

READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING 6th March 2017

MINUTES

1. Attendees – Andy Warlow, Dave Grey, Martin Dance, Richard Williams, Steve Fleming, Edward Lawrence.

Apologies: Ron Parker, Joe Dray

2. Approval of minutes of meeting 9th January 2017: Approved.
3. Outstanding actions – See attached Actions Log for closed/outstanding actions.
4. Finance/Membership update

Income and expenditure both down as expected. Despite best efforts, the club surplus continues to rise!

71 paid-up members.

Committee agreed that Jack Bishop should become an honorary member.

5. Flying field matters

Andy has contacted West Berks District Council regarding land and the council has advised that the subject will be discussed at their next Asset Management Group meeting. No indication when this meeting might be.

Andy has also sent a letter to Wokingham Borough council but yet to receive a response.

Incident form will be updated by Martin with updated notes for guidance, a description of model and sign-off by committee post review.

BMFA were advised by email that we are a drone friendly club, as per committee decision, but recent email from BMFA has requested the information be added to a website. **Action: Andy to progress.**

Committee decided that we send flying field letters to Hadley Group and Collards. **Action: Andy to send letters.**

Following the recent NATS request for help with a recent air proximity issue, Dave Grey expressed concerns regarding non-members flying drones from our flying strip. Committee agreed that we have no responsibility for these people when nobody is at the strip. If members are at the strip, they should discuss the situation with the drone flier and make them aware it is a private facility.

Three incident forms sent in since last meeting, two of which related to one mid-air collision. No members of the public involved.

6. Web site/Google mail -

Move to BMFA server complete. Even though it is past the end of January, the old site remains. Tim Jones video of our flying strip has been added to the website under Flying Field.

Action – Andy to review sites mentioned under ‘Links’ and remove sites that are no-longer functioning.

7. Programme of events for 2016

Committee discussed the proposed B-B-Q and fly-in and agreed it would be difficult to arrange and run. Thoughts being given to an alternative.

Proposed that we have a ‘Bring and buy’ day one Saturday at the flying field. Date to be agreed at next meeting.

Proposed that we have a Vintage day one Saturday at the flying field. Date to be agreed at next meeting.

Float plane event at Beale Park (Martin chasing) or Dinton Pastures (Joe chasing) still to be confirmed.

8. AOB

None.

9. Date of Next meeting

Monday 5th June

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