

Reading & District Model Aircraft Club

AGM Minutes 3rd December 20131

1. **Apologies for absence** : P. Anderson, P. Mann, P. Riddick, D. Ballard, L. Topham. A. Prajapati. A. Stretton.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** : Adopted.
3. **Minutes of last Years AGM** : Adopted as read.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not listed on agenda** : None arising.
5. **.Chairmans report** : The Chairman started by thanking the committee members for their efforts and involvement throughout what has been a very busy year for the club. Special thanks and appreciation is also due to those members who were involved in the noise tests both at Beenham and the Dreadnought flying fields during the surveys.

Thanks were also due to Messer's Joe Dray, local planning laws, Ash Prajapati, critical negotiations skills, and Dave Grey, drawing up site plans, all were particularly busy during the preparations of our planning application for the Beenham site to the West Berkshire authorities.

Martin explained how the BMFA sent their top flying field site officer Andy Symons, to visit the Beenham site and he advised on what we should be able to achieve and aim for in our presentation to the council. Our site application is now being considered by the council and is now open for consultation by the local agencies and public authorities.

We now have to await this period and when it runs its course, hopefully the club can start on its plans to change the field infrastructure to be more suitable to our requirements.

Many thanks to Dave Marney for both locating the site and introducing the club officers to the site owners representatives, should we be allowed to use Beenham he will be the proud winner of the prize offered by our club, £350.

Dave Grey was further applauded for his continual commitment to train those members who join the club in order to learn to fly their models IAW with the BMFA training scheme.

5. Cont : **Events** : The club hosted a *Autogyro* fly in during June which was very well attended and attracted modellers from the midlands and the west country. Prizes were provided by our club and the entrants thanked the club for our hospitality and were impressed by some of our younger members skills, flying their helicopters.

Again next year ? well may be.

On club flying competitions, no enthusiasm for these type of events prevail in our club, the planned for 2013 just did not take off .

However there were a few scale models noticed at the field this year this suggests that a scale fly in might be worth considering.

For the future : Assuming that our Beenham planning application is successful some working parties will be required early next year in order to help create the strip, pilots box, and paddock / paths.

As for the plastic roll up runway, well that is something to talk about, it would however require a further planning submission by the club.

Club Secretary : Andy Stretton is retiring and in the New Year will be returning to Cumbria to enjoy his retirement, he has been our Secretary for nigh on twenty some thing years. Despite advertising this very important vacancy we had not been able to find his replacement, see **7**.

The Chairman elaborated on the clubs Secretarial duties.

We have been informed that one flying club offered free membership to members willing to take on such a post, the chairman also said that he does not recommend such offerings to club members for fear of being trampled to death!! In the following rush of volunteers !!.

6. Treasurers Report : Ron reported that this year's income was slightly down on last years due in the main to not so many new members qualifying to pay the £50 joining fee and only 97 membership this year.

This year has been the first time that expenditure had exceeded income during his post as Treasurer to the tune of minus £1,384, but if the site at Beenham expenditure is taken out, currently around +£2600, the minus becomes a plus.

As the BMFA has decided not to raise its fees also we as a club will not be using our Beenham site until summer, subs could stay at 2013 rates.

6.Cont : Adoption of accounts for 2013, was proposed by Jack Bishop, and seconded by Mick Mace.

7. Election of Officers & Committee : Following the Chairman's report see item 5, Andy Warlow came forward and volunteered to take on the responsibilities as the clubs Secretary for 2014.

Andy Warlow was proposed by Ron Perkins.
seconded by Neil Viney.

The existing committee Dave Belcher, Dave Grey, Kevin Mercer, Joe Dray Patricia Martin, were all willing to stand again for 2014.

Proposed by Ron Perkins, seconded by all members present.

Club Fees 2014 : The Treasurer presented two proposals but added that as the BMFA had made no increases this year and the fact that we will not be using Beenham until the summer it is not necessary to raise our subs.

Two proposals were made from the floor by Dave Belcher, these were both voted on and resulted 23 to 26 in favour of the first proposal as follows.

Senior £81 (£49 club £ 32 BMFA)

Senior Citizens £55 (£23 club £32 BMFA)

Junior £31 (£14 club £17 BMFA)

8. Presentation of trophies : Andy Warlow again won the Concours Trophy and returned it for his name to be inscribed

9. Any other business : The CRB rules require local amendment to allow the rule to be waived to allow one of our junior members to attend the Dreadnought field to allow flying training to be carried out by him.

This will be progressed by the elected committee in the New Year.

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Meeting attend 32 members started at 2008 hrs finished at 2115 hrs.

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