

Retford Model Flying Club

Minutes of the AGM

The AGM was held at Babworth Road Social Club Nr. Retford at 19:30 on 19th January, 2006. There were 26 members in attendance.

The minutes of the last AGM were read out and approved by the members. There were no matters arising.

Chairmans Report

The year seems to have gone by so fast it's untrue. I really would like to start by thanking all of the committee members for their time and hard work they have put into RMFC to make the club what it is today. I feel proud to be a member of this club and more so it's chairperson. So much has been achieved over the last year, the field is in great condition, the atmosphere on the site is superb and the help and camaraderie second to none.

The committee have been accused of running the club and making decisions. I have to say that is EXACTLY what a committee is supposed to do. We try our very best to meet the requirements of the membership within the financial / practical constraints we have. Every single decision that this committee has made has been in the best interests of RMFC. Any major decision will of course be put to the members, what will NOT be up for discussion will be legal and safety related items. It has been clearly spelled out by the BMFA that the committee will be held responsible and liable for any incident that takes place in the club IF all of the relevant rules and regulations are not adhered to.

We managed to do the quarterly meetings, not always well attended but there was always something of interest. The events we put on this year have been excellent, we ran them all from ProTurf to minimise the effects on the Leverton site. We started the year with a first for RMFC a Jet Event, we then had a fun day, family day, training day, fun day and another first a swapmeet. None were over crowded but I think it's fair to say the people that did turn up had a good time.

We have tried to keep in touch via the newsletter, 4 issues per year with a mixture of information etc.

Starting Jan 2006, we are implementing a discipline procedure. Anyone in breach of club rules may be:-

- a) Given a verbal warning (for minor breaches of rules)
- b) Given a written warning (for more serious problems)
- c) Asked to come to the next committee meeting or to meet with senior officials to discuss the problem. (generally for serious / repeated problems)
- d) Have their membership withdrawn (for very serious problems / having repeated warnings)

Secretary's Report

Current Membership

Current Membership stands at 60 members which is inline with the membership numbers at this time of year.

New Member Proposal

It is proposed that when a new member is accepted a probationary period of three months is applied. At the end of the three months at the next monthly committee meeting the membership application is reviewed. Any two members of the committee voting against the application will result in the application being declined.

This Proposal was voted on and 17 were in favour, 2 against.

Training

Christian Anderson did a Powerpoint presentation regarding training at RMFC. A debate took place primarily between Christian and Simon Parker / Dave Heathershaw / Jamie Renwick

regarding the minimum requirements to become a trainer. After a lively debate a proposal was made that a BMFA 'B' should be the minimum to become a trainer. The proposal was declined with a vote of 5 in favour, 16 against.

John Bociek raised an issue of lack of communication, not knowing what events were taking place, dates, times etc. The chairman replied that all events were published on the website, John Bociek pointed out that not everyone had access to the website, the chairman explained that ALL events were also published in the newsletter that was posted to every member.

Groundsmans Report

Mick proposed that the proposed new field should not be pursued due to the proximity of the power lines. A diagram was shown. A vote was taken and 23 voted not to continue with the new field, no-one voted against. We are to explore the possibilities of using the field adjoining our field.

Election of Officers

The chairman asked the floor if anyone wished to stand for any of the positions on the committee, there was no reply. The chairman then asked if anyone would like to become a member of the committee, no volunteers. It was proposed that the current committee remain the same, motion carried.

Simon Parker was unhappy that he had been removed from RMFC committee without a formal letter of resignation from him. The chairman explained that following a telephone conversation from Simon when Simon had told the chairman that he was joining Wetlands committee that he would have to leave RMFC's committee due to a club rule stating that. The chairman had written to Simon immediately following the telephone conversation, thanking him for his work and wishing him well. Simon claims not to have received the letter and denied being on Wetlands committee. The chairman said if that he had believed that Simon must have received the letter and the fact that he hadn't been to committee meetings or sat with the committee during Pre AGM / AGM furthermore supported the belief. If it was the case that in fact he had not joined Wetlands committee, he apologised on behalf of himself and the committee and invited Simon back on the committee. Simon then said it was his intention to resign anyway!

John Bociek said he knew nothing of the rule and shouldn't members have voted on such a rule? The chairman asked John if he was at the previous AGM, he replied yes, the chairman explained it was at that meeting the rule was proposed and voted on.

Any Other Business

None

The meeting was concluded at 21:45.