded by Mike Clemmens #10577. The motion was defeated 3 in Favor, 7500 against, 0 abstentions.

3. Be it resolved that: Any membership may be suspended up to ninety (90) days or terminated by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board of directors provided that the conduct of the member is found to be prejudicial to the corporation. The member shall have the opportunity, upon written notice to the president of the corporation within thirty (30) days after formal notification, to show cause why his membership should not be suspended or terminated. Moved by Gaston Boissoneau, 2nd by Larry Connors. (N Ontario Zone).

7. Be it resolved that any membership may be suspended up to ninety (90) days or terminated, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board of directors provided that the conduct of the member is found to be prejudicial to the corporation. The member shall have an opportunity, upon written notice to the president of the corporation within thirty (30) days after formal notification, to show cause why his membership should not be suspended or terminated.

Fred, the difference being a single member, members and a comma, read the two motions. The second of the two is more correct. The board recommends defeat of #3 and acceptance of #7.

Resolution #3 was defeated 3 in favor, 7499 against, 1 abstention.

Resolution #7 was carried 7502 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

4. Be it resolved that the safety committee be comprised of a representative from each MAAC discipline where that representative be the chairman or delegated representative of each Special Interest Group and up to one other MAAC member from each MAAC zone(Ottawa Valley Zone).

5. Be it resolved that in view of the importance of MAAC developing safety procedures, which must be appropriate for and acceptable to all disciplines represented in MAAC, be it resolved that, rather than the current practice of staffing the Safety

Committee with two representatives from each zone, that the Safety Committee be comprised of a representative from each discipline. It is proposed that membership in the Safety Committee consist of the Chairman of each Special Interest Group (SIG) of a delegate appointed from each group (SW Ontario Zone).

Both of these items are policy and should not be considered resolutions to the bylaws. The board recommends defeat of both. Discussion took place regarding action taken by the board on these two resolutions. The safety chairman has taken as his responsibility that he will discuss any safety issue that impacts a discipline with the appropriate chairman before they are brought into effect or brought to the board for approval.

Resolution #4 was defeated 3 in favor, 7500 against, 0 abstentions.

Resolution #5 was defeated 3 in favor, 7500 against, 0 abstentions.

6. Be it resolved that in the 1991 Bylaws Article II 15(b) be amended to read: In the event of a vacancy arising for any reason or upon the acceptance of a zone director's resignation by the president, the president shall call an election for a new zone director as elected by the zone at the call of the president, unless at the most recent meeting of the members of the zone, a deputy or potential replacement was already elected. Where that is the case, that person shall become the zone director (Ottawa Valley Zone).

Resolution #6 could be dismissed as it is in the new bylaws passed earlier. Resolution #6 was defeated 3 in favor, 7500 against, 0 abstentions.

8. Be it resolved that acceptance of a new set of Bylaws for M.A.A.C. form part of the agenda for the 2006 AGM. These Bylaws are currently with Industry Canada for their amendments and/or approval, and the version to be voted on will include their refinements (Ottawa Valley Zone).

Resolution #8 is not policy or a bylaw and was dismissed.

Resolutions 9 through 17 were put forward as a result of disclosure of a confidential document developed for MAAC. Fred as constitution chairman proposed that they are not acceptable whatsoever. Carl noted that during the SW zone meeting a document that was confidential to the board and constitution committee that was under development at the time, an earlier version of the new bylaws passed earlier today. The document was distributed at the zone meeting and the resolutions 9 – 17 were developed from that document. Based on recommendation of the committee and board, we ask for a motion to vote on resolutions 9 – 17 as a block and that they be defeated.

John Boyd #61382 moved that resolutions 9 – 17 be voted on as a block, seconded by Jason Holdaway #65777.

It was noted that the intent of the motions have been reviewed and addressed in the passing of the new bylaws earlier in this meeting. Carl noted that each of resolutions 9 – 17 were discussed individually and their recommendation is to defeat all. Don Forness noted that resolutions 9 – 17 were written to address bylaws that at the time did not exist, that make them out of order.

