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National Capital Balloon Club Annual General Meeting

Monday

March 8, 2004

7 P.M.

Louis' Steakhouse Restaurant
Cyrville Road

Please come and enjoy the company and food while helping to revitalize the Club.

Tentative Agenda

1. Registration of Proxies and Establishment of Quorum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting
 - 4.1 Approval
 - 4.2 Business Arising

The Board of Directors passed a motion on January 29, 2004 which **waives the 2004 fees for membership renewal** for members in good standing. If you have any questions, please contact our membership committee chair once they are appointed after the new Board is elected.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Vice-President's Report
- 5.2 Secretary's Report
- 5.3 Treasurer's Report (written only)
- 5.4 Appointment of Auditor
- 5.5 Committee Reports
 - 5.5.1 Social Committee & Fly Days
 - 5.5.2 Landowner Relations
 - 5.5.3 Membership Committee
 - 5.5.4 World Peace Balloon Committee
 - 5.5.5 Club Balloon Committee
 - 5.5.6 Editor (Interim) of The Crownlines

6. Elections

- 6.1 Nominating Committee Report
- 6.2 Elections of Officers
- 6.3 Motion to Establish Number of Directors
- 6.4 Election of Directors

7. New Business

8. Adjournment

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Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the National Capital Balloon Club

January 20, 2003
Monterey Inn Restaurant Hwy. 16
Ontario, Ontario

1. Registration of Proxies and Establishment of Quorum

There were two proxies noted. There were 20 paid memberships, and quorum was achieved since a minimum of 25% of the membership was present.

2. Call to Order

President Diane Casault called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

3. Approval of the agenda

Laurie Manion moved, seconded by Debbie Wright, that the agenda as distributed be approved. Carried.

4. Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting

4.1 Approval

Laurie Manion moved, seconded by Stephanie Glover, that the minutes be approved. Carried.

4.2 Business Arising

Two year membership declined. Winterlude will be discussed later in the meeting. Financial statement for 2000 will be published in the first Crownlines (not done from last year).

5. Reports

5.1 President's Report

The President, Diane Casault, read her President's report. Diane Casault moved, seconded by Paul Porter, acceptance of the President's report. Carried.

5.2 Vice-President's Report

Paul Porter, the vice-president, gave a verbal report. It has

been an interesting year. Not really great for all of us, fly-days, the board tried their best and to fill all their requirements. Hosted meetings at Compugen.

Year end party at my host. Need to continue to communicate in 2003. Wish all you will in 2003 and hope that you continue to have some fun.

As VP for the last year, I continued with many of the initiatives begun in the past.

Paul Porter moved, seconded by Laurie Manion, acceptance of the Vice-President's report. Carried

5.3 Secretary's Report

Sasha Blinova, the secretary, gave a written report. Diane Casault read her report.

Diane Casault moved, seconded by Sandra Shannon, acceptance of the Secretary's report. Carried.

5.4 Treasurer's Report

5.4.1 Approval of the 2000 Financial Statement

We started \$5969.99 in account 29 Nov 2002 \$7405.99 still fundraising items \$630 to be sold \$1139 membership; \$2000 Gatineau; \$1317 \$4457.00 total

debits:

Crownlines 29 nov 59.94 (postage)
Phone line \$220/year
Photo calendars 1006., but we made money
Post office renewal \$77
\$1000 to Jean for Gatineau
185 for socials
bank charges \$9.50
2001 crownlines 493.63 paid in jan 2002

Alexis moved to be accept, Les Welsh moved to accept

Les Welsh moved that the financial statement be accepted. Carried

5.4.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2002

Les Welsh moved, seconded by Laurie Manion, that the AGM sanctions that there be no auditor appointed. Carried.

Question asked by P. Porter: Who has signing authority for this money? President and Treasurer, and VP. Two signatures required to withdraw money.

5.5 Ratification of Executive action taken in previous year

Laurie Manion moved, seconded by Gary Moreau, acceptance of executive action in the last 12 months. Carried (one opposed).

