

READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING 11th January 2016

MINUTES

- 1) Attendees – Ron Parker, Andy Warlow, Edward Lawrence, Dave Belcher, Dave Grey, Joe Dray, Steve Fleming, Martin Dance, Neil Viney.

Apologies: Richard Williams.

- 2) Approval of minutes of meeting 2nd November 2015: Approved.
- 3) Outstanding actions – See attached Actions Log for closed/outstanding actions.
- 4) Finance/Membership update

Membership renewals up-to-date with BMFA. Currently 62 renewals and 3 new members. A number of members have used on-line banking to renew their membership.

Richard has asked the committee to consider putting the club funds into an Instant Access savings account so we do at least get some interest. The committee agreed this. **Action Andy to email Richard** in his absence regarding approval.

Andy requested the committee to consider what the committee planned to do with the club funds given how high they were, and what was to be done with the joining fee? Andy suggested a refresh of club trainers and engines and perhaps reduce the joining fee to £25. Given that Richard was unable to attend the meeting, this would be discussed at the next meeting. **Action All** – consider club funds for next meeting.

Richard asked the committee (via email) to consider setting up a sub-committee to approach land agents so see if the club could buy land for a new strip. **Action Martin** to draft a specification for the new flying field as a start point given the restrictions such as proximity to houses etc. **Action Martin** to approach the BMFA to see if they have a document we can use.

- 5) Flying field matters

Slope soaring group – Dave Roberts has set-up a new Googlegroup and invited members to join. Currently 17 members. Aim is to build up knowledge regarding wind direction and local slopes and encourage slope soaring.

Indoor flying successful with 16 flyers attending. Finances looking good. Next event will segregate flying into 5-10 minute sessions by model type – rotary, light weight, heavy weight – to try and reduce level of damage to models from collisions.

- 6) Web site/Google mail -

No issues with website.

Googlegroup is currently managed by Martin. Suggested that Joe take over maintenance given the info he receives from new members but Joe unable to give the time. **Action Martin** to make Andy joint owner so either can maintain the group. Spreadsheet of members email details available on dropbox.

- 7) Programme of events for 2016

February club meeting – BMFA mass build model being built by Dave B.

March club meeting – Bring and Buy

April club meeting – Concours d'Elegance challenge

Outdoor training commences May 4th.

McMichael Rally – decided not to attend this year.

Autogyro event – Sunday 15th May

Vintage Day – 12th June

Scale event – 16th July

Enstone fly-in – 26th June when flying field closed for regatta.

Andy questioned why the club spends £60 per competition when nobody enters to win money so is this necessary. Agreed to buy 3 simple/cheap cups, engrave each with the competition, and hand out to the winner. Suggested price of around £15 per cup. **Action Martin** to buy 3 cups and get them engraved for Concours, Vintage and Scale.

8) AOB

Joe suggested a simple welcome letter template from the chairman that he could send out to new members. **Action Martin** to draft this.

The current situation regarding grass cutting at the strip was raised. Unclear if we/do not still have an agreement. **Action Andy** to contact Richard to see if he knows.

Date of Next meeting

21st March.