



Kelowna Flying Club General Meeting

June 5, 2018 – At the Clubhouse, 6135 Airport Way, Kelowna.

Hamburgers, salmon and vegetarian burgers were server during the social hour from 1800 to 1900.

Called to Order - 1910

Attendees - Chair – Sylvain Leone (with responsibility for Membership); directors present included Chad Gartly, James Sexton, Rupert Gruen, Michael Blair, James Hannibal. A total of 49 members attended the meeting.

1. **Welcome** - Sylvain said his role is to give members more information about the club. Three new members introduced themselves. He said a common theme at the club is communication and he wanted to go through what is happening. A letter to all members will be sent to all members about the club and its benefits, and in future to all new members. All paid up members will receive a membership card.

2. **Best Practices – Flying into YVR Airspace** Sylvain facilitated this group discussion.
 This was a discussion about best practices for flying into YVR Airspace. Sylvain said that study is required prior to leaving for YVR, and discussed this issue in some detail. The VFR routes are all available for Pitt Meadows, Boundary Bay and YVR. Having filed a flight plan, Vancouver Center will know where you are going and direct you in. Ariel Tyk recommended that people unfamiliar with the YVR zone should tell the controller that they are new to the zone and get their help. Sylvain will post a youtube video of a flight that he and Dave McElroy made to the lower mainland. Look on youtube for other flights into the Vancouver and Victoria airspace. BC General Aviation Council has two one hour videos on getting into Vancouver. A NavCanada member attending the meeting remarked that Abbotsford Airport is controlled by Victoria Terminal. With regard to flight following, Chad said that if you maintain 10500 feet Flight Following can usually keep

track of you from Kelowna to the Coast. Otherwise there will be a brief interruption between Princeton and Hope, when you will again pick up Vancouver Centre.

Door Prize – This was given for the best answer to “what do you do when you have an engine failure in flight.” David Wright won it with a clear definition of what to do in event of engine failure. He won a bottle of Blind Tiger Wine.

3. 2018 Objectives

- 3.1 **Progress re Club’s future with YLW** – Richard Visscher said the KFC liaison committee had a meeting with Sam Samaddar, YLW Manager, and that we are pushing for a new club house which the KFC will build and pay for, and that we want YLW’s help in planning the future location of the club when the airport expands.
- 3.2 **Membership and its benefits** - Sylvain said we want to increase membership to 165, strengthen our membership base and try to get a new club house down the road. Also, find monthly speakers with interesting topics. He said the Flying Program is a mainstay with the club and will help to get members back in the air. He said that benefits of the Club include a fuel discount of 20 cents a liter in Kelowna, and that we have other discounts with organizations such as Stolairus. We also want to create groups of younger people to engage them in the aviation community. Doris Livingston, who works for Westjet, said she wants to create this program for the next generation because the airline industry needs pilots, and “we want to stimulate these people who want to be pilots.” Sylvain said we hope to start a scholarship fund for young people to learn to fly.
- 3.3 **Streamline communications processes** – Charlene Wowchuk, our director in charge of communications, said that some members don’t get e mails, which will be corrected; others don’t check Facebook. She said the club is going to add some new types of social media, including a youtube account and Instagram to help attract younger members. She asked members to tell us what they are missing. We discussed What’s App, and Ariel Tyke said that he has started a What’s App group for Penticton and will start one in Vernon. Sylvain said that we intend to add some useful items to the monthly newsletter, so members should let Charlene know their ideas. When an opportunity to fly comes up on What’s App or other media, jump at the opportunity and help the pilots pay for fuel to the destination.

4. COPA 4 Kids June 16th

Rupert Gruen, Larry Buckmaster and Doris Livingstone reported on this

Rupert said that we are working to provide a great COPA FOR KIDS. He asked volunteers to help with setting up starting at 1700 Friday, June 15, in preparation for the June 16 event.

Questions? When is the pilot and marshalling briefing – 0800 on June 15 at the club house. Safety is very important so all the pilots must get their paperwork in to Larry. Volunteers get free lunch tickets for breakfast or lunch. See Rupert if you want to volunteer. Doris said we need people for parking, take down at the end of Saturday, and handling the kids who turn up. Larry Buckmaster, who is in charge of the pilots and planes on June 16, said he needs a few more planes.

5. Financial / Membership update

Report from James Sexton

Bank balance	\$12,891
• one outstanding cheque	
Memberships	
• Just 4 new members after Rust Remover	
Expense	
• BDO year-end reporting	\$25,689
• Capital account	\$ 9,687
• Engine Overhaul Reserve	9,201
• Operating account	<u>6,801</u>
	\$ 25,689

Flying Program

Bank Balance \$25,942

James Sexton said invoices are being sent to some 50 members who have not yet renewed.

Current members

Renewals from 2017-18	81
New members	5

Total 86

Membership Year - April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019

Membership Fee - \$75.00 - Students \$35

6. FLYING PROGRAM

James Hannibal, Flying Program Manager, reported the plane is busy virtually every day; we have a waiting list of three people for the program.

- VXY has flown > 160 hr since October 2017 program start
- 25 Members
 - 19 checked out
 - 1 has flown > 35 hr

- Several close to 12
- April 14 meeting – Flying Program fee was increased by \$300 each to balance accounts
- Club donates aircraft to fly C4K June 16th
 - 4 FP members will fly on the day
 - August meeting to determine membership & costs for Year 2

Blind Tiger Wine. A second bottle was presented to a member who told us about the proper procedure for an engine fire on the ground.