

Present: G. Kyle, G. Wolgemuth, C. Johnson, C. Lacaille, M. Milgram.

Item 1: Discussion of User Fees for Exceeding the 90-day limit

Mike Milgram opened the meeting by providing some thoughts on how we needed to protect the tools from abuse from untrained users. He also thought that more damage to the tools happened this way as opposed excessive use. Most people agreed but the general consensus was there was no way to determine this and that excessive use, even by trained users, still generates wear on both the machines and the consumables (blades, sandpaper, etc.).

Glen Wolgemuth spoke next and gave his opinion on how he worked to maintain the tools so that every member can come to the shop and find everything is sharp and working properly. Glen W argued that the shop should be equitably available to all members and if a small number of people use the club excessively then this is not in the concept of the club. "The club was intended for hobbyists to share and not be overused by a select few".

Chalie Lacaille thought that the club did a poor job in communicating the 90-day limit that was voted into affect at the 2023 AGM [1] meeting and also the subsequent fees that were decided upon at our executive meeting last January [2]. Glen Kyle apologized for this lack of communication and took responsibility for this and said he would post the AGM minutes and the Executive minutes on our website so that everything was transparent.

Curtis Johnson said that he thought the people who would be affected by these decisions were aware of the 90-day limit but not the price of buying additional time.

Mike Milgram also wanted it noted that the club has a responsibility to the town of Deep River and that we must maintain a positive attitude towards "helping out". Everyone agreed with this but the executive must be informed before any projects are undertaken before using the club.

There was total agreement that the 90-day limit, voted on at our last AGM [1], could not be changed and there was perhaps one of the highest turn outs ever

to this meeting. This meeting already had a long discussion on the purpose and the reasons behind putting this limit on members.

The cost for additional time (40 days for \$160) was also discussed. The original number that was proposed (50 days for \$250) [2] was thought to be too high and was reduced to 40 days for \$160. The executive has access to costs and makes long term financial decisions in the best interest of the club. Holding a referendum on the cost of buying additional days does not seem feasible based on personal bias and also our membership season is already half over.

The executive was asked by Glen Kyle to vote to maintain the cost of 40 days for \$160 and this was passed with 4 members voting yes and 1 member abstaining.

Actions From the Meeting

1. Glen Kyle to post the minutes of the 2023 AGM and our last two executive minutes to our website.
2. Executive to issue a letter to the membership stating our position.