



LANCASTER & MORECAMBE MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB



Chairman: **Titch Little** Secretary: **Bob. Little** Treasurer: **Martin. Ireton**

AGM minutes 2010

Meeting started: 19:35 hrs

In attendance Titch Little, Bob Little, Martin Ireton, Dave Mitchell, Chris Edgar, Derek Wood, Phil Hudson, Chris Troughton, Thomas Leeming, Rolf Wadsworth, Alan Stephenson, Phelton Carr, Tom Whittam, David Smith(14 members).

Apologies Geoff Martindale, David Van Laere, Leslie Jordan

Minutes of last years AGM were read by Bob.

Proposed as a true record by: Martin Ireton

Seconded by: Rolf Wadsworth

There were no direct matters arising.

Chairman's report was read by Titch Little.

The Chairman reviewed the year starting with the fact that this was our first year as a BMFA Club. He mentioned that we had had some help from the BMFA in achieving 7 day flying during the summer months and that he had been contacted by the BMFA Site Development Officer saying that the BMFA were considering authorising a survey on the local bird life to determine the effect of our flying during the over-wintering period. He had received no further information on this matter at the time of the AGM but would keep the members informed as soon as he received any update from the BMFA. He went on to congratulate Chris Troughton on achieving his 'B' Certificate and to thank Dave Smith for his efforts in producing the summer BBQ and Phil for his impromptu but very welcome recent offering of bacon and sausage baps! He finished by thanking all the members of the committee for their work during the past year.

Martin Ireton read the Treasurers report (please see relevant pdf file).

Proposal : Remove the charge for non-flying membership.

Proposed by : Martin Ireton

Seconded by : Bob Little

All agreed.

Proposal : ½ yr starts from September rather than June (by Martin)

2nd Proposal : ½ hr starts from the same date as the BMFA ½ year.

Proposed by : Titch Little

Seconded by : Bob Little

All agreed.



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Changes to Rules & Constitution.

Titch discussed the issue re Council Rates of around £400 this year and his efforts to have these removed by firstly a reduction of 50% for being a 'small business' and then a further 50% reduction for being a small organisation and being 'hard up'. However we will not be able to do this in future years but he has identified that by being a member of the Sports Council we can have the rates removed. However in doing so we need to amend our Rules & Constitution to bring them in line with this Sports Council requirements. He drafted the relevant changes and read these out.

Proposal : Accept the new changes as read by Titch

Proposed by : Thomas Leeming

Seconded by : Dave Mitchell

All agreed.

It was suggested by David Smith that in future the de facto copy of the latest Constitution and Club Rules be the one located on the web site and this was accepted as a sensible suggestion.

Titch reported on discussions with the BMFA re a bird survey being conducted at our site but suggested we sit tight on the idea at the moment.

He also went on to discuss what Winter Flying was, i.e. Saturday, Sunday and 3 other days of the week and after much discussion from members about how to control and patrol this, it was agreed that the best way (and fairest way) was to record all Winter Flying on the relevant section of the web site. Those members with no web access should contact a committee member prior to flying during the week and, if flying took place, that they then ask a committee member to record this on the site. All members WITH web access should check before flying and record any flying themselves. The times for flying during the winter are from 12pm till dusk.

Proposal : That the Club Safety Officer to hold a minimum of his or her 'A' certificate.

Proposed by : Titch Little

Seconded by : Martin Ireton

All agreed.



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Election of offices

Chairman: Titch Little
Proposed: Dave Wadsworth
Seconded: Dave Smith

Secretary : David Smith
Proposed by : Bob Little
Seconded by : Thomas Leeming
All agreed.

Treasurer : Martin Ireton
Proposed by : Thomas Leeming
Seconded by : Dave Wadsworth
All agreed.

Vice Chairman & safety Officer : Chris Troughton
Proposed by : Titch Little
Seconded by : Chris Edgar
All agreed.

President : Thomas Leeming
Proposed by : Chris Troughton
Seconded by : Chris Edgar
All agreed.

Events Secretary (Role name change from Competition Secretary) : Phil Hudson
Proposed by : David Smith
Seconded by : Bob Little
All agreed.

Committee Members : Bob Little, Tom Whittam & David Van Leare
Proposed by : Chris Troughton
Seconded by : Dave Wadsworth
All agreed.



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Any Other Business

It was agreed to purchase a gift for the farmer to a value not exceeding £50.

Tom Whittam asked whether we could increase the size of the take-off and landing area, Mitch wondered whether the farmer could be asked to roll the take-off and landing area, Phil suggested that the pits area was prone to cow pats and wondered what we could do about it:

It was reported that the farmer has repeatedly said he did not want the area to be any larger unfortunately, that we can roll the area ourselves given the correct vehicle, and that from now until the spring there would be no livestock in the field at all. We would attempt to clean the pits area ourselves.

It was reported by President Thomas that litter was being left by members and everyone agreed that we cannot do this at all and this may well threaten our use of the field if livestock were injured through litter being left and injected.

The signs on both gates were now incorrect and it was agreed that new signs were required as a matter of some urgency.

It was agreed that the club could spend up to £350 to purchase a proper club trainer (40 size) complete with 2 Tx's. This was excluding the £500 maximum spend allowed in any one year.

There was a discussion re the pros and cons of advertising the club and its facilities and David Smith would speak to Andy in Hobby and Model World re this.

Subscriptions were due by 31st December 2010 for insurance purposes and it was later confirmed that with the BMFA membership remaining the same for 2011 as for 2010 that the total amount payable would be the same as for 2010. When paying subscriptions please could members let Martin know whether they continue to need a 35Mhz channel.

The meeting closed around 9.30pm.