6. Club Balloon

New committee Paul Porter, Dave Johns, Carolyn Spence, Les Welsh noted to members. Report handed out to all the members. Paul Porter noted issues, ownership, liability, insurance, organization. Paul noted that some pilots are not in possession of their balloon now and it is a good time to endorse this type of encounter. Let's embrace this opportunity and if we get something, great, if not, we tried. Laurie Manion asked question who would make the decision to proceed before next Jan 2004. We can call another AGM during the year if warranted, which a club balloon would be considered. Request for members to attend the monthly executive meetings. We could update on the hotline or even the Crownlines. Stephanie—rising costs, # of balloons sitting around doing nothing. King—we don't have to go for the cream of the cream—get a used balloon. \$75K is the maximum amount we can get for a "community". Banner on the side of the balloon. Do we include a charitable component in our request? Tina and Les to get together after to talk about negative responses. Bill—been talking about club balloon for the last 14 year. In the last two years it sounds more possible. We need to talk hard dates, not sometime this year. We need a timeline. The committee needs to come back with certain decisions to be made, don't give the membership 15 choices, or else we will get nowhere. Bill wants something hard done by May back to the membership. Tina Daniels is happy with the amount of work that has been done (Les' document handout). Borrow operating plan from Calgary and submit with proposal. Mary Anne—have you contacted other clubs that have a balloon? What are the benefits to crew if we have a club balloon? Crew are not being called to be crew. Bill would like to see a show of hands for support. Laurie—have committee delegate to members of the membership and bring back to. Leslie Manion—we are going round and circles. We are still in the same place. Dave—Les has done a lot of work and we would like to acknowledge that work so far. Trillium definitely needs a community focus, its not for our own personal interest. Or sport balloonists not having their own balloon. What is very important and we have found over the last couple of year. There needs to be commitment from the club membership. The idea of a club balloon is education for both the crew and pilot. Mary Anne NCBC tends to be the board of directors. More commitment is needed. Mary Anne does not think the commitment is there. Bill— is it feasible to get

club's support? Bill believes there is support to move forward. Tina—we are at the point to need a proposal for the membership to view.

Sandra Shannon proposed 6 months is proposed as date to come back to the club membership with answers after going to the board and being accepted. Gary Moreau seconded. One objected (Bill)

7. The Crownlines

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles to The Crownlines. Diane and Sandra covered the membership this year for Crownlines. Mary Anne—Possible Crownlines articles. Separate the crew from the pilots and the out-of-towners so pilots know who to call.

Sandra Shannon won the draw for the Crownlines. She won a free membership for 2003. We ripped up her cheque ... revoked her membership and we re-issued.

8. Investing the Club's money

Paul Porter—In our funds we have quite a bit of money, it was suggested that we invest in a \$5,000 GIC. Ownership of the money belongs to the club. Officers have to sign document that money belongs to the club. Les Welsh—bylaws say executive has the power to do this. The membership does not need to vote on this. Sandra—are there any tax implications? Smaller amount be invested, not 5K, maybe a third. Have not run a full scale Winterlude in a few years. Money needs to be built up for ballooning purposes. What activities from a balloon perspective be considered. Les—No taxes as we are non-profit. Mary Anne—go for it. New board to decide.

8. Elections

Dave Johns/Carolyn Spence to conduct election. Up for elections are the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and four directors. Three directors carrying through, Carolyn Spence, David Johns, Sandra Shannon. Between three and seven director positions need to be voted on. Bill moved that seven director positions be available for 2003. Laurie Manion seconded. Carried.

Bill motioned, Francoise Proulx seconded that nominations close. There were no new nominations from the floor for the executive positions. Acclaimed to their positions:

Paul Porter—President
Stephanie Glover—Vice-President
Laurie Manion—Treasurer
Les Welsh—Secretary

Sasha Blinova, Tina Daniels , Bill Whelan, Debbie Wright, Leslie Manion have put names forward for Director positions. Diane moved to close nominations. There were no other nominations from the floor. Paul Porter seconded. Carried. Ballot counters were Mary Anne and Francoise Proulx.

