

# SKYWORDS

The Newsletter of :  
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016**

**OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED , WITH THE ELECTION QUIETLY AND EFFICIENTLY RUN BY PETER KRAUTTER.**

**THERE WERE 4 BOARD MEMBERS WHO DECIDED TO LEAVE AND MANY THANKS TO THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE PAST YEAR.**

**TAKING THEIR PLACE ARE TREVOR BRUM ( AS THE NEW SECRETARY ) , TIM BIDWELL , DOUG MATTHEWS AND JIM FEENEY, WELCOME TO YOU ALL. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD 1 MEETING WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS AND IT PROMISES TO BE AN INTERESTING YEAR WITH NEW PERSPECTIVES BEING PUT FORWARD.**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JOE FAZZARI , OUR OUTGOING SECRETARY, WHO BROUGHT NEW MEANING TO THE POSITION . HE MADE US REALISE THAT WE WERE OPERATING A LITTLE TOO LOOSELY AND HE TIGHTENED THINGS UP WITH RESPECT TO RECORD KEEPING ETC.**

**BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS GARY ARTHUR MIGHT HAVE RETURNED FROM TANZANIA HAVING CLIMBED MOUNT KILIMANJARO. I KNOW A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE THIS AND THEY SAID IT WAS " TOUGH " WELL DONE GARY.**

**FOLLOWING THE BOARD'S REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT IDEAS FOR THE 2 FIELDS WE PLAN AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO SOLICIT YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ADDITION OF GEOTECH TAXIWAYS .**

**JOE FAZARRI AND IAN BROWN WILL SHOW ON THE OVERHEAD PROJECTOR SOME IDEAS ON WHERE THEY SHOULD BE LOCATED.**

**ALL NEW IDEAS ARE WELCOME .**

**WITH THIS CRAZY WINTER WEATHER WE ARE HAVING, MORE MEMBERS ARE FLYING DURING THESE MONTHS. THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO REMEMBER OUR GUIDELINES OF FLYING WITHIN THE FIELD'S BOUNDARIES, INFORMING PILOTS OF YOUR INTENTION OF " TAKING OFF , LANDING AND GOING ON THE FIELD " ALSO TREATING EVERYBODY WITH COURTESY.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIELD SAFETY.**

**ASHLEY**

# *E—DAY AT BAYVIEW*

*AUGUST 20, 2016*



*Any aircraft powered by battery is welcome to fly that day; foamies, helis, multi-rotors etc etc. No gas or nitro aircraft, nor jets (except electric ducted fans) may fly from 0900 to 1500 hours..*

*There will be no cost to fly, charging stations will be available, lunch of hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. BRCM members or their guests only please. Must have MAAC or AMA to fly.*

*For info call Al Race 905-637-0739*

**HERE IS THE MOTION, PASSED AT A BOARD MEETING IN 2015, RE CHARGING BATTERIES IN THE CLUB HOUSE AT BAYVIEW:**

**BM2.08.2015 LIPO BATTERY CHARGING IN CLUB HOUSE**

I move that Lipo Batteries will not be charged in the club house at Bayview Field from May 1 to October 31, inclusive.

Status: Moved and Approved

Moved: T.. Gwinnett

Second: A. Race

Yes: 8

No: 1

Absentions: 0

This motion having passed, one must assume charging is allowed in the club house from Nov 1 to April 30 each year.

Editor

## **SAVE THESE DATES / 2016**

February 25 General Meeting  
Central Library 7 pm

March 24 General Meeting  
Central Library 7 pm

April 28 General Meeting  
Central Library 7 pm

May 26 General Meeting  
(Last before summer)  
Central Library 7 pm

**FLOAT FLY**  
June 11 and 12  
Christie Conservation Area

**SCALE RALLY**  
June 18, Bayview

**SOUTHERN ONTARIO GIANT SCALE RALLY**  
Stoney Creek Airport  
June 24 and 25

**CANADA DAY FUN FLY**  
July 1, Bayview

**WAR BIRDS OVER THE BAY**  
July 23/24 Bayview Field

**ELECTRIC—ONLY DAY**  
August 20, Bayview

# WARBIRDS OVER THE BAY



Bayview Park | 1800 King Road | Burlington

**July 23 start 8:30 | July 24 start 9:30**



**MAAC/AMA Membership Required**  
**Overnight Camping Available** (no services)  
**Pre-Registration \$15.00** before June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Thereafter \$20.00**, including day of event  
**Open to military aircraft of any era**  
**with focus on Naval Aircraft**



