



The Crownlines

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Club de montgolfiers de la capitale nationale

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Annual General Meeting

6:30 PM Wednesday, January 9, 2008
at Louis' Steak House, 1682 Cyrville Road, Ottawa

Note: Some members will be arriving at the AGM early in order to have a pre-meeting supper. Please join us at 5:30 PM if you want to eat with us!

Membership (Non)-Renewal Notice

Generally at this time of the year, we would be reminding you that your 2008 membership fees are due. However, since members received very little for their 2007 fees, the Board of Directors has decided to *waive returning members' dues for 2008*.

This means that if you were a member in good standing for 2007, you are automatically renewed for 2008. And, if you renewed your membership while at the Festival du montgolfier de Gatineau, you are paid through to December 2009.

Any new members joining the club will be required to pay the regular fees.

If need be, you can update your information by sending an e-mail to [REDACTED] (or to whomever becomes membership officer for 2008).

Leslie Manion

Nominations

for the 2008 Board of Directors

If you would like to let your name stand for a position on the 2008 Board, or you wish to nominate another member, please contact Dave Lopushinsky.

Positions open for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three or more directors' positions.

Leslie Manion

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Fall Fly Day



On Saturday, November 3, NCBC members, family, and friends attended a lovely fall fly day near Vankleek Hill. Seven balloons flew out of a hayfield in Fournier, near Wild Bill Whelan's, then returned to his warehouse home for a delicious spaghetti dinner and good company.

Pilots in attendance included Bill Whelan, David Lopushinsky, Bryan Tepper, Sandra Rolfe, Jean Drouin, Janet Powers, and a Montreal pilot as well as Gilles Tremblay, Carolyn Mitrow, and Brigitte Johnson.

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Proxy

If you cannot attend the AGM on January 9, 2008, please complete a proxy. You can use the form enclosed with this newsletter mailing if you wish. You can either mail it to the National Capital Balloon Club, P.O. Box 78084 - Merline RPO, Nepean, ON, K2E 1B1 or fax it to Debbie Wright at [redacted] by 3 p.m. January 9.

Submissions to The Crownlines

I will be retiring as Editor of The Crownlines as of this issue. Please look for notification of the appointment of a new editor for 2008 (or volunteer yourself!), and support your Club by submitting items, articles and pictures.

Les Welsh

Advertising Rates for The Crownlines

The Crownlines accepts advertisements at the following rates, for fully-prepared advertising copy:

Full Page	\$25
Half Page	\$15
Quarter Page	\$10
Business Card	\$5

NCBC Members go to the Ball



Who are these people? They look like NCBC members, but where are the cargo pants with multiple pockets? The balloon shirts and jackets? The gloves? The ball caps? The balloon logos?

On November 10, several NCBC members attended the Marine Corps Birthday Ball as guests of Bryan and Alison Tepper. Held at the Hilton Lac Leamy, it was a lovely evening complete with Marine Corps pomp and ceremony, great food, and dancing.

Dressed in their most formal attire are:

Dave Johns, Judy Follette-Johns, David Lopushinsky, Leslie Manion, Bill Whelan, Sandra Rolfe, Alison Tepper, and Bryan Tepper.

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Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

January 31, 2007

Room 1A Ben Franklin Place

101 Centrepoint Drive

Nepean, Ontario

1. Attendees were invited to renew their memberships if they had not already done so.
2. Registration of Proxies and Establishment of Quorum
16 members were present. 1 proxy was registered.
Leslie Manion declared as meeting chair that a quorum was present.
3. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.
4. Agenda and Minutes
 - 4.1 Approval of Agenda
Laurie Manion moved, seconded by Debbie Wright, that the agenda be approved as proposed. Carried.
 - 4.2 Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting
Stephanie Glover moved, seconded by Laurie Manion, for approval of the draft minutes of the January 26, 2005 Annual General Meeting. Carried.

4.3 Business Arising from the 2005 Annual General Meeting

- Launch Privileges for La Baie Parc

The Festival de mongolfier de gatineau has provided a key to facilitate use of the Parc based on the permission to launch granted in 2005.

5 Reports

5.1 President's Report

President Leslie Manion provided an oral report in addition to the written report tendered.

Les Welsh moved, seconded by Laurie Manion, that the President's report be accepted. Carried.

5.2 Vice-President's Report

Vice-President David Lopushinsky indicated that he had nothing to add to the President's report.

5.3 Secretary's Report

The report was combined with the Treasurer's report.

5.4 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Anne Benoit provided a written "Financial Statement 2006" covering the fiscal year 2005 and reported that there were \$4,029 in assets as a balance in the bank account by the end of 2005.

King Glover moved, seconded by Carole Brassard, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Les Welsh moved, seconded by David Lopushinsky, that the Annual General Meeting approves that there be no appointment of an auditor. Carried.

5.5 Ratification of Executive Action

Mary-Ann Stevens moved, seconded by King Glover, that all actions taken by the Executive during their past year's term of office are approved by the Annual General Meeting. Majority voted in favour; two members were opposed.

6. Other reports (Committees, etc.)

No other reports were forthcoming.

7. Elections

7.1 Report of the Nominating Committee

Les Welsh presented the Nominating Committee's written report.

All Executive Positions are open for election (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer)

Nominations are:

President: Dave Lopushinsky

Vice-President: Leslie Manion

Secretary: Lynn Deachman

Treasurer: Debbie Wright

Three Board members are continuing into the second year of their two-year term: Carole Brassard, Les Welsh and Bill Whelan.

Les Welsh moved, seconded by a member present, Be it resolved that in 2007, the National Capital Balloon Club's Officers include both Secretary and Treasurer positions. Carried.

7.2 Nominations from the Floor

The Chair requested nominations from the Floor for any of the Executive positions., None were forthcoming. Mary Anne Stevens moved, seconded by Liz Dowd, that nominations close. Carried. The Chair thereupon declared the nominees to the Executive as acclaimed.

7.3 Motion from the Floor to Determine the Number of Directors

Les Welsh moved, seconded by a member present, Be it resolved that in 2007, the number of Directors (in addition to the Officers) on the Board of the National Capital Balloon Club will be three. Carried.

7.4 Election of Directors

The Chair declared that, given that there were no Director positions open on the Board, the Elections for 2007 were concluded.

8. New Business

There will be a mini balloon-festival during Winterlude, on February 10-11. Dave Lopushinsky will coordinate to determine the launch site location. A plowed field is essential.

Mary-Ann Stevens proposed that the Canadian Balloon Association and the NCBC jointly sponsor and organize a safety seminar for pilots, suitable to qualify as recurrent training under Canadian Aviation Regulations. After some discussion, it was suggested and generally agreed that a March to early April date would be best for such an event. King Glover, Mary-Ann, Bill Whelan and Lynn Deachman volunteered to organize the event. The AGM approved the proposal by consensus.

Dave Lopushinsky suggested that the NCBC request the Ottawa City Manager of Parks & Recreation to permit landing and take-offs. The AGM expressed general support for this course of action.

Stephanie Glover moved a vote-of-thanks for Leslie Manion as outgoing President. There was general applause.

Laurie Manion moved, seconded by King Glover, adjournment. Carried. The Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned at about 8:30 PM.