

Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
26th November 2019

Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club was called to order at 2020 hrs. on 26 November 2019, in The Arrow public house, by the Chairman.

Present

Mark Pope (Chairman), Dave Garret (Treasurer), John Peedle (Secretary), Ray Bowden, Dave Coates, Richard Frost, Jack Mitchell (Newsletter), Adrian Wakely.

Apologies

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mark Pope proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, which was seconded by Jack Mitchell. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no items of business to report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year.

It was proposed that the 2015 decision to charge no club subscriptions to existing members (other than the BMFA element) should continue for an additional year, with the £20 payment for new members also to remain in place. It was noted that the BMFA subscription has remained unchanged at £38 for 2020.

There was discussion over the future of the club electric trainer provision, as the current model has been destroyed by an on-board electrical fire. After a discussion that included a suggestion that a 3S foamie model could be procured, it was agreed that no replacement is required at this time. There is a functional IC trainer, and this will suffice for now.

The treasurer raised the condition of the Club shed. It was agreed that maintenance was well overdue. Dave Coates mentioned that in addition to the walls needing attention, the floor was potentially rotten below the window. It was agreed that an inspection would take place and a decision taken at that time as to the best way forward. It was also agreed that the Club has sufficient funds in place for repairs, and that no additional funding was required. In the event that additional funding was found to be required, a General Meeting would be called to authorise it.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and recommendations was proposed by Ray Bowden, seconded by Dave Coates, and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The committee offered itself for re-election as currently constituted. No members offered themselves up for election, and the entire committee was re-elected unanimously by universal acclamation.

New Drone Legislation

The Treasurer explained the impact of the new legislation. With the new legislation coming into force (albeit delayed for BMFA members until Jan 2020) it was agreed that the £9 fee for CAA registration will be collected by the Club for members for whom the Club is their only club affiliation. Other members will make their own arrangements for payment of the fee.

Any Other Business

The Secretary announced that he has completed a first draft of the new Club Constitution and had distributed it for comment. Richard Frost and Adrian Wakely noted that they had not received anything and it was discovered that they were missing from the email distribution list. This was immediately remedied.

There was some discussion over the format of the document. There was a suggestion that it should be split into discrete sections with the club rules separated out from the formal Articles. The Secretary will investigate this, although he stated that he had taken the BMFA example constitution as the basis for the document and was wary of deviating from that format.

The Secretary stated that a General Meeting would be called to approve the Constitution once all members had commented and the document appropriately amended.

The treasurer announced that due to administrative difficulties, no membership cards were immediately available for members wishing to renew at the AGM. Cards would be distributed when available.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2113 hrs. by the Chairman. The time and location for the next Annual General Meeting will be promulgated by the Treasurer in early November 2020.

John D. Peedle

Secretary

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