The motion to vote on resolutions 9 – 17 as a block was carried.

Resolutions 9 – 17 were defeated 3 in favor, 7499 against, 1 abstention.

18. Be it resolved that \$3.00 from each membership be allotted to the Zone Director in which the member resides. These funds will be used to fund Zone Director and Assistant Zone Director Travel and Promotion Expenses, both to be expended from one fund amount. The Minimum and Maximum for any one Zone will be \$2,000 and \$4,500 respectively.

The amount available for each Zone Director for any subsequent year will be determined at the November Budget Meeting of the Executive Committee, using membership numbers for the current year, i.e. The amount for 2006 will be determined in November 2005 using 2005 membership numbers (BC Zone).

This item is a policy item, not a bylaw. The board has created an adhoc committee to investigate zone expenses, zone travel and items of that nature. The committee will come back to the board with recommendations on how to better allocate these funds. The board recommends defeat of resolution #18.

Resolution #18 was defeated 2 in favor, 7501 against, 0 abstentions.

19. Be it resolved that: Whereas the wording of the Insurance Contract was incorrect when signed by MAAC and whereas Gerry Shaw was acting in the best interest of all members of MAAC; the Board of Directors of MAAC immediately

- 1) remove the letter of censure given to Gerry Shaw
- 2) issue a letter of apology
- 3) work in the future to better represent all members of MAAC by carefully scrutinizing all contracts, through committee work (SW Ontario Zone).

Fred noted that this motion is not a resolution, is out of order and cannot be considered. Carl advised that resolutions must address specific existing bylaws or proposed new Bylaws. As such this resolution is dismissed.

Recommendations:

1. The Zone Director or his delegate actively solicit issues for discussion from the membership in their zone during the year and be published on the web site, such items are listed so that the membership will have at least some idea of what is to be discussed. (Alberta Zone). **The board participated in a workshop concerning zone meetings,**

this matter was referred to them and they have been provided with all the information they need to be able to encourage people to attend zone meetings.

2. MAAC investigates concerns over park flyers and other aircraft flying in parks and other areas where the public could be at risk. (Alberta Zone). **We currently have a policy concerning park flyers, and we have additionally referred this item to the PR committee.**
3. MAAC adopts the code of ethics for the MAAC board & President as presented. **The code of ethics has been adopted by the board.**
4. That the MAAC Board of Directors thoroughly review all Safety Committee edicts and consider all ramifications prior to mandatory rules being implemented. (Middle ON Zone). **This is an existing board responsibility and the chairman has taken on the responsibility of discussing discipline issues with the particular chairman before new rules are adopted or presented to the board for approval.**
5. That the MAAC Board of Directors delegate flying field safety regulations to each individual MAAC chartered club. (Note: Not intended to infringe upon other aspects of the MAAC General Safety Code). (Middle ON Zone). **Not accepted by the board.**
6. That the MAAC Board of Directors take immediate action to have multiple versions of “Wings”/Training program outlines removed from the list of publications and from the MAAC website. (Middle ON Zone). **Referred to a new committee for the web site.**
7. That the Board of Directors change the format of the Annual General Meeting weekend. We recommend that the members AGM be held on the Saturday Afternoon. The Sunday would be used for Board discussion on how to implement business agreed upon the previous day and for the new Executive to meet together to plan such implementation. (Ottawa Valley Zone). **Rejected by the board.**
8. MAAC get more beginners into the hobby by adding additional funds for this item even if it means taking more funds from competition funding. (Atlantic Zone). **Referred to our Membership committee.**
9. MAAC should acquire the ability to audit MAC Magazine to gain information for future tenders. (Manitoba Zone). **Rejected by the board.**
10. MAAC to investigate free web based Franco translation to aid the communication within the organization. (Manitoba Zone). **Rejected by the board.**
11. MAAC to investigate web based MAC Magazine to reduce distribution costs. (Manitoba Zone). **This will be part of discussion at next years AGM. Our magazine contract will expire at the end of 2007. The board put forward a recommendation that the executive is responsible for providing the board with the information that**

they will require to issue a new tender, part of which will be other options for getting the magazine out to members.

