

Retford Model Flying Club 2008 AGM

Babworth Rd Sports & Social Club

15th January 2009

It was excellent to see 37 members attending the AGM. The evening started with a collage of pictures taken by Alan Townsend showing what great fun it can be too be a member of RMFC. Thanks to JB for producing the pre AGM entertainment and bring along the flight simulator

Ian Albans the vice chairman welcomed everyone and explained the change of order to the AGM agenda. Nominations were requested for the vacant Chairman's position at RMFC. John Bridgett was proposed by Mick Williams & Ian Albans by John Young. Each candidate gave a 5 minute presentation as to what they could do for the club after which there was a ballot overseen by Steve Wilkinson who announced the result 16-12 in JB's favour. John thanked Ian for his help in running the club and asked if IA if he would continue in the position of vice chairman that was accepted.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed: Proposed by John Bridgett Seconded: By Mick Cole
No matters arising

Secretary Report

RMFC has had a very successful year thanks to all the volunteers who have spent time on the projects completed this year, without these members the club would not survive. The quarterly meetings have brought a buzz back to the club with many members turning up to hear the talks given by Steve Dunning.

Membership for the year peaked at 54 only 2 invitation members declining to take up the offer of full membership. We have 3 on our waiting list that will be given the chance to become invitation members. The membership application program was explained as to how fees are calculated after the initial 3 month period.

We will be communicating all RMFC business via email to members registered and by post to the remainder, this will make significant cost savings especially to postage and stationary.

It was proposed that at that after this AGM any member standing for the committee would have had to be an RMFC member for 2 years. The change to the constitution was accepted 36 for - 1 against.

A further change to the constitution was that every committee member elected would be deemed to be a safety officer. This was accepted 37 for - 0 against

Everyone now has a copy of the rules and constitution; please can you read and attach any amendments that are issued.

Please remember that after tonight the gate combination number will be updated as advised in the rules book issued. Please do not divulge this number to any none member.

Treasures Report

Molly presented the 2008 balance sheet highlighting the income from the swap meet. Borrowings had been reduced to £1222 which will be paid off next year (2010).

The toilet supplied by IA was a great success; there was enough money to keep this on the field this year. The cost for 2008 was £150 but will be £250 for 2009

Money will be available to make improvements on the field during 2009

It was proposed that we started a mower account to build a sum to cover any eventuality. It was proposed that the committee write to the social club to thank them for the use of the facilities.

Accounts: Proposed by John Morton seconded by Dave noar

CWO

Dave Noar gave a talk about the situation regarding the child protection policy. A letter was shown to the meeting which had been approved by Manny Williams. The meeting agreed to adopt this draft as our policy until there is legislation that would over ride the clubs policy.

Groundsmans report

The drive requires a further load of topping and there should be some railway sleepers protecting the entrance to the field, funding was confirmed by Molly. The mower will be ready for the coming season, DN will arrange for the mower to be inspected for a safety certificate. John Morton and Steve Coarse will investigate the possibility of constructing a wind turbine to help top up the cabin batteries.

Events

The year had been a great success, swap meet, family day, training day and quarterly meetings these will be on the agenda for next year

Training

CA gave an update as to the membership BMFA achievements. There are only 6 members without the minimum A standard, the trainers will offer help to these members.

Election of Committee

Molly decided that he was not standing as treasurer; the club thanked him for his help in running the club. Mick Cole was also thanked as he also was not seeking re election.

The rest of the committee were re elected on block

Chairman	-	John Bridgett
Vice Chairman	-	Ian Albans (Honary position)
Secretary	-	Chris Anderson
Training	-	Chris Anderson
Treasurer	-	Alan Turner (The position was filled after the meeting)
Events	-	Mick Williams
CWO	-	Marianne Ainsworth
Groundsman	-	Steve Coarse
Committee	-	Dave Noar
	-	Dave Lynett
	-	John Young
	-	John Morton
	-	Brian Haines

New committee members highlighted

Any other business

It was proposed that the club adopt the BMFA standards for 2.4 GHz and check that all radios conform to UK spec and display the CE mark. There will be inspections by the safety officers over the coming months.

Meeting closed at 22.45

Chris Anderson

Secretary Retford Model Flying Club 19th January 2009