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As the year winds down and the snow piles up, we look forward to that peaceful, relaxing, joyous time when we gather together with our loved ones – and sometimes the rest of the family – and celebrate, give thanks and maybe breath a sigh of relief that we actually were able to “get it all done” despite all the distractions and collective madness that marks this season as special.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

– And that’s all I’m going to say about that.

At the December meeting we witnessed a changeover in the Executive. President Stan Shaw handed over the reins of power to Bob Hammett and Werner Klebert as Vice-President handed over to Otakar Koprnický. We have been fortunate indeed to have had such talented, skilled and hard working officers for the club and we thank them for all their time devoted to club business and look forward to seeing them do more flying next year.

Bob Thayer will be taking over as treasurer from Michael Kastelein who has increased commitments at work. Bob brings an impressive CV to the task and even as we speak is in the Cayman Islands setting up the building blocks for a financial empire that will change the way that dues are paid.

The SOGGI Christmas luncheon was held at Logan’s Restaurant in Hamilton on December 1st. There was a good turn-out (better than most club meetings) and a noisy and jolly time was had by all. Tony the Magician was there up to his usual tricks – must remember to ask him if he knows how they got that young lady into the cake...

Even though the festive season is upon us, your new executive is in top gear and preparing for the coming year. Attached to this edition of the TASK you will find a copy of the proposed Club Safety Code. Please try to read it over, before the next meeting in January, and if you have any comments or suggestions on how it may be improved then any changes can be discussed and implemented. We can then have a flying start to the New Year!

The PRESIDENT 'SPEAKS': From Your Executive

Welcome to 2008! Let us begin this year by thanking our 2007 executive for their gift of service to SOGGI. Thank you to Stan Shaw, Werner Klebert, Mike Kastelein, Cliff English and Dick Colley. Please know that you are held in high regard by the membership and that you are delivering the club in a good state of affairs.

In 2008, Cliff and Dick will be returning in their former rolls as Secretary and Editor respectively. They will be joined by Otakar Koprnicky as Vice President, Bob Thayer as Treasurer and yours truly as President. Thank you to Cliff, Dick, Otakar and Bob T. for accepting those positions. My fellow officers bring with them a considerable amount of experience, and we will do our best to live up to the example set by those who have gone before us. I also thank Ted Mitchell for assuming the website administrator's duties, thereby freeing up my own time to serve on the executive. Ted has been a SOGGI member for only a year, but is an active and capable flyer. He is also a part-time emergency room doctor in Hagersville, pursues an engineering degree focused on public-health related issues, and is raising a young family.

It's time to obtain your 2008 SOGGI membership card. That is the card that allows you to vote at SOGGI business meetings and to fly at SOGGI flying sites. Please bring your cheque book and your MAAC card (if you already have one) to the January members meeting. For your convenience, MAAC applications will also be processed at the January meeting (cheques only).

If you have already applied for MAAC but have not received your MAAC card yet, Bob Thayer will be glad to cash your cheque for SOGGI membership. However, your 2008 SOGGI membership *card* will not be issued until he sees your 2008 MAAC card. This policy is for the protection of all members. If you mail your SOGGI membership fee to Bob, please enclose a photocopy of your MAAC card.

New members re-invigorate SOGGI. In 2008 our recruiting efforts will be continued and expanded. Currently, we place SOGGI brochures in hobby shops, and our website www.soggi.ca has now accumulated over 6000 hits. We are already in discussions with some organizations that sponsor events that have an aviation or modeling theme, with a view to mounting a SOGGI exhibit. Just as important, whenever you meet a prospective new-member, extend the hand of friendship and invite them to join SOGGI.

To help you to meet those new members, Bob Thayer will be producing a 2008 Members list, updated monthly. Dick will publish the current version with each issue of TASK.

And once again (and again and again) in 2008, we will be speaking out loud about that elephant in the room named SAFETY. A number of new initiatives are already underway, and more will be said at the upcoming meetings. When flying, remember you are bound by your own pledge to know and abide by the MAAC Safety Code.

OK, I think you've been threatened enough. Have some fun in 2008 and make it *your* year of participation. Fly on Tuesday at Fletcher Road with the Coffee Club, car-pool or bus to the Toledo R/C conference in early April or November's Hobby Show in Mississauga, or even (gasp!) go with a SOGGI delegation to some other club's contest! Expect to hear more on upcoming opportunities as 2008 proceeds.

On behalf of the new executive, I hope that our efforts receive your active support. I am available to discuss any of your concerns. You can reach me at ph 519-759-1939 or at the_hammetts@rogers.com. In closing, we wish each of you and your friends and your families, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

Bob Hammett, SOGGI President for 2008

Well the flying season has been quite good this year in spite of two cancelled events due to high winds. I think picking the dates via the

Minutes of Meeting, October 14 2007 at Rockton Library

Werner Klebert called the meeting to order at 2.00 PM. There were 12 members present.