12. Space allotted to the Museum committee at MAAC headquarters be turned over to Archives committee and that the display cabinets be dispersed in the most practical and economical manner. (Middle ON Zone). **Rejected by the board.**

13. The video fund (\$5,000.00) be allotted to the Archives committee for expansion and improvement. (Middle ON Zone). **Rejected by the board, we have a new PR Chairman, Tony Paladino, who has a lot of initiative and wants to move on some of the things that have not been done up to now. The board wanted to have the dedicated funds available should the PR committee move in the direction of doing a video.**

14. That *Model Aviation Canada* editor make arrangements so the magazine may be sent to members at the beginning of the month rather than towards the end of it. **The editor responded to this item, there are a number of reasons why this can not always be done, one was alluded to earlier today in waiting for the auditors report, another is that our magazine is not sent first class mail, it is a low priority mail and as such there are multiple issues in sorting and various sorting stations across the country. The publisher does work very hard to get the magazine out in a timely manner but other factors make it impossible to guarantee every issue getting out early.**

15. List of clubs in web-site be done in two ways: alphabetically by club name as it is now done plus alphabetically by town or community name. (Alberta Zone). **Referred to Web site committee.**

16. That the MAAC Board of Directors, and/or their designate, review all material submitted for inclusion on the Association's website, prior to publication. (Middle ON Zone). **Rejected by the board.**

17. That the MAAC Board of Directors give consideration to the adoption of a "Members Only" section of the Association's website. (Middle ON Zone). **Referred to the web site committee, we do have a members only section now, the committee will look at further options as to how and what to use it for.**

18. All committee chairpersons or their delegates should be asked to make regular contribution to their individual web-site pages or prepare reports of interest for the magazine. (Alberta Zone). **Referred to the chair of chairmen, it will be his responsibility to ensure that notices go out to encourage chairmen to contribute and file required reports.**

19. That the "Getting and Keeping of Flying Fields" Committee name be changed to read: "Flying Field Acquisition and Retention" Committee. (Middle ON Zone). **Referred to Getting and Keeping Flying Fields committee, the board felt that whether a committee name change happens or not should be left to the committee.**

20. That the MAAC Board of Directors establish a Membership Retention Committee. Such committee's terms of reference to include investigation of the reason(s) for non-renewal of memberships and provide recommendations regarding membership retention strategy. (Middle ON Zone). **Done, we have a membership committee.**

21. a. Add – "That no Executive Committee member may also be a Zone Director".
b. Add – " That no Executive Committee member may be a MAAC Committee Chairperson". (BC Zone). **Defeated by the board.**

22. To change constitution/bylaws as follows: "No MAAC committee shall have a co-chairperson". (BC Zone). **Defeated by the board.**

23. Recommend that acceptance of a new set of Bylaws for M.A.A.C. form part of the agenda for the 2006 AGM. These Bylaws are currently with Industry Canada for their amendments and/or approval, and the version to be voted on will include their refinements. (Ottawa Valley Zone). **Has been done.**

24. That the Control Line rules be changed as per:

Proposed Changes to Control Line Speed Rule G.2.18.8

I would like to propose the following changes to G 2.18.8. **The rule now reads as such:**

Fuel Restrictions; All Fuel shall be provided by the contest management. The fuel formula consist's of 10 percent Nitromethane, 70 percent Methanol, and 20 percent lubricant. 1/2A fuel shall be supplied by the contestant, and the formula shall be unspecified.

My proposal is: To remove the last sentence concerning 1/2A fuel. This would have us run one standard fuel in all classes. Also, I would like to add a sentence concerning jet fuel as we have neglected to address jet fuel.

