

Lansdown Model Flying Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Weston Ex-Services Club, in Bath on the 1st December 2013. (*To be approved at the next AGM.*)

1. Welcome.

The meeting was opened by the Club Chairman at 8.00pm. 25 members were present. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies for absence.

Received from Paul Bennett, George Bailey, Phil Crouch.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Roger Clark and seconded by Robin Day.

4. Matters arising from these minutes.

None.

5. Officers Reports.

a. *Chairman's report.*

The Chairman reported that he had only been able to attend the flying site on a few occasions due to his commitment to give exhibition flying at numerous shows. The Chairman said it had been another good year for the club and the membership numbers had grown steadily to the now agreed increased number of 50.

b. *Vice-Chairman's report.*

The Vice Chairman reported that in future all committee meeting and AGM minutes would be posted on the club web site as soon as possible after any such meeting so that members can then raise any question or comment concerning these minutes. The committee had decided that any expelled member seeking to be re-instated would have to agree to the specific written conditions laid down by the committee. These conditions would be generally based on the reason for the original expulsion/suspension from the club. Any ex-member re-applying for reinstatement would be put on the bottom of any members waiting list at the time his re-instatement is approved.

c. *Secretary's report.*

There was nothing specific to report other than those matters already covered in the written minutes following each committee meeting and last year's AGM.

d. *Treasurer/Membership Secretary's report.*

The accounts were presented to the meeting. Acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Terry Holloway and seconded by Alex Carpenter.

As regards membership there were now 50 members in the club with a waiting list of 2.

The annual club membership subscription rates will remain the same for 2014 and it is noted that the annual charge from the BMFA is £32.

e. *Webmaster's report.*

f. The site has been active and working well since Simon Kelly took over the design and running of it a year ago. Simon reported that the site had had 804 unique visitors over the last 12 months with 8347 page views. The percentage of returning visitors to the site is running at 45% of total visits so the site is creating plenty of repeat interest from

potential new members to the club. All Members were encouraged to put photos of their planes etc. onto the site to build up a comprehensive photo portfolio.

g. Safety Officer's report.

One pressing issue raised by the Safety Officer was the problem being caused by certain members who are parking their vehicles down the car park and then setting up and flying from just in front of these vehicles. It was agreed that members should try wherever possible to operate from the pit area directly in front of the changing rooms, that planes be carried to the flight line rather than being taxied there and that the flight line should be on the penalty line of the football pitch adjacent to the changing rooms and to the left of the goal posts in order to try to keep planes from getting near to the residential property that is just behind the trees at the far end of the tarmac area. It is important that all members try to keep noise levels to a minimum at all times to limit any noise nuisance to this property.

h. Flying Instructor's reports.

George Bailey, who has been instructing most of the new members during the past year gave his report which was read out in his absence. He advised that another training aircraft is now required and he recommended that a Riot ARTF foam trainer be purchased for £128 exc the RX and battery. Additional volunteers were requested to help in the training of new members as currently too much of his time is being spent on training. Tony Rogers and Ivan Pic both offered to help members flying electric aircraft and it is hoped that other competent flying members will also assist those needing tuition on IC and Electric powered aircraft.

6. Election of Club Officers for the next 12 months.

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| a. Chairman. | George Bailey |
| b. Vice Chairman. | To be appointed. Subsequently Robin Day |
| c. Treasurer/Membership Secretary. | Roger Clark |
| d. Safety Officer. | Shelly Redworth |
| e. Secretary. | Robin Davies |
| f. Flying Instructors | George Bailey, Tony Rogers, Ivan Pic |
| g. Web Master | Simon Kelly |
| h. Flying proficiency examiner | Shelly Redworth |

7. Any other business

Allen Stephenson suggested that the club consider subscribing to a piece of data-based software which is in use by many clubs like ours in order to simplify and modernise how we deal with members records and communication as well as easily handling annual membership fees etc. It was agreed that Allen would speak with Roger Clark and seek a trial of the software which costs £50 per year (£1 per member) so it can be considered for use by the club.

There being no further business the meeting was closed and a raffle took place.