For details see [www.brcm.org](http://www.brcm.org), or contact  
Event Coordinator - Ian Brown @ (905) 690-1249

# **BRCM General Meeting Minutes – Thursday January 28, 2016**

The following are the minutes of the meeting of Thursday January 28, 2016.

**Meeting Head Count** - There were 60 bodies present

## **2015 CLOSE OFF**

*Motion to open meeting by I Wismayer and seconded by L Cragg was passed.*

*Motion to accept the minutes of November 26, 2015 meeting as documented and circulated by G Magill and seconded by L Cragg was passed.*

Skywords Deadline: February 15, 2016

February Meeting Date: Thursday February 25, 2016

## **IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**

DATE	RESPONSIBILITY	DETAILS	STATUS
Apr 23	A Armstrong	Report on City Joint Venture Mtg	Waiting on city
Apr 23	W Wepler	Investigating Geotech runway for Bronte	
Apr 23	J Fazzari	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bayview outside charging stations report	On hold
	J Fazzari	Bayview Weather Station	On hold
	J Fazzari	Proposed Youth Group	active
Nov /15	W Wepler	Electrical Requirements for 2 <sup>nd</sup> O/S chrg station	April 2016
Dec /15	MAAC Rep	Keep members posted on status of MAAC response to FAA registration requirement.	
Dec /15	L Cragg	Explore possible link on web site to FAA registration details	COMPLETED
Dec /15	W Wepler / B Ayre	Discuss Forum moderator protocols and changes	ASAP
<b>Jan /16</b>	<b>W Wepler</b>	<b>LOOK INTO GLITCH IN REGISTERING ON FORUM</b>	<b>STAT</b>
Jan /16	L Cragg	Look into possibility of putting more cash into GICs	

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **President's and General Comments**

This meeting is the Annual General Meeting at which elections will take place

### **Treasurer's Report for 2015**

Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2015 can be found as APPENDIX A1 to and including APPENDIX A5 at the end of these minutes.

**NOTE: For the Skyword and GM Minutes passed out for review the financial statements will not be included and only the Spending Your Money will be included. The other documents are available upon request.**

The following are the key statements made by the club Treasurer with regard to these documents.

1. The income for 2016 is expected to be less than that of 2015.
2. The club is under budget in most areas.
3. Bronte is over budget because the portable toilet was not included in the 2015 budget the plan called for it to be removed. As it turned out this did not happen and therefore there was an unbudgeted expense for this item in 2015.
4. The item "*Other Asset Depreciation*" is the Bayview lawn mower that was purchased a few years ago.

The Treasurer reviewed the per cent increase in the 2016 budget items over 2015.

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR RE: 2015 BUDGET**

The one question from the floor asked why the club had so much money in cash and was short on GIC investments compared to past years. The member stated that he thought the club usually had 60% of finances invested in GICs.

L Cragg stated that he keeps sufficient cash in the account to avoid paying bank fees but did agree with the comment and offered to look into the matter and report back.

At this time the Treasurer explained that the budget is divided into two (2) main branches – non-discretionary spending which includes items on which we must spend money such as those related to field maintenance and Capital Expense items. The Capital Expense items include upgrades to the fields such as the outside charging station which we want but can get along without. These items usually represent a significant cost and are handled by transferring an equivalent value from a bank or cash account upon spending it to an asset account where it is written off at 30% per year. Because this terminology is creating some problems in understanding the process, he plans on changing the terminology used to non-discretionary (must spend) and discretionary (plan on spending but don't have to as club will continue to function without proposed purchase). This is the former Capital Expense Account.