The proposal would read as such: The formula for Jet fuel shall be 80 percent methanol, and 20 percent propylene oxide. This will be supplied by the contest management.

The proposed amendment would read this way:

G.2.18.8

Fuel Restrictions: All fuel shall be provided by the contest management. The fuel formula consists of 10 percent Nitromethane, 70 percent Methanol, and 20 percent lubricant. The formula for Jet fuel shall be 80 percent methanol, and 20 percent propylene oxide.

G.21 Control Line Sport Jet

21.1 Applicability. All pertinent MAAC regulations, general Control Line rules and Control Line Speed rules shall apply, except as specified below.

21.2 Engine Restrictions.

21.21 The allowed engines are the Dyna-Jet, Bailey Sport Jet, and the O.S. II .

21.22 It is required that the engine shall be in stock condition internally. No material may be removed or added to the engine, except as follows:

21.23 Engine head. The last three fins on the head may be machined to a diameter of .020 less than the fin in front in order to receive a mounting strap or ring. Holes may be drilled into the head for purpose of engine mounting. The fins must be exposed. Engine cowling is not allowed. Streamlined fairings in front of the engine cannot be attached to the head. Valve face may be lapped as required for routine maintenance.

- 21.24 Flowjector. Any type of flowjector is allowed.
- 21.25 Metering Jet. Any type of metering jet may be used and may be located anywhere between the tank and flowjector.
- 21.26 Tailpipe. A stock tailpipe with ignition plug in place must be used. (a starting probe may be used) Repaired tailpipes are allowed, provided stock dimensions are adhered to. The front surface of the tailpipe (combustion chamber screw ring) and the lock ring may be lapped.
- 21.27 Reed Valve. Any commercially available reed valve may be used.
- 21.28 Interchanging of parts between the above listed engines is permissible.
- 21.29 Fuel delivery to the engine shall be by suction only, no pressure feed is allowed.

21.3 Model Design and Construction.

- 21.31 Any design configuration and construction method is allowed as long as it is deemed safe by the contest management..
- 21.32 The control system shall be mounted external to the normal aircraft contours. This includes the bellcrank, leadouts or control lines, pushrod and elevator horn.
- 21.33 The maximum weight of the model including fuel shall be 47 ounces.

21.4 Lines and Pull Test

- 21.41 The model must be flown on two single strand solid steel control lines of .022 minimum diameter. The distance between the center of the model and the center of the handle grip shall be a minimum of 60 feet.
- 21.42 The control lines must be connected using either scissor type connectors to the leadouts or directly to the bellcrank using monocline style buttons mounted to the bellcrank.
- 21.43 The model and entire control system and handle shall receive a 48 g pull test.

21.5*Fuel

- 21.51 Fuel shall be the standard MAAC formula: 80% methanol and 20% propylene oxide.

21.6 Flight Timing, Elevation and Scoring

- 21.61 the model shall be timed for seven (7) laps (1/2 mile) after three complete laps are flown in the pylon.
- 21.62 Flight elevation shall be 15 feet.
- 21.63 The best official flight by each competitor in terms of miles per hour shall be used for competition and record scoring. The average of three watches shall be used for scoring. (BC Zone)

Approved by the board.

25. It is recommended that the provisional rules for sport scale and profile scale be the official rules for 2006. (Ottawa Valley Zone). **Approved by the board.**

26. That the "Getting and Keeping of Flying Fields" Committee (Flying Field Acquisition and Retention Committee) compile, and make available on the MAAC website, such information that would be useful to MAAC chartered clubs who are

seeking to acquire or retain flying fields. (Middle ON Zone). **The recommendation of the board is not to do this for the web page, but post information on the web site to inform members in need where and how to get the information. Some of the information provided for getting & keeping flying sites may not be appropriate or beneficial to have on the web site and when it's on the web site we come back to it being public and we need to ensure that the information provided for the safety of the organization and it's members can't be used for the wrong reasons.** .