Minutes of the April meeting were read by Cliff English. Minutes accepted as read.

Business arising from the minutes:

Werner Klebert asked how many members had flown at the Beverly Community centre. In the past year only three members were known to use this site. It was discussed about a deadline for paying rental for the Beverly Centre. Because of the availability of Schouten's and Fletcher Road it was suggested that we rent the Community Centre for another year. Deciding on the Community Centre was deferred to the November meeting.

The topic of raising the dues for 2008 was discussed. It was suggested that the dues be increased to \$40.00.

Stew Watson made a motion to defer the dues increase until the November meeting. Seconded by Dick Colley. Motion passed

Treasures Report:

Michael Kastelein reported that we have a bank balance of \$2,100.00.

A motion to wait for a proposed budget for 2008 is deferred to the November meeting by Dick Colley

Seconded by Derek Hartwell. Motion passed. {Note} This will have a bearing on the dues increase.

Executive Nominations.

Werner Klebert handed out nomination slips for the 2008 Executive positions.

Bob Hamett was nominated for president.

Otakar Koprnicky was nominated for vice president. Otakar accepted

Otakar said he talked to Bob Hammett and said Bob would accept the position of president.

As there was only two persons nominated the executive for 2008 will be:

Bob Hammett	President
Otakar Koprnicky	Vice President
Michael Kastelein	Treasurer
Cliff English	Secretary
Dick Colley	Editor
Ted Mitchell	Web Master

MAAC

Nominations for Scale Sailplane Chairman and Sailplane Chairman were discussed. Bob Hammett and Gerald Fritz were potential nominees.

Pending there approval. Dick Colley said he would call Bob and Gerald

To see if either would be willing to be nominated.

Safety

Any flyer using the newer radios with Spectrum Frequencies must have a pin on the board with their name on the pin. There is a place on the newer frequency boards for this.

Werner Klebert asked that all members submit their radio frequencies to him so he can make up frequency pins.

The use of altimeters was discussed they could be a safety concern when flying so high you are flying in the space of a full size aircraft.

Fields:

Ben Schouten's east field will not be available for 2008. The west field will not have any access to it. As we are not allowed to park by the barn any more. Werner Klebert said Stan had found a road leading up to the back of west field. This road has only partial access at this time. Ben Schouten would have to agree to the use of the west field first.

The Fletcher Road site has been reseeded this year and we may be able to fly there in 2008.

If the rental on the Beverly Centre is paid this could be a useable field.

The club pamphlet design for 2008 was deferred to the November meeting.

Meeting closed at 3.25 PM

Minutes of Meeting, November 9 2007

Stan Shaw called the meeting to order at 2.15 PM. There were 17 members present.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by Stan Shaw.

Motion to accept minutes as read, proposed by Dick Colley, seconded by Cliff English. Motion carried

Business arising from the minutes:

Fields:

Ben Schouten's east field is the only field we are allowed on as of this date. As he will not be seeding this field till the spring of 2008. There will be no flying at Ben Schouten's next year.

Werner Klebert will check with Hamilton Sod about using the Nebo road field in 2008.

Werner said he would introduce Otakar Koprnicky to Peter Rawerea of Hamilton Sod.

A decision has to be made about renting the Beverly Community Centre for 2008.

The consensus was that we should keep the field in case the Fletcher Road field is not available next year. (Topic for December meeting)

There is a park at 5th. Concession and Centre Road in Waterdown. Stan Shaw will check with Al Dore of the Parks Board about using this field.

It was suggested that SOGGI contact John Vanderwoude about using his sod farms as a flying site. John Vvanderwoude will not give permission to fly on Sunday.

Nominations for president and vice president were closed.

Bob Hammett and Otakar Koprnicky were nominated to stand for Pres. and Vice Pres.

New Business:

Warren Kelly thanked Bob Hammett for running the free flight event.

Bob Hammett talked about SOGGI having static displays at fall fairs and air shows. The Rockton fall fair was a possibility for 2008.

The Brantford Amateur Radio Club inquired about SOGGI having a static booth at their Annual buy and sell swap meet in Burford. They would like to combine the two hobbies. Tables would be available to SOGGI members wishing to sell RC equipment.

Juri Vosu asked about a Xmas luncheon for this year. Stan Shaw said he would look into finding a restaurant.

Werner Klebert and Derek Hartwell will look after the Xmas gifts for Ben Schouten, Patrick McNally and Hamilton Sod. The cost to be the same as last year \$300.00.

Financial:

Budget for 2008

The budget for 2008 was reviewed approximately \$1700.00 will be required.

Motion to accept this budget for 2008 Derek Hartwell seconded Jack Linghorn

Motion carried.

A motion to raise club fees to \$50.00 by Derek Hartwell was tabled. Seconded by Werner Hildesheim

Motion carried.