## **SPENDING YOUR MONEY**

In late 2015 T Gwinnett explained to the club that we were going to try a new method of identifying Capital Cost or Discretionary (per above) spending for budget purposes. This involved soliciting cost estimated suggestions from the membership and identifying each one in the budget versus past practices of agreeing to a stated amount for this purpose with no detail.

The items suggested by the membership are detailed in APPENDIX 6 attached. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF THESE ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A CAPITAL OR DISCRETIONARY EXPENSE BUT AS A REGULAR MAINTENANCE ITEM.

It should be noted that although there were no plans to discuss these items at this time, two of them did generate discussion summarized below.

### **Weather Station at Bayview**

A member raised the issue of having a camera feeding the web page with regular updates of the wind sock and the field/chickee so members can see not only the wind conditions but also the field conditions and who is at the field. It was felt that this would be much more valuable than simple weather data.

J Fazzari responded that this suggestion has been raised by a few members but the problem is that no member has stepped forward to investigate the technical and cost related issues and make a recommendation to the club. We do have this data for a weather station. NOTE: DURING THE ELECTIONS SCOTT MCGREGOR OFFERED TO INVESTIGATE THIS ALTERNATIVE.

### **Taxi Ways at Bayview**

It was pointed out that the taxi ways are in fact a health and safety issue for the field.

A Armstrong assured the membership that this item would be looked into.

## **ELECTION**

### **Candidate(s) Nominations from the Floor**

There were no nominations from the floor.

*Motion to close the 2015 portion of the meeting by D Edwards and seconded by I Wismayer was passed*

# **ELECTION OF 2016 BRCM EXECUTIVE AND BOARD**

There were no nominations from the floor.

Ballot used is attached as APPENDIX B

The following were elected to the 2016 Board for the Burlington Radio Control Modelers:

President (acclaimed)	Ashley Armstrong	Board Member (elected)	Ian Brown (RETURNING)
Vice President (acclaimed)	Wade Wepler	Board Member (elected)	Jim Feeney (NEW)
Treasurer (acclaimed)	Lawrence Cragg	Board Member (elected)	Don Irvine (NEW)
Secretary (acclaimed)	Trevor Brum	Board Member (elected)	Tony Madge (RETURNING)
Past President (not voted)	Mike Block	Board Member (elected)	Doug Mathews (NEW)
Board Member (elected)	Gary Arthur (RETURNING)	Board Member (elected)	Rich Muller (RETURNING)
Board Member (elected)	Tim Bidwell (NEW)		

*Motion to close meeting by L Cragg and seconded by I Wismayer was passed.*



## **2016 OPENING**

*Motion to open 2016 portion of the meeting by I Brown and seconded by D Edwards was passed.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **President's and General Comments**

With regard to the reconstruction on King Road in the area of the field, it was confirmed by city officials that nothing is planned until next year at the earliest.

The club membership in attendance offered sympathies to Carl Finch on the death of his dad.

Neil Marchant finds that he is not able to act as the MAAC Representative of the club for personal reasons. The club is therefore looking for someone to take his place.

#### **New City Contract**

Indications were that A Armstrong and L Cragg might be able to meet with city officials to discuss the contract by the end of January. They are waiting for the city officials to advise of the date of the meeting.

#### **QUESTIONS/INPUT FROM THE FLOOR:**

NONE AT THIS MEETING

### **SPENDING YOUR MONEY**

There was a bit of confusion as to how this should be handled as it is a major change from past protocols. It was agreed that the board would give it more thought and decide how the items should be presented to the membership and perhaps assign a priority to each item.

#### **15.2.5 Bayview Weather Station**

NOTHING REPORTED

#### **14.4.1 Youth Program**

Nothing to report at this meeting

#### **14.9.1 Out Door Chrg Stns**

NO ACTION EXPECTED UNTIL APRIL – MAY 2016

#### **15.12.1 June Float Fly**

Nothing to report at this meeting

## Warbirds Over the Bay

The new flyer is complete

List of sponsors from last year will stay on the web site for time being

Because all proceeds from parking went to the Hospice the event barely broke even. THIS MAY POSE A PROBLEM.