27. That the requirements for membership in a charter club of MAAC be better defined as that membership may be offered to members not resident in Canada or members of other Modeling associations. **Withdrawn by the zone director and will be taken back to the zone for further discussion.**

28. That the backup time for a recognized MAAC Time record be changed from within 10 per cent to within 5 per cent. (Saskatchewan Zone). **Accepted by the board.**

29. On landing a pilot shall bring his or her plane to a stop while parallel to the runway and shut off the engine. (Middle ON Zone). **Defeated by the board.**

30. The Safety Committee consults the specific committee(s) before finalizing and presenting for adoption its proposed regulations, ie. Indoor flying. (St Lawrence Zone). **This is committee policy already.**

Don Forness Saskatchewan Zone Director spoke to resolutions and recommendations. He suggested to all that if a member is thinking of submitting either a resolution or recommendation at an upcoming zone meeting, he/she submits it first to the constitution committee. The committee can clarify as to whether the submission is a resolution or a recommendation and can also help to clarify wording and intent in order to avoid the confusion that we seem to have dealt with in the five AGM's that he has attended.

Committee Reports: It was noted by Carl that should a committee fail to submit a report for two years in a row, that committee is dissolved. If at some point in the future interest in that area becomes active again, the discipline can approach the board for a decision to be reactivated. With that policy in mind, Carl informed the assembly that R/C Car and R/C Open Combat committees have been dissolved.

There was a variety of action items within the committee reports received. The executive committee will be getting back to these committees to inform them of the boards decisions on those recommendations.

A question was put forth about rule changes for the Open Combat committee, how would it be done? Carl responded that the rules that currently exist are still in force, without a committee there is no route to make changes to those rules nor will there be operating expense funds allocated for a dissolved committee.

Dennis Pratt #52272L who sat in on board meetings thought that there might be an option of having the R/C Scale Combat combine with the R/C Open Combat to form one

committee. Carl noted that the R/C Scale Chairman was not in attendance for consultation on the idea so the board stuck with policy and dissolved the R/C Open Combat committee.

Committee Chairmen:

Archives – Peter Mann
Beginner – open
Competition Fund Raising – Stuart Pearce
Constitution – Fred Messacar
Control Line – Chris Brownhill
Control Line Stunt – Open
Disability Awareness – Randy Brown
Electric – Doug Burt
FAI – Jack Humphreys
Free Flight – Jim Moseley
Free Flight Indoor – Fred Tellier
Getting & Keeping Flying Sites – Jean Blaquiére
Insurance – Kevin McGrath & John Kovats co-chairing
Jet – Peter Ayache
Membership – Doug MacMillan
Museum – Gordon McLaughlin
Noise – Terry Smerdon

PR – Tony Paladino
R/C Float Planes – Gord Olson
R/C Giant – Brian Wattie
R/C Helicopter – Open
R/C Indoor – Art Lane
R/C Precision Aerobatics – Harry Ells
R/C Pylon – Randy Smith
R/C Sailplane – Jim Holland
R/C Scale – Open
R/C Scale Aerobatics – Bob Hudson
R/C Scale Combat – Ted Banks
R/C Scale Sailplane – Stan Shaw
Radio Spectrum – Mark Betuzzi
Safety – Jim Pepperdine
SAM – Jim Anderson
Space – John Boyd
Translation – Richard Biron & Jean Blaquiére co-chairing
ACC Delegate – Dave Larkin
FAI Delegate – Jack Humphreys

There was a question regarding the Control Line Stunt committee, why is it left open when the outgoing chairman recommended Kim Doherty for the position. Carl explained that nominations must come from zone meetings. The chair of committees will be responsible for approaching each committee without a chairman to try to resolve an appointment of someone on the committee.

David Larkin #3577L asked if Carl would clarify who the chairman of committees was? Carl explained that the position usually lies within the executive committee members. The executive however, has not met to determine whom amongst them that will be.