Diane Casault moved that the ballots for the election of the directors be destroyed, seconded by Les Welsh. Carried.

Voted as new Directors were:

Tina Daniels, Leslie Manion, Bill Whelan, Debbie Wright

9. New Business

Winterlude

Paul Porter – ice conditions are absolutely wonderful—hard, hard, and getting thicker tonight. Jan 31 launch of official opening ceremonies. First fly-day is Saturday, February 1. Paul has passes to get on ice. NCC needs to be named on your insurance. Insurance is required to be faxed to Joanne D’Aoust 613 239-5333 of the NCC before you can receive pass. As well of License plate of your vehicle. Working with Francois to pick out the areas 150 feet apart all around a 450 foot box. Lots of room, trucks to go in the middle. Located at corner where canal goes south. Special effort for Feb 7, 8, 9 for Club to participate. Paul Porter to confirm with Greg Booth from ICG for free fuel. Evening flight to meet at 3:30 pm and morning tbd. Is there any motel/hotel accommodations for out of towners? Liz Dowd has \$40 rooms available at her apartment, plus a party room

Thank Alexis as Treasurer and Sasha as Secretary for 2002. Most importantly, our past president, Diane Casault. Carried the Crownlines and the Gatineau festival.

Massena balloon festival—Leslie Manion asked Mary Lalonde to do an observers course. Mary will consider. Certification—Level 1 requires course and three observations at recognized festivals. March tbd.

Paul Porter—Thanks for coming out tonight. Thank you to Diane for her past efforts as President. Let’s stay in touch for 2003. Lots more parties. Lots of participation.

Diane thanked all who came to the AGM.

A draw was held for there prizes:
 Golf shirt—Debbie Wright
 T-shirt—Paul Porter
 Hat—Mary Lalonde

10. Adjournment

Diane Casault moved adjournment, seconded by Paul Porter. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Club Balloon Committee Report
 to the 2004 AGM

Committee Status:

In 1999, the National Capital Balloon Club decided to look at options for obtaining a Club balloon, initially by pursuing a grant from the Trillium Foundation for the purchase of a new hot air balloon and related support equipment. The NCBC thought this would better enable it to carry out its mandate which is to promote the sport of hot air ballooning in, and around, the National Capital Region. As a result, the Board of Directors appointed a Club Balloon Committee to develop, evaluate, and make recommendations as to possible options to acquire such a hot air balloon for operation by NCBC Club members.

Since that time, the Club Balloon Committee has developed a Trillium Foundation application, proposed Club Balloon Operating Principles and Practices which were adopted by the Board and accepted by the membership at large, presented a proposal to a potential corporate sponsor for a Club balloon, and evaluated other Canadian hot air balloon clubs organizations where a club balloon is used. Over this same period, the Club Balloon Committee has had some changes in its membership and each member has provided his, or her, own contribution to its activities.

Prior to the AGM in 2004, the Club Balloon Committee decided that a formal written report of the Committee’s activities to the NCBC Board of Directors was necessary. This report was provided to the NCBC Board of Directors at the January 29, 2004 Board meeting and included the following recommendations –

Recommendations:

1. Proceed with the Application to the Trillium Foundation after the Board of Directors decides upon the future steps as identified in this report for this option.
2. Proceed with the evaluation of any other offers of hot air balloons and related equipment as per the direction received from the NCBC Executive Committee.
3. Proceed with future attempts to operate the Club balloon as a corporate sponsored balloon should not be considered until the Board of Directors can provide direction as to how a business case for this type of operation could be developed and implemented.

Future Steps re the Application to the Trillium Foundation:

With respect to Recommendation # –the Trillium Foundation, the Club Balloon Committee recommended several specific steps for progress on this application for consideration by the NCBC Board of Directors. These are presently under review by the NCBC Board of Directors.

