

Retford Model Flying Club 2015 AGM

Babworth Rd Sports & Social Club

7th January 2015

The meeting opened at 1945hrs with 38 full members in attendance
CA welcomed members to the meeting;

Apologies received: Andy Jeffery : Trevor Robinson : Jeff Southall : Roger Gray

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes were agreed:
Matters arising: None

Proposed by K. Chambers - Seconded Neil Byrne

Chairman's report

Steve has found the JB chairmanship a hard act to follow and thanked members for their help during his first year as RMFC chairman he also thanked the committee for their support and work done at the field. Events have been well supported with UKCAA club recording their best attended club fly in at Leverton. Family day was a fantastic day and not interrupted by the weather. There have been 2 serious accidents reported this year one involving damage to a car and the other a mid air collision resulting in the loss of 2 aircraft. The damage to the car was covered by the BMFA insurance but the aircraft were a loss to their owners. The committee have plans to help stop the latter situation, more later in the meeting.
SD thanked Dave Noar for his keeping the site in superb condition and Chris for keeping the clubs admin up to scratch and Gerald for looking after our money situation.

Secretary's Report

CA updated the meeting with the membership situation for 2015 and that some long term members would not be renewing for various reasons.

Trevor Plumb
Dave Jones
Marian