



EXCERPTS OF
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Excerpts of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Hang Gliding Association of Canada held March 8, 1982 previously published in the HGAC newsletter.

Present for the telephone conference: Peter Napper, President HGAC, HGABC Representative; Stewart Midwinter, AHGA; Dale Moore, SHGA; Bill Jenkins, OHGA; Robert Boileau, AVLQ; Carroll Redden, NHGA. A representative for the MHGA could not be reached.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 pm MST.

A Level V application by Stewart Midwinter was unanimously approved, the second such application to be considered by the HGAC. The first by Andrew Barber-Starkey was approved in 1980.

The directors decided unanimously to discontinue offering liability insurance to microflights pilots, as the prospect of breaking even on the venture seems unlikely, and the HGAC cannot afford a large loss at this time. Bill Jenkins remarked that alternate plans would likely be available (perhaps through MOPAC).

The Newfoundland Sports Federation will assist the NHGA in applying for grants, possibly to assist in sending a four man team to the 1982 Nationals. The first Newfoundland Provincial Championships will be held on the west coast of the island near Cornerbrook on the June 26th & 27th.

The AVLQ has confirmed that they will be unable to host the 1982 Nationals. Two factors contributed to the decision: the proposed Mount Ste. Anne location has never yet been the site of any competition, and the new slate of directors feel that they lack the necessary experience to host a meet as big as the Nationals. Robert Boileau will be organizing and training a team to attend the Nationals should they be held in the West.

Ontario reports that the National Capital Commission has decided to assist fliers in Gatineau Park by building a launch ramp and providing a landing area at the Champlain Lookout. The OHGA has recently completed an information brochure. Two new chapters have been included in the OHGA at Sauls Ste. Marie and Kingston. A member of a New York State club attended a meeting of the OHGA and made a presentation on the sites frequented in New York by club members. The OHGA are negotiating for funds from the Ontario Lottery system.

The SHGA is holding a combined Manitoba/Saskatchewan competition in the Qu'Appelle Valley on the July 31 to August 2nd weekend. The SHGA is planning on sending a five man team to the Nationals.

The AHGA has been considering organizing supervised flying for beginners and novices, possibly one day per month, at specified sites. The AHGA directors recently finished work on the 1982 grant application.

Committee report by the Rating Committee and the Ways & Means Committee were mentioned. They appear elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Associations are reminded to urge their certified instructors to sign up all students as members, so when Provincial and Federal governments are deciding on a level of funding, they can have a larger number of members. For example, the parachuting people who have a hard core of jumpers, about the same number as serious fliers, receive massive government funding; a paid executive director, subsidized training and travel for competitors, etc.

The AVLO has expressed interest in re-submitting their bid for the Nationals in 1983. This year's Nationals are uncertain but may be held in Western Canada.

A proposal was made by Peter Napper to acquire a telephone answering machine to have improved access to the HGAC President. He would pay an annual 'rental' of perhaps \$50.00, passing the machine on to the new President at the end of his tenure. This proposal was approved. Peter will look into this matter.

A proposal has been received by Vincene Muller (HGAC Newsletter/Bulletin Editor) from an Ontario based company to publish the Bulletin in a glossy magazine format, possibly with limited newsstand circulation and combining microlight coverage. The cost to the HGAC would be the same or less than the present format. More information will be required before a decision can be reached.

The following new business was discussed:-

Carroll Redden asked, "why does the HGAC pay so much to belong to the Royal Canadian Flying Club Association?" and "what are the benefits we receive?" Peter Napper will look into this.

Carroll Redden asked, "when the MOT Air Navigation Order would be introduced, and how would it affect the HGAC?" See the Newsletter/Bulletin for answers.

Robert Boileau requested a BC competition schedule be sent as soon as possible to assist the Quebec team in planning their travel arrangements.

Thanks were expressed to Perry Thordason of Peace River, Alberta for his continued help to the HGAC.

The next telephone conference for HGAC Directors will be June, 1982.