Submitted by:

Dave Johns, Les Welsh and Carolyn Spence

(Approved for publication by the Executive Committee)

Secretary's Report

to the 2004 AGM

The Board of Directors of the NCBC held seven meetings on: February 25, March 25, April 29, June 18, September 23, November 25, and January 29, 2004.

The Executive Committee held one meeting on June 4.

Laurie Manion resigned as Treasurer on January 18, 2004.

Paul Porter resigned as President on January 22, 2004.

The Board of Directors maintained seven committees as follows:

Social and Fly Days Committee: Stephanie Glover, Leslie Manion and Debbie Wright

Landowner Relations: Bill Whelan

Telephone Committee: David Johns and Paul Porter

Club Balloon Committee: David Johns, Paul Porter, Carolyn Spence and Les Welsh

Membership Committee: Laurie Manion and Gary Moreau

Quick-Release Committee: Gary Moreau

World Peace Balloon Committee: Laurie Manion, Leslie Manion, Paul Porter, Bell Whelan and Debbie Wright

submitted by Les Welsh, Secretary

National Capital Balloon Club

Statement of Income and Expenses

January 2003 to January 13th, 2004

Balance of \$7,333.36 on January 31, 2003	
Credits:	\$ 1,259.65
Membership:	\$ 830.00
Fundraising:	\$ 429.65
Debits:	\$ 876.26
Petty Cash	\$ 125.00
(Contributions to Charities \$100.00)	
(AGM MISC. \$25.00)	
Phone Line	\$ 220.11
Socials	\$ 390.40
(Winterlude \$173.20)	
(Gatineau Balloon Festival \$126.48)	
(Year-end \$90.72)	
Mail	\$ 42.63
Observers' Course	\$ 90.00
Bank Charges	\$ 8.12

Balance January 13, 2004: \$ 7,732.9

Prepared by Laurie Manion, Treasurer
January 2004



Married in Paradise

Stephanie Glover was married over the New Year holiday to Todd Boucher.

Surrounded by fellow balloon pilots, Kingsley Glover, Christiane Philibert, Lorraine LaFrance (O'Farrell), and John Davidson, as well as many other family members and friends, Stephanie and Todd finally tied the knot in beautiful Cayo Coco, Cuba.

"It was a very romantic ceremony in an amazing tropical setting. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful sunny day but, of course it was very windy. When else do balloon pilots actually take the time to kick back and socialize..."

Many thanks from Stephanie and Todd for the beautiful hot air balloon lamp that the NCBC Board purchased on behalf of the club, to celebrate their wedding. Thank you as well for everyone's good wishes for our wedding.

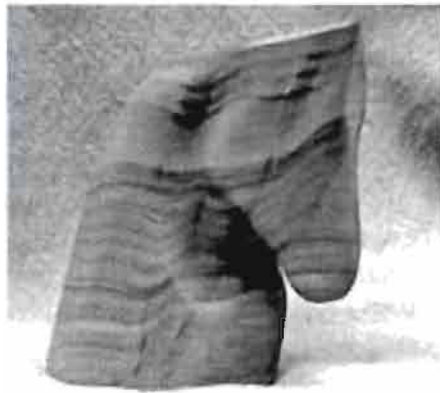
Statistics on Ballooning

Alex Nagorski

For those who like statistics here are some figures on Canadian Ballooning. Included are statistics from the CBA Annual report to the CIA and also Transport Canadas latest statistics. Note a few numbers, like total pilots, do not match exactly, not even on TC's data base.

