

# Lansdown Model Flying Club

Minutes of committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the  
Blathwayte , Lansdown, Bath.

Present: Pete Bennett, Terry Hall, Roger Clark, Robin Gay, Simon Kelly, Phil Crouch, Robin Davies.

Apologies for absence: None.

Issues for discussion.

## 1. Membership numbers.

The maximum number of members in the club at any one time is to remain at the current 50.

It was agreed that existing members who are late in paying their annual dues will lose their membership and if they subsequently re-apply to join the club they will be put on the bottom of whatever waiting list, if any, there is at the time. People on the waiting list would be eligible to join in order of their received application with those waiting the longest being first to be considered. However it was agreed that applications for membership from anyone with previous flying experience and able to fly without supervision would take precedence over complete novices as the training facilities available at the club and the people willing to devote their time to training is currently very limited.

## 2. Guidelines for possible re-instatement of any member who has been expelled and wishes to re-join the club.

Any person wishing to be reconsidered for membership will have to apply in writing stating that he or she is prepared to abide, without any argument, by any membership conditions imposed on them by the committee. Such conditions would largely depend on the reasons for the original expulsion. Any re-application would be put on any waiting list that may at the time exist and the applicant would be granted membership subject to their agreement in writing to fully abide by the committee's conditions. It was also agreed that Bath & North East Somerset Council and the BMFA would be advised of any member's expulsion to ensure that the club is fully protected should any subsequent incident occur where an expelled individual decides to fly on the LMFC flying

sites ( Lansdown North and South Playing Fields). Should such expelled member be allowed to re-join the club then the Council and BMFA would be advised accordingly. It was noted that whilst members cannot be stopped from helping an expelled member to fly at the flying site they would be asked not to do so as there could be some legal and insurance issues for the club and indeed the member should a flying related accident occur involving an expelled member.

The situation regarding the recently expelled member Lee Macdonald who has stated he wishes to re-join the club was discussed. The committee unanimously agreed that this individual could re-apply for membership on the basis that he agrees in writing to only fly trainer type aircraft approved by the Chairman or the Safety officer and that he only flies these approved aircraft when linked to a buddy box transmitter under the supervision of a competent club member until such time as either the Chairman, Chief Flying Instructor or Safety Officer tests this individual's flying skills and deems them satisfactory for solo flying.

### 3. Club Flying Sites

It was agreed that there was nothing that could be done regarding the use of our flying area by Footballers during the winter months and that our rights to use the flying fields was solely on the basis that football use always takes precedence over our club's use.

### 4. AGM issues

The AGM will be held at the Weston ex-servicemen's club in Weston on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The agenda and minutes of the last AGM will be handed out at the meeting. The Chairman suggested that £350 be used for raffle prizes at the AGM and it was agreed that he would liaise with the Secretary to get these prizes from Hobbyking UK.

### 5. Any other business

There was no other business.

