



#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**Date** 

Jan 31st

Time

6:30pm

Location

Parish Hall of St Peters the Apostle Roman Catholic church

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# **OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

- (a) To promote friendship and good feelings among the members;
- (b) To foster a spirit of group interest and co-operation among the members;
- (c) To provide encouragement and offer advice to the novice in the building and flying of his miniature aircraft;
- (d) To support the Constitution, preserve the ideals and extend the principles of this Club;
- (e) To promote safety in the sport.

# **NIPMAC 2024 Executive**

President: Gord Tripe

Vice-President: Emanuel Katsiapis

Treasurer:
Secretary:
Field Managers:
Webmaster:
Newsletter Editor:
Chief Flying Instructor:
Peter Merkel

Jerzy Bak
Robert Zentai
Roger La Berge
Eric Rivest
Robert Zentai
Peter Merkel

Social & Entertainment Emanuel Katsiapis

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Indoor Flying season – West Ferris H.S. gymnasium Start time 6pm / End time 9pm

Feb 02

Feb 09

Feb 16

Feb 23

2024 NIPMAC Fun Fly - Aug 10th

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# **President's Message**

We had a great start to the flying season with our Frozen Finger Fun Fly on January 1st. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the unusual field conditions, as the photos show. Special shout out to Peter Merkel for the excellent "tube steaks" made to order! The field is open year round, so come on out if you want enjoy all we are fortunate enough to have. Indoor flying is also available for the less "crazy" at the West Ferris Secondary School gym. Next meeting is at the church on January 31 at 6:30pm.

See you there.

Gord





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# NIPMAC Annual Business Meeting Held at 299 Airport Road, North Bay On 29 November at 6:30 PM

### **Members Present**

Dennis Anderson	Jerzy Bak	Jan Bloom
Rod Hillman	John Groom	Edwin Imfeld
Emmanuel Katsiapis	Roger LeBerge	Paul Martin
Andrew Merkel	Peter Merkel	Elton Palmer
Eric Rivest	Cameron Sanders	Keven Skerritt
Bernard Tempelmans Plat	Foley Soroye	Justin Stoyanovski
Gord Tripe	Redge Turgeon	Peter VanSchaayk
	Robert Zentai	

#### **Preamble**

- Gord Peter V and Emmanuel were at home sick. Joined the meeting via Zoom.
- Foley opened the meeting at 6:30 PM
- No visitors or guests this evening.
- Moved by Cameron and seconded by Justin to adopt the minutes as posted in the newsletter.

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# **Reports From Executive**

#### Treasurer

- 21 paid up NIPMAC Members to date.
- o 16 paid up MAAC Members, to date.
- Finances are good. We were slightly gone over budget in 2023, with the solar panel project to blame.
- o Peter V and Gord have volunteered to audit the books.

#### Field Manager

 Roger requested ideas from the membership as to what item to put on the mast that used to have the Bi Plane Weathervane on it. Strong winds this year has destroyed the biplanes. If anyone has an idea to share, please pass onto Roger.

# **Old Business**

#### Church Insurance

• Foley informed membership that insurance fee of \$135.00 including 8% has been paid. This is liability insurance required by the Catholic Church for the use of the Parish church hall.

## Snow Plowing on Cranberry Road

o Foley has yet to ask the Town of Callander not to dump snow on our driveway to the airfield.

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# **NIPMAC General Meeting (cont.)**

### Security of Assets at Cranberry Field

- o Foley reported that last week, that the hot water tank in the travel trailer was missing.
- o He asked the members present if they had any ideas on what to do.
- o Several ideas came up, but Foley deferred them to New Business.

## **New Business**

#### Church Meeting Hall

Reported that the club has donated \$150.00 to the church for the use of their meeting room.
 Cheques issued by Jerzy was presented to the Church Secretary.

#### Solar Panel Re-installation

- The committee emailed all members, 3 ideas on how to proceed.
  - Idea 1 was to purchase a metal box and mount it on the side of the existing trailer.
  - Idea 2 was to move the existing trailer to where the RV trailer now sits and install the equipment there.
  - Idea 3 was to purchase a new smaller trailer, place it where the RV trailer is, and install the equipment there.
- After much discussion Foley decided that a decision is not needed tonight and pushed the outcome onto the new executive.

# • Constitution Update

- Only one item in the constitution needed changing.
- o In February, MAAC entered into a new agreement with AMA regarding membership.
- Members of the AMA, if they what to fly in Canada, must become a member of MAAC and visa versa.
- Page 9 ARTICLE 11 Para A Line 1, remove the reference to AMA.
- Carried

#### Awards

- Ralph Bolisky Award
  - As voted by the membership
    - Foley
- The Phil Tripe Memorial Award
  - As voted by the membership
    - Emmanuel

There being no further business it was move by Dennis to adjourn the meeting.

Our next meeting will be in the Church Hall at 299 Airport Road, North Bay, at 6:30 PM on the 31 Jan 2024.

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# **Photos from around the field**





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# Photos from around the field (cont.)





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