<u>Pilots by Province:</u>		<u>Pilots by Age:</u>	
British Columbia:	12	Under 30:	20
Alberta:	49	30-34:	29
Saskatchewan:	5	35-39:	38
Manitoba:	8	40-44:	46
Ontario:	100	45-49:	49
Quebec:	68	50-54:	31
New Brunswick:	4	55-59:	23
Nova Scotia:	0	60-64:	10
Prince Edward Island:	1	Over 64:	13
Newfoundland:	2		
Yukon Territory:	0		
Northwest Territories:	0		
Nunavut Territory:	0		
Other:	10		

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balloons Registered</u>	<u>Pilots Registered</u>	<u>New Pilots</u>	<u>Instructors</u>
2003	446	259	10	40
2002	457	269	7	41
2001	450	267	6	43
2000	446	303	7	
1999	444	293		
1998	440	303		
1997	450			
1996	440			
1995	444			
1994	424			
1993	405			
1992	405			
1991	384			
1990	361			
1989	339			
1988	304			
1987	279			
1986	247			
1985	219			
1984	197			
1983	177			
1982	148			
1981	124			
1980	91			



Foel



Ally Opp 2

Congratulations Dave ... the NCBC cheers on your success.



Final Sprint

Dave Ryan
Remember Dave Ryan? The Paint Can Balloon? Skyview Pilot? Sundance Pilot? Well, Dave Ryan seems to be in the big leagues now. Here are a few examples of Dave's sculptures showing at Dave's art gallery "Art and Soul" in Pickering, Ontario.



Hiker



Fashion



Waltz 3



Horsehead

For more information please see:
www.artandsoulgallery.ca/sculptures/ryan.html



**Submissions to
The Crownlines**

Submissions to
The Crownlines
are welcome
anytime. The
tentative time lines
for submissions
this year are:

- First Issue: April 2004
- Second Issue: June 2004
- Third Issue: September 2004
- Fourth Issue: November 2004

Items can be submitted to the Editor once he or she is appointed.

It's easier to write your articles now, while you're thinking about it! Write about a Fly Day or social (with pictures that'd be great!). Or an old "memorable flight". Or anything you'd like to write or photograph to do with ballooning? (The Editor can arrange for the scanning of photographs or take stills from videos if you'll loan an original.)

**Interim Editor of The Crownlines:
Les Welsh**

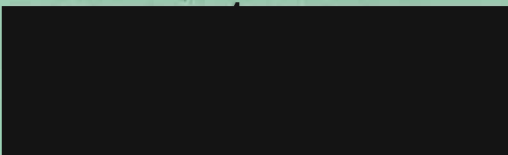
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Half Page	\$15
Quarter Page	\$10
Business Card	\$5

Please send a hard copy of your ad with full payment to:

National Capital Balloon Club



or e-mail The Editor and forward payment under separate cover.

UP! UP! AND AWAY my WAY!!!

by Gary Moreau

I've been hooked by the ballooning bee for over 20 some odd years. It's a lot of fun to crew for pilots of all shapes and sizes of balloons; chasing balloons that land in all types of interesting places; doing some fast talking to get the landowner's permission to land or in some cases talking fast after we landed without the owner's previous permission. It's all so much fun, the Festivals, the Events and the very interesting people.

After all these years, I knew that the exhilaration could only be fully felt when you are in the air. So after most of my ballooning life on the ground, it was now time to spread my wings and fly! But wait, this meant getting a licence! Oh the tests! The hours of training! The medical! And if that weren't enough, I would have to put up with Bill Whelan as my instructor!!! Well, after a significant amount of thought (all of about 10 seconds), I decided that "no pain-no gain" and so the studying began as did the in-flight lessons. It will take me some time to get my wings, but it will be a dream come true when I do!!!!

End of Season Fly Day Social

Stephanie Glover

On November 1st, 2003 our Vice-President hosted a Flyday and dinner at her home in Orleans. It was a great turn out by old and new NCBC members. The board was almost in full presence as well. We were served a lovely dinner catered by long time member Debbie Wright. An impressive pasta dinner complete with garlic bread and salad satisfied all in attendance. Thank you Deb for your amazing culinary skills and hard work. Our taste buds were more than satisfied. It was a great evening of conversation which included best ballooning memories and festival events. Thank you to all who attended and to everyone who chipped in to organize this great annual event.

