

READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held on December 3rd 2019 at the Oakwood Centre, Woodley

24 attendees.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Jay Quinlan, David Hall and Kevin Mercer

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda as published was adopted.

3. Minutes of last year's AGM.

The minutes of the 2018 AGM as published were adopted.

4. Matters arising from minutes not listed elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

5. Chairman's report.

First of all welcome to the 2019 AGM, prize giving and Christmas feast!

First I would like to thank the members of the committee for their hard work this year. With much going on with the Drone regulation arena, a good deal of work has been generated for our committee.

Reading through my last report, before writing this one, I think there was an air of pessimism about the future of the hobby. Now at the end of 2019 there is reason, I think, to be relatively optimistic. Registration is now fairly straightforward, either take the BMFA route if you have an 'A' or 'B' achievement taking the exemption from the CAA test. If not take the BMFA 'test' or the CAA 'test' and in addition pay £9.00 to gain your number. I suspect the fee was always going to be less than £10, but pitching it initially at £16.50 and taking the flak was better than starting at £9 and still getting the same reaction but with no room to manoeuvre was better. It's not all over on the regulation front. Next June will see the implementation of the EASA rules and this may cause further problems. One particular concerns the location of flying fields. Our TVP field may well come under scrutiny because of adjacent buildings, the river and rowing lake. My reaction to this is simply that we have occupied the site since 1976 and have not had an incident involving a member of the public or their dogs during that period.

I also expressed the hope that I would be more active this year as my daughter and granddaughter were moving to a nearby property. Unfortunately the flat proved to be damp, rodent infested and had rowing, drug dealing neighbours. Whilst travelling to a uni course at Farnham was proving too costly. She now lives in Farnham and we do the costly travelling!

Good news, granddaughter now 2 years old likes aeroplanes, so I'm working on her. At the moment I am making a push along dinosaur. So looking forward to 2020.

Finally on a wider front there seems to have been fewer drone sightings by airline pilots recently. Now everyone is registered it has become obvious that the skies are not black (or white) with drones. Interesting too, that Amazon and others are making less noise about drone deliveries. Perhaps they

now consider they own the lower airspace, or have realised that drone deliveries to individuals is impractical. Also the airspace 0-200 feet is useless to them

We shall see. For now enjoy the buffet.

6. Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts.

Introduction

- a. We agreed at the 2016 AGM that the large surpluses of income over expenditure are no longer required as the club already has substantial reserves to fund an additional flying field should suitable land become available.
- b. As a result, our aim is to achieve near breakeven each year. In the last three years members have benefitted from reductions in subs which have reduced from £51.00 to £35.00 in 2017, to £28.00 in 2018 and to £25.00 (all +BMFA) this year.

Income

- a. Our income for the financial year ending 31st October was £4649.45, (including £2144.00 that we pass on to the BMFA for your insurance), - a year-on-year increase of £125.51
- b. The largest category of income – membership - is up by £57.00 despite reducing the annual subs by £3.00. This is accounted for by joining fees from the 10 new members we welcomed to the club.
- c. Membership numbers have been steadily declining over the long term – we had 131 members in the year 2000; membership has now stabilised at 75 (71 adult; 2 concessionary; 2 junior) equalling last year.

Expenditure

- a. Overall expenditure at £4139.45 is £463.27 higher than last year; the main reason was paying two catering invoices for AGM/Christmas events in this financial year. The cost of indoor flying has also increased.

Net Assets

- a. Our savings account with Barclays holds most of our cash - £33897.22. Very low interest rates (currently 0.4%) mean that this sum only attracted a return of £135.29!
- b. The surplus of income over expenditure was £510.00 – down from £847.76 from last year – we're not quite at breakeven yet.
- c. When this sum is added to our already healthy bank balance, our net assets now stand at £35,374.78

Membership subscription proposals:

- a. To achieve our goal of getting closer to breakeven in 2019, we have scope for making further small decreases to the subs:
- b. Your committee has agreed a £5.00 reduction in the Adult category from £25.00 (+BMFA) to £20.00 (+BMFA+CAA) to help mitigate the £9.00 fee payable for CAA registration.

