

READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING 13th January 2020

MINUTES

1. Attendees – Andy Warlow, Dave Grey, Martin Dance, Steve Fleming, Tim Jones, Edward Lawrence.

Apologies: Richard Williams.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting 15th July 2019: Approved.
3. Outstanding actions – See attached Actions Log for closed/outstanding actions.
4. Finance/Membership update

Finances for 2020 will not be clear until end of January when existing members have had their chance to renew.

Currently have 62 members which include 3 new members. Of the 3 new members, 2 already have their 'A' certificates and 1 was planning to take his test on Jan 12th, although this may not have taken place due to weather conditions.

5. Flying field matters

In terms of monitoring members BMFA insurance cover, the club renewal form asks that members who are not requesting BMFA insurance via the Reading Club, i.e. they are county members or request BMFA membership via another club, supply their BMFA membership number on the renewal form. This allows the club to keep a record of insurance cover for these members.

In terms of monitoring adherence to the CAA registration, once the CAA issue Operator IDs, which must be displayed on each model, the club can confirm that all flying members are CAA registered. However, since the Operator IDs appear to be unstructured, random alpha-numeric numbers no-one can tell a valid number from a fake one!

With just one new member without an 'A' certificate, the training workload has not increased significantly but we need to keep an eye on this.

The club trainer is looking worse for wear and replacing it was discussed. It was agreed that i.c. was still the best solution compared to an electric model as it avoided the need to also keep batteries charged etc. Martin advised that he had a model which he would make available as a replacement trainer. **Action: Dave and Martin to liaise.**

Regarding re-imburement for fuel used in the trainer, Dave advised that he did ask Richard for money to cover this and that some of the trainees did provide their own fuel.

6. Web site/Google mail

At the start of February, once all members have renewed, all non-renewed members will be deleted from the club Googlegroup. **Action: Andy to maintain Googlegroup.**

7. Programme of events for 2020

Concours d'Elegance competition will be planned for April 21st. **Action: Andy to book room.**

Jack Bishop memorial day will be repeated on June 13th but if numbers of fliers taking part are low, this will be the last year for this event. **Action: Andy to advise Jack's niece, Sarah Beere, of the date for the event.**

The auto-gyro event will not take place in 2020 as it is impacted by the high grass around the flying strip if the wind direction is not exactly down the strip.

Week-end visits to Enstone airfield are felt to be too risky following the increase in activity at the air-strip of full-size planes from the Flying School. **Action: Dave to check with Steve about a mid-week flying day when air-strip activity is likely to be less.**

Action: Andy to book the room for the 2020 AGM

Action: Andy to book food for 25 attendees for the 2020 AGM.

8. AOB

A member of the committee will attend Peter Mann's funeral.

9. Date of Next meetings

Date for 2020 AGM is December 1st. (1st Tuesday in month).

Dates for committee meetings are March 23rd, June 15th, and October 5th.