

Lansdown Model Flying Club

Minutes of committee meeting held on the 20th January 2014 at
Blathwayte , Lansdown

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Apologies for absence: Robin Gay

Minutes of last meeting were noted.

1. **Use of the Flying Field.** Bath & North East Somerset Council (BANES) has advised the club that a new agreement for us to use the Lansdown North Flying Field is now required. Discussions with and correspondence between BANES and The Chairman and Secretary have taken place and we are waiting to receive a final draft of a new agreement from BANES. Once received it will be circulated to committee members for their comments so that a final agreement can be agreed and signed in due course. Until this agreement is signed BANES has agreed that the current rules apply but with the new proviso that no Sunday flying is permitted.

2. **Member misdemeanour/misconduct.**

A clause to cover the procedure for dealing with any misdemeanour/misconduct was discussed and agreed. It will remain club policy until formally proposed or amended for adoption in the constitution at the next club AGM. *In the event of the committee being advised of a misdemeanour or of misconduct the member will be given a verbal warning by a member of the committee. If the issue remains unresolved then the individual will be asked to attend a committee meeting to explain his/her situation. If after this meeting the matter is not resolved a written warning will be issued by the Chairman or Secretary. Finally if the matter continues to be unresolved the member will be expelled from the club.* This policy statement will be placed on the notice board in due course.

3. **Health & Safety issues.** These issues need to be reiterated to all members.

a. *Planes must be carried or pulled/pushed from the Pit area to the flight line before take-off. Taxiing out to the flight line is not permitted under any circumstances.*

b. If there is more than 1 person flying then subsequent flyers must shout out their flying intentions, namely “Taking off” “Dead Stick”, “Landing” and “Retrieving” to ensure all pilots are aware of their presence and actions that can impact on everyone’s safety.

4. Committee meetings.

These will be held on a Monday night as necessary so that they do not detract from the club’s social get-together on the first Thursday of each month.

5. **New members.** The total number of members allowed to join the club will be discussed at the next committee meeting. At present the maximum is 50. At present some 45 members have renewed their membership for 2014. New members on the waiting list will be advised in early February whether they have been accepted for membership when the 31st January deadline for current members to renew their membership has expired.

6. Events for 2014.

Committee members were asked to consider the possibility of organising a couple of club events for 2014. These will be discussed at the next committee meeting. These could include a competition day, a training day, a flight examination day, an auction day, a social day, etc.

7. Training.

An important part of the club’s rationale is to offer training to new members and indeed advanced training (aerobatics) to existing members. In this regard the club’s Easystar glider has now seen better days and needs replacing. It was agreed that the Club would buy an Electric Riot plane which would provide trainees with a more complete flying experience. The club now has an IC glow engine trainer donated by Peter and Andy Short. This plane is set up with a buddy box transmitter system ready to train members wanting to learn to fly IC. It was agreed that any member or guest using either the RIOT Electric, the IC Trainer or any other club aeroplane would now be required to pay the club £2 per flight of up to 10 minutes duration to help to cover the costs of wear and tear, battery replacement, Nitro fuel and future model replacement.

8. Flight proficiency tests.

All members would be encouraged to take the LMFC flight proficiency test to ensure that they meet basic flying proficiency and safety awareness. The proposed test is similar in scope to the BMFA “A” certificate but without the formality/stress of being conducted under examination conditions. The

criteria for this test was agreed by the committee and will be posted on the web site and notice board. Furthermore members will in future be encouraged to take their “A” and “B” BMFA certification. The club will be asking the BMFA to formally test Shelly Redworth to be an official club examiner for members to be able to take their class “A” and “B” BMFA certification.

9. **Date of next meeting.**

To be confirmed by the Chairman in due course.

There being no further business the meeting was closed