

READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to member hesitancy for a face-to-face meeting due to the Covid situation at the planned time of the meeting, 7th December 2021, the committee decided not to hold an actual meeting. Instead, as per last year, members were issued with the AGM documentation pack prior to 7th December and asked to vote on December 7th via email on the four resolutions highlighted in these minutes.

A total of 28 members submitted votes.

1. Apologies for absence.

N/a

2. Adoption of agenda.

N/a

3. Minutes of last year's AGM.

N/a

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

None.

5. Chairman's report.

No chairman's report this year.

6. Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts.

Introduction

a. We agreed at the 2016 AGM that a large annual surplus of income over expenditure is no longer required as the club already has substantial reserves to fund an additional flying field should suitable land become available. Our aim is to achieve near breakeven each year.

b. To achieve this, we have been reducing annual subscriptions (+BMFA; +CAA).

- from £51.00 to £35.00 in 2017;
- from £35.00 to £28.00 in 2018;
- from £28.00 to £25.00 in 2019;
- from £25.00 to £20.00 in 2020;
- A subscription holiday was agreed at last year's AGM for all who were club members at the date of the AGM in view of the disruption to flying caused by the pandemic.

Income

a. Our income of £2575.41 for the financial year ending 31st October was therefore much reduced with only new members paying an annual subscription. Most of the membership income of £2477.00 was payable to the BMFA and CAA. Last year's income included a sum of £1343.09 in respect of the sale of Peter Mann's models to club members so our retained income was £2161.99 less than last year (£3505.08-£1343.09) rather than the £3505.36 shown.

- b. Interest and other income show a negative amount of -£46.59. The reason for this is that we made a donation of £50.00 to Air Ambulance in memory of Stephen Gilbert of Enstone Airfield. As we do not have a donations expenditure category, the donation was offset against the income category.
- c. Very low interest rates (currently 0.01%) mean that our savings account only attracted interest of £3.41!

Expenditure

Overall expenditure for the year at £3190.73 is £1938.28 lower than last year. However, last year's expenditure includes a donation of £1343.09 to the Alzheimer's Society so the reduction in spend is actually £595.19 less than last year (£1938.28-£1343.09).

Net Assets

Our savings account with Barclays holds most of our cash - £ 33,993.03. The planned deficit of income over expenditure of -£615.32 shows a negative variance of £1566.80 when compared to 2020 because of the subscription holiday. When the sum of -£615.32 is deducted from our bank balance, our net assets now stand at £35,710.94.

Membership

- a. Membership numbers have been steadily declining over the long term:
 - we had 131 members in the year 2000;
 - membership stabilised at 75 in 2018;
 - the total number in 2019 was 75 (71 adult; 2 concessionary; 2 junior)
 - the number was 74 in 2020 (70 adult; 2 concessionary; 2 junior).
 - in 2021 we have recruited 8 new members (4 are under training); with current numbers standing at 72 (68 Adult, 2 concessionary and 2 junior members). We are still receiving more enquiries; however, we are limited by the small number of members willing to act as instructors.
- b. Membership subscription proposals:
 - In view of the further pandemic-related disruption to flying in the Spring of this year, the committee has agreed to another year's subscription holiday for all who are club members on the date of the AGM. Only the BMFA and CAA fees will be payable for 2022.
 - The annual subscription will remain at £20.00 (+BMFA+CAA+joining fee) for new Adult category members joining after 7th December 2021.
 - The joining fee will remain at £25 for Adults
 - The annual subscription will be £5.00 (+BMFA) for Junior members joining after 7th December 2021. There is no joining fee for new Junior members.

Resolutions

There are three resolutions concerning finance and membership requiring agreement:

- **Resolution 1 – that the accounts for year ending 31st October 2021 are adopted.** Resolution unanimously adopted by email vote.
- **Resolution 2 - that the 2022 subscriptions proposals are agreed.** Resolution unanimously adopted by email vote.

Election of Officers and Committee

The office of Treasurer, as advertised to all members prior to the AGM, was up for election this year as part of the club 3 year officer rotation policy. As members were advised, due to the timescale for making changes at Barclays bank the committee agreed with the outgoing Treasurers approach to Ian McConnell to take over the position, thus enabling the changes at Barclays to be requested on good time. When advertised to members, there were no other nominees.

- **Resolution 3 – that Ian McConnell is elected treasurer from the date of the AGM.** Resolution unanimously adopted by email vote.
- **Resolution 4 - additional committee members re-elected.** Resolution unanimously adopted by email vote

The committee for 2022 is shown below.

Chairperson	Martin Dance
Secretary	Andy Warlow
Treasurer	Ian McConnell
Membership secretary	Steve Fleming
Committee	Dave Grey, Tim Jones

7. Club fees for 2022.

Having agreed a subscription holiday for existing members, club fees for 2022 will be:

Junior members - £0 club + £18 BMFA = £18

Adult members - £0 club + £40 BMFA = £40

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

The above fees will be reflected in the club membership renewal forms issued to members via email.

As reported by the Treasurer, the membership fee for new adult category members has been reduced to £20 and for new junior category members to £5. The joining fee for new adult category members is £25. There is no joining fee for new junior members.

8. Any other business.

There was no response to an email issued to members requesting any AOB issues to be raised with the Secretary by email prior to the AGM.