

READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING 24th October 2016

MINUTES

- 1) Attendees – Joe Dray, Andy Warlow, Dave Grey, Steve Fleming, Martin Dance, Richard Williams.

Apologies: Dave Belcher; Ron Parker, Edward Lawrence, Neil Viney

- 2) Approval of minutes of meeting 5th September 2016: Approved.
- 3) Outstanding actions – See attached Actions Log for closed/outstanding actions.
- 4) Finance/Membership update

Finances continue to look healthy and on track for year-end surplus of around £2,400. Year-end accounts should be available first week in November and then sent to auditor, so all well in-hand for AGM.

Committee approved Treasurers Option 2 for reducing membership fees given current level of surplus in club account. Option approved will move to two categories of membership over two years. In stage one, effective from 1st January 2017, the fee for seniors is reduced from £51.00 to £35.00; the retired category stays the same at £28.00. Juniors reduce from £15.00 to £10.00. The joining fee becomes £25.00. Fees for 2018 will be assessed prior to 2017 AGM but should be around £30-£35, depending on level of income required, merging the current two senior categories of membership into one adult membership.

This decision will be circulated to the members as part of the AGM invite. **Action Richard** to supply wording for Andy to include in AGM documents to be sent out to members.

Action Joe to bring copies of current club rules to the AGM to distribute to members.

Action Joe update Renewal and Membership forms with the new 2017 club fees to include bank account details to encourage members to pay by bank transfer.

Flying field matters

Phillimore Estate has replied to say that they have no suitable land.

Of the 25 farmers letters were sent to, only two have responded. Both had no suitable land.

Email has been sent to J.Mould, but to date no reply.

No new proposals regarding approach to land owners during 2017 but agreed to contact the owners of a landfill site at Smallmead Farm, Wokingham council and Dinton Pastures. **Action – Joe** to provide Andy with contact details at Wokingham District Council and Dinton Pastures management.

New helicopter hovering patch now in place and being maintained.

BMFA representing clubs during EASA discussions so nothing for the club to do.

- 5) Web site/Google mail -

Website updated with some more recent photographs.

Action – Andy to add Tim Jones video link to website under Flying Field or Gallery

Programme of events for 2016

The committee agreed to combine the AGM and Xmas parties into one event on December 5th. **Action – Andy** to advise Leisure Centre that 20th Dec booking no longer required and update club website.

AGM invite to members will include the following:

- Chairmans invite – **Action Martin** to supply to Andy.
- Financial statement – **Action Richard** to supply to Andy.
- Reduction in membership fees – **Action Richard** to supply to Andy
- Revised Membership Renewal form – **Action Joe** to supply to Andy. **Action Andy** to include wording in AGM invite to encourage members to pay by bank transfer.
- **Action Andy** to issue invite to members via email and letter. **Action Richard** to provide Andy with addresses for members without email. Invite to advise members that Xmas party now combined with AGM. Invite to advise members that club evenings no longer being held due to lack of interest but members thoughts on meeting in a pub somewhere on a monthly basis will be sought at the AGM.

No recipient for Tony Simpson cup for 2017 so cup will be recovered from Richard Phillpot – **action Dave** - and retained by the committee.

Secretary position up for re-election. **Action Andy** to advise members as part of AGM invite.

Spreadsheet of members to be checked against Googlemail to confirm Googlemail is up-to-date before sending out AGM invites. **Action – Andy**.

Committee agreed that the current committee was larger than required to run the club. Since not all committee members were present, **action - Andy** to send email to committee asking if any members prepared to stand down.

AGM invite needs to canvas members to see how many plan to attend as this will help with catering. **Action Andy to add to AGM invite.**

Committee agreed to scrap the Xmas Party raffle; considered not the best way to spend club funds and difficulty getting relevant prizes and organising.

Committee agreed to continue with outside catering for Xmas party based on number of members who respond to say that they plan to attend. **Action – Andy** to contact Jack Bishop for contact details of last years caterer.

6) AOB

A Float Plane event was suggested for 2017. **Action – Martin** to contact Bob Roper for contact details at Beale Park. **Action Joe** - contact Dinton Pastures management so establish if see if they have a suitable site.

Date of Next meeting

Normally first Monday in January which will make it January 2nd.