

Save our flying fields Annual Report : Dec 31 2018 by Steve Woloz

I am pleased to report that there has been no new claims of flying fields being shut down in 2018 for reasons of complaints by government or community agencies. There are lingering problems dating back to 2017 in Zone j , in which Club Brossair , was ordered to close its field by the CPTAQ. Based on discussions with MAAC members highly aware of the circumstances leading to the closure , its appears that poor communication with the neighbors and municipality were the main reasons leading to the closure. To the best of my knowledge, the club is trying to mend its relations with the municipality in which they are located and hopefully they will be able to reopen the club.

A second club in zone J , Club Antigravite located in St Julie, confronted with city zoning bylaw changes is actively working with the municipality to find a new site that will be mutually acceptable. Irrespective the club has operated without interruption in 2018, and looks forward to resuming operations in 2019 at the same site.

No other problems of field closure , have been reported to me for 2018.


Noteworthy are recommendations that have been brought forward at the annual zone meetings which are presented below. They will need review at the A G M in April 2019.

It should be noted that in the event that problems do arise in 2019, in locations away from my location in Montreal, Quebec, in which travel may be needed to visit the site (s) , then a travel allowance be permitted from the Save Our Flying Field Fund in order to assist in the resolution of difficulties.

This completes the report for 2018

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Annex to Save Our Flying Field Report

Recommandations

6. Community Engagement New Flying Sites

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT MAAC consider community engagement in the sanctioning of new model airplane flying sites, and

THAT MAAC include in its sanctioning instructional documents, the following notion. That clubs consider impacts to neighbouring properties when choosing new flying sites and once a site has been selected engage with neighbouring property owners, to mitigate negative impacts. A useful reference is the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) "Getting and Keeping Flying Sites."

Rationale:

The Motion is to help avoid future conflicts with flying sites and neighbors.

Moved by Ron Sitter #94479 and seconded by Geoff Graham #15206

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Zone L Southeastern Ontario

11. Flying Site Sanction

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT A Chartered Club not be able to register the same Primary flying site (field) previously registered by another Chartered Club, unless the original club agrees to relinquish the registration, or agrees by mutual consent to permit the second club to also register the site, and

THAT if two clubs have registered the same site, that both clubs be notified of proposed event sanction.

Rationale:

Rationale: MAAC has released a document clarifying flying site sanction as it pertains to sites that are public or share use land and avoid event conflicts.

Moved by Randall Thomas # 9928 and seconded by Chris Brownhill

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12. Club Dispute Mediation

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT MAAC needs to assist with mediating and resolving conflicts between MAAC registered Clubs (particularly concerning club flying sites.)

Rationale:

MAAC has released a document clarifying flying site sanction as it pertains to sites that are public or share use land. MAAC should stand by this policy and help clubs when conflicts arise.

Moved by Randall Thomas #9928 and seconded by Chris Brownhill # 3797L

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