Budget Category	2006	2007	2008
Newsletter	\$ 262.80	\$ 138.11	\$ 200.00
Website costs	120.79	120.79	150.00
Meeting Hall rental	148.40	148.40	150.00
Gifts to flying site owners	291.68	300.00	300.00
MAAC field registration	-	-	25.00
Grass mowing services	-	-	
Field Supplies	67.83	-	
Donations and Subscriptions	200.00	-	100.00
Unbudgeted Expenditures	66.70	-	-
Bank Charges	10.00	-	
Training material (DVD)	25.26	-	
Contest	54.01	84.51	50.00
Printing	109.90	-	
General Supplies	42.49	213.92	100.00
Road maintenance			500.00
Westover			2.00
Moving Outhouse			150.00
Total	\$ 1,399.86	\$ 1,005.73	\$ 1,727.00
2008 Budget	\$ 1,727.00		
Number of club members (2007)	36	35	30
Cost per member (2008)	\$ 47.97	\$ 49.34	\$ 57.57

Contests:

The contest dates were deferred to the December meeting. We will have to wait on a descion as to where we are flying in 2008.
 Motion to close by Derek Hartwell, Seconded by Dick Colley
 Meeting closed 3.35 PM

Minutes of Meeting, December 9 2007 at Rockton Library

Stan Shaw called the meeting to order at 2.15 PM. There were 10 members present.
 A motion to allow the 10 members present to form a quorum was proposed by Dick Colley seconded by Bill Woodward. Motion carried
 Minutes of the November meeting were read by Cliff English. Motion to accept minutes as read: proposed by Warren Kelly seconded by Werner Klebert.

Business arising from the minutes:

Derek Hartwell will look after the Xmas gift for Ben Schouten.
 Werner Klebert will look after Pat McNally and Hamilton Sod.

Executive:

Michael Kastelein had to resign as treasure because of a new job.
 Stan opened the floor to nominations for treasure Bill Woodward nominated Bob Thayer.
 Seconded by Werner Klebert.
 Motion to close the nominations by Bill Woodward seconded by Werner Klebert
 As Bob was the only nominee he accepted the job as treasurer.
 It was decided not to collect dues until January to keep the books in order.
 Cliff English is to compose a letter to the CIBC bank as to the names of the new executives with signing rights to the club account.



Contests:

Saturday June 14	Buds Golden Oldies	Dick Colley CD
Sunday August 3	2 Meter and Club Day	Werner Klebert / Stan Shaw CD
Sunday August 31	Big Bird Bash	Dick Colley CD
TBD	Free Flight	Bob Hammett CD

New Business:

The club pamphlet was discussed as to print new pamphlets or try using a business type card to advertise SOGGI. The cost of cards as to pamphlets would have to be determined.
 Club applications to be posted on the web site.
 The subject of having a booth at the Rockton Fair was discussed. This is a four day event and would involve SOGGI members being there through out the four days. Setting up a flight simulator for gliders was talked about.
 Bob Hammett thanked Stan and Werner for serving on the executive. Stan Shaw will be stepping down as Chief Flying Instructor.
 The Xmas lunch was attended by 21 persons. Stan thanked Dick Colley and Derek Hartwell for organizing the event at Logan’s restaurant on Ottawa St.

Fields:

Werner Klebert talked about parking under the tree on Ben Schouten`s lane way. The tree belongs to the farmland behind the tree. Continued parking under the tree could damage the tree roots. It was noted that in the past we parked at the end of the laneway. As the club does not want or need any complaints to Ben, it was suggested that there be no parking under the tree...
 Warren Kelly will speak with a Mr. Alimain who flies off a farm near Mines Road about his exact location to Ben’s field and possible frequency conflicts.
 There was no decision on renting the Beverly Center for the 2008 season. Only 3 or 4 members used the park last year.
 Werner Klebert talked to Peter at Hamilton Sod regarding Fletcher Road and was given permission to fly there in 2008. It was suggested that the club put down gravel on the Fletcher field laneway in the spring. The field at 5th Concession and Center Road was deferred to the March meeting when the Hamilton Parks Board meets.
 Werner Klebert will try to meet with John Vanderwoude about using his fields as a flying site.
 The Nebo Road at Chippewa field is now open till the end of the season. A safety sign as per the MAAC rules has been posted at the field.
 Meeting closed at 3.15

Show And Tell:

Bob Hammett had 2 planes for sale one a chipmunk with a 05 geared motor.
 Stan Shaw updated Buds Olympic II to an electric with as Astro 15 motor, 12 cells, 45 amp controller and a 15 inch folding prop. This plane is the clubs to be used for training new members. It has 2 radios an extra receiver and a buddy chord.

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2008 Calendar of Events

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- **January 13** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- **February 10** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- **March 8** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- **April 12** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm