Lansdown Model Flying Club

Minutes of committee meeting held on 9th August 2014 at Lansdown North Playing Fields at 9.40am.

Present: George Bailey, Robin Gay, Roger Clark, Shelly Redworth, Simon Kelly and Robin Davies.

1. Complaints from Neighbours regarding overflying of their properties.

There has been a complaint from the neighbour who has recently moved into the bungalow to the east of our flying field stating that model aircraft were overflying her property. To ensure that this does not occur the flight line has been permanently altered so that in future no member's model plane should overfly this property. All members are being asked to ensure that they observe the new flight line and whenever possible keep away from this property's boundary as well as the one in the valley to the North by the wind farm. The Lansdown North Playing Fields have been a model flying site since before the Second World War and by the very nature of the hobby there will be some noise from time to time. We have restricted flying times during the working week and only fly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings up to 8pm, visibility permitting. We now do not fly at all on Sundays and indeed only very rarely on Saturday afternoons. Unfortunately any member of the public can come up to this site and fly at any time and our club has no control over other users of the site.

2. Flying area and Pits.

The new flying area with the angled flight line and defined pit area has been agreed and will now be put on the club's web site.

3. Restraints for all aircraft being prepared for flight.

The committee agreed that all members should be strongly encouraged to use proper restraint on any plane that they are preparing for flight whether it is electrical or IC powered. Too many instances are occurring when members are merely restraining their models by hand and should their grip slip or their electrical motor suddenly become live then an accident could occur. It was agreed that from the 1st January 2015 any plane in the Pitt area being prepared for flight will have to use an acceptable mechanical restraint.

4. Trophies

It was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for the club to acquire 2 cups for presentation at the AGM which will go from member to member each year. Any member awarded one of the cups will also get a small trophy /shield etc. to keep.

5. Raffle

It was agreed that a total of up to £250 be spent on raffle prizes for the forthcoming December AGM. George Bailey would organise this together with Keith Blake.