

# READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

## COMMITTEE MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

### MINUTES

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

Apologies: Dave Belcher

- 2) Approval of minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016: Approved.
- 3) Outstanding actions – See attached Actions Log for closed/outstanding actions.
- 4) Finance/Membership update

Finances very healthy but surplus is growing and the Committee still has no plan/strategy regarding what to do with this. Reduction in member renewals means that this years surplus is likely to be lower at around £1K.

£25K now in an interest earning account.

The committee agreed to reduce the club joining fee to £25 from January 2017. Membership will be advised in Treasurers AGM report.

The committee agreed to a reduction in Indoor Flying costs for club members. Members now pay £5, non-members £10.

The committee agreed to review the costs of the 2016 Xmas party. Members to be canvassed to see how many plan to attend and buffet/refreshments scaled back accordingly. Aim is for raffle to break-even so prizes will be revised along the lines of wine/chocolates/biscuits etc to keep costs down.

- 5) Flying field matters

Support for multi-rotor (drone) racing discussed and agreed cannot be supported at current field. Might be possible if we acquire a new field but would not be a driving factor when seeking a new field.

Agreed that risk of losing current field due to an accident involving the general public was very low given we have been flying on the current field since 1972, but risk probably increasing due to increased number of general public in the vicinity. New field required to mitigate the risk.

Richard to approach Grundons again in light of Solar Farm not happening – **action Richard.**

Martin to provide Richard with contact details at Grundons – **action Martin.**

Agreed that contact at Grundons could not be trusted, so any indication that our use of the site might now be possible would have to be verified with Grundons Head Office.

Joe to approach Copas family regarding possible site – **action Joe.**

Richard to contact Englefield Estates regarding possible site – **action Richard.**

Andy to contact Simmons Estate Agents in Henley to establish likely cost of renting 2 hectares of agricultural land – **action Andy.**

Martin to provide short summary of site requirements – 1 or 2 paragraphs to assist Richard/Joe/Andy in site search – **action Martin.**

6) Web site/Google mail -

No issues with website.

7) Programme of events for 2016

No action required.

8) AOB

The idea of club badges, baseball caps, fleeces was discussed. Agreed to do some digging regarding likely costs following which we can establish whether or not members would be interested.

**Action - Andy** to talk to Pyramid models regarding club stickers for models as per BMFA stickers.

**Action – Andy** to investigate badges and clothing.

Joe advised the DOB will need to be captured on Membership Forms as BMFA site requires it. No idea why but could be linked to insurance?

Planning permission is being sought for a new Park and Ride at the end of the A329M where it meets the Canoe Club. Not deemed to affect the club.

Date of Next meeting

**6<sup>th</sup> June**