Awards: Carl then announced the winners of MAAC awards.

Hall of Fame - Louis Lebel #13641L and Allan Baker #354L.

Bursary - \$600 to Steven Prang #59431 (SW Zone) and \$400 to Adam Buray #66989 (BC Zone) pending verification that he is currently enrolled in an acceptable school.

Leader Memberships – Dave Kearns #23650 (Atlantic Zone), Chris Cox #7149 (BC Zone), Bill Rollins #27460 (Pacific Zone), Andre Bourbonnais #10581 (St Lawrence

Zone), Fred Tellier #9125 (SW Zone), Bill Fry #9270 (SW Zone) and Andreas Ritter #18388 (Northern ON Zone).

It was also announced that Carl Layden #44045L had been granted Honorary Life Membership by the board.

New Business: Carl invited new business from the attendees. John Boyd #61382 moved that the MAAC membership of Charles T. Smith #49142L be permanently terminated effective immediately, seconded by Jason Holdaway #65777.

Member questioned, according to the new bylaws, the board can take away a membership, is it proper for a motion to be made here? Fred Messacar was invited to respond as constitution chairman, a membership could be terminated at a general meeting of the members.

Jack Humphreys 1797L noted that it might be appropriate to know why the motion was being made.

Carl was asked as outgoing president to revisit some of the incidents over the last year that would cause the motion to be made. Carl offered to revisit parts of his report included previously in these minutes.

Jack Humphreys withdrew his request; he had not heard the name of the person (Charles T. Smith) when the motion was made.

Jacques Des Becquets #21112 from an outside member point of view it seems that this conflict started out as a conflict of interest that got onto the web. He realizes that some of it has been addressed in resolutions earlier. It seems to him it was a regional thing that has turned into a National issue and not being sure where he stands on this thinks he will abstain.

Carl stated that Jacques point is noted. The board has discussed the activities in the past year and the board does note that this was not a local issue and this was a national one, beyond any shadow of a doubt. Insurance as an example is not local.

Chris Brownhill #3797L asked if it wouldn't be appropriate with the new bylaws for the executive to deal with this situation.

Carl explained that this is a motion from the floor and as the constitution chairman just explained this is one of the forums in which this can be dealt with.

Another member noted that while he can understand the reasons for the motion, he feels he must vote against. He would far rather see this dealt with by the board.

Carl noted that in these bylaws, such a motion does go to a vote of the membership. Understand also that the member in question has 30 days in which to appeal the decision, in writing to the board, and if that is the case, the board will further discuss it.

Another member noted that he disagrees with comments so far. He felt that if the decision were left to the board, they could be accused of pulling off an inside job. He feels it is better coming from the general membership.

Mike Clemmens #10577 asked if the board as a whole had an official position on the motion? Carl responded that the board had certainly discussed the various issues relative to Mr. Smith; there is no explicit direction from the board on what to do.

The motion to terminate the membership of Charles T. Smith #49142L carried 6821 in favor, 679 against, 3 abstentions.

Mike Clemmens #10577 asked if the Board could retain an attorney to recover the Nationals funds outstanding. Carl responded that there is an open investigation being conducted by law enforcement currently, it is not finalized, there have been some suggestions made by legal council and the board will at some future date have to decide whether to pursue it any further.

Wayne Bransfield #27766L, outgoing past president on the executive committee, thanked the members for their support over the years.

Gerry Nadon #5271L thanked the board for being there for the members over the past year.

Elected new president, Richard Barlow #5744L gave his first President's speech after the passing of the Gavel and officially appointed Claude Melbourne as the Ottawa Zone Director.

Date and Location of 2007 AGM: The next Annual General Meeting of MAAC will be held March 25, 2007 in Calgary, Alberta (assuming that it is not Easter Weekend).

Adjournment: Fred Messacar #25381L moved the meeting be adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Patrick
Sec./Treas.