## Field Maintenance

### Bayview

**IF THE FIELD IS WET PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE UP TO THE CHICKEE.**

The washroom has been locked until spring as it is not serviced during the winter months.

### Bronte

nothing to report at this time

## **SPECIAL ITEM UPDATE**

### WEB Site

There was a request to put a link to information related to the FAA requirement to register RC aircraft on the Web Site <https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs/> **THIS HAS BEEN DONE**

The club FORUM is operational and can be accessed from the club web site.

Tim Bidwell and Bill Ayre have volunteered to act as moderators.

There seems to be a glitch in registering which will be looked into

Up to date with regard to future events

### Club Membership and Financials

**Motion to accept 2016 club Budget by Wade Wepler and seconded by I Wismayer was passed unanimously.**

**Motion to close 2016 portion of the meeting by D Howe and seconded by G Magill was passed.**

## CRITICAL DATES

Christie Float Fly	June 11 & 12, 2016
Bayview Scale Rally	June 18, 2016
Southern Ontario Giant Scale Rally	June 24 & 25, 2016
Canada Day BRONTE	July 1, 2016
Warbirds Over the Bay	July 23 & 24, 2016

## APPENDIX 6

### Spending your money?

#### Bayview

A. Excavate 6" to 12" in about 30 sq./m between flight line and paved runway where grass doesn't grow and pit has developed. (Suspect methane leakage) Install barrier a and top soil. Sod. No quote received but expect \$1000.

B. Flight line safety fence remove and replace. Move to west. Re-design as required to accomodate correct number of flight stations, safety, etc. No quote expect \$2000

C. Install at least one taxiway. Choices are Geo-tech, asphalt, other material or higher quality turf. No quotes. Geo-tech would be \$300 plus labour.

D. Patio at shack (do I mean Club House?) upgrade. Jo Fazzari has budget costs \$7100.

E. Upgrade grass runway. Heavy rolling (In conjunction with Bronte) expect total of \$250 to \$300 Top soil and spreading at same time as excavation (A) add \$300 plus labour.

F. Get rid of Port-a-John and install permanent washroom using tank. Suggestion is for self built project. Expect cost of materials to be \$2000. Semi-annual pump out.

G. Set up separate fund to allow for purchase of portable building as club house. Cost installed \$10-\$15000. Aim for 4 to 5 years

H. Fert and weed control on runway Provisional Quote Brian Harrington \$500 for season.

I. Weather Station will be about \$1500 CND for equipment plus approx \$300 per year form information transmission update every 15 minutes. Updates every 5 minutes would be more and every 60 minutes would be less.

J. Charging station assuming we go with 2 new circuits and Gary Arthur can make same arrangement would be \$500.00 plus some various last minute material such a screws - say another \$100.00 would be a max of \$600.00 CND.

K. Purchase and install two 12Volt power supplies (one in each enclosure) at Bayview to accommodate member's battery charges that need 12V input. Size and cost to be determined.

#### Bronte

A. Share heavy rolling with Bayview \$250-\$300

B. Purchase towable roller \$100 to \$300 used, \$600 new

C. Fert and weed control \$500 for season

D. Explore having nearby pile of asphalt used to pave road into field

Revised to date Jan 5 2016

Scrutineer's master  
check list

**APPENDIX B**

**President**

Armstrong, Ashley	

**Vice President**

Weppler, Wade	

**Treasurer**

Cragg, Lawrence	

**Secretary**

Brum, Trevor	

**Directors (Elect 8 Only)**

Arthur, Gary	
Bidwell, Tim	
Brown, Ian	
Feeney, Jim	
Finch, Carl	
Irvine, Don	
Madge, Tony	
Mathews, Doug	
Muller, Rich	
Ward, Barrie	