- c. Juniors' subs will reduce to £5.00 (+BMFA)
- d. The joining fee will remain unchanged at £25.00

There are three resolutions concerning finance and membership requiring agreement:

- a. Resolution 1 – that the accounts for year ending 31st October 2019 are adopted

Proposer: Dave Belcher
Seconder: Ron Perkins
Resolution carried.

- b. Resolution 2 – that Mike Kenney is re-elected as auditor for 2020

Proposer: Steve Fleming
Seconder: Dave Belcher
Resolution carried

- c. Resolution 3 - that the 2020 subscriptions proposals are agreed

Proposer: Pete Talbot
Seconder: Dave Grey
Resolution carried.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2019

	YEAR ENDING 31-Oct-2019	YEAR ENDING 31-Oct-2018	VARIANCE
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Membership Income	4232.00	4175.00	57.00
Indoor Flying Income	282.16	230.00	52.16
Interest & Other Income	135.29	118.94	16.35
TOTAL INCOME	4649.45	4523.94	125.51
EXPENDITURE			
BMFA	2144.00	2142.00	2.00
Room Hire	101.00	90.50	10.50
Stationery	0.00	47.78	47.78
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
AGM/Christmas Event	246.60	0.00	246.60
Committee Expenses	20.35	75.90	55.55
Flying Field	827.50	820.00	7.50
Indoor Flying	800.00	500.00	300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4139.45	3676.18	463.27
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	510.00	847.76	337.76

BALANCE SHEET

	31-Oct-2019	31-Oct-2018	
	£	£	
ACCUMULATED FUND			
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	34864.78	34017.02	847.76
ADD EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	510.00	847.76	337.76
	35374.78	34864.78	510.00
REPRESENTED BY:	£	£	
Bank Balance - Current Account	1388.26	1082.70	305.56
Bank Balance - Savings Account	33879.22	33761.93	135.29
Bank transactions not yet credited - Current Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash in Hand	89.30	20.15	69.15
LESS LIABILITIES			
Uncleared cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	35374.78	34864.78	510.00

Approved	Signature	Date
Club Chairman - Martin Dance		
Hon. Treasurer - Richard Williams		
Auditor - Mike Kenney		

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Secretary

The office of Secretary, as advertised to all members as part of their AGM pack, was up for election this year as part of the club 3 year officer rotation policy. Andy Warlow indicated his preparedness to continue in the post for another 3 years. There were no other nominees.

Proposer: Ron Perkins

Seconder: Dave Grey.

Election carried unopposed.

Committee members.

The 2018 committee members have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election.

Proposer of a block nomination: Dave Belcher

Seconder: Neil Viney

Election carried.

The committee for 2020 is shown below.

Chairperson	Martin Dance
Secretary	Andy Warlow
Treasurer	Richard Williams
Membership secretary	Steve Fleming
Committee	Dave Grey, Edward Lawrence, Tim Jones

8. Presentation of cups.

The Tony Simpson cup is awarded by the committee to the club member who has made a notable contribution to the hobby over the past year. This year the cup was not awarded.

Concours D'Elegance cups were awarded to joint winners Jay Quinlan and Andy Warlow.

9. Club fees for 2019.

As reported by the Treasurer, the adult membership fee has been reduced to £20. Junior fees have also been reduced to £5. The joining fee is unchanged at £25. The BMFA membership for both adults and juniors remains unchanged at £38 and £17 respectively.

As a result, club fees for 2020 will be:

Junior members - £5 club + £17 BMFA = £22

Adult members - £20 club + £38 BMFA = £58

Joining fee for new adult members remains at £25.

CAA registration via the BMFA will cost an additional £9.

The club membership renewal forms issued prior to the AGM reflect the above fees.

10. Any other business.

Following changes in the air traffic laws and the legal requirement to register with the CAA the committee has raised the following resolution:

‘That the Rules of the Club be amended to reflect the requirements of CAA registration for all active (flying) members of the Club who fly models within scope of the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft legislation.’

Proposer: Steve Fleming

Secunder: Dave Grey.

Resolution carried unopposed.

There being no further business, the meeting retired for refreshments at 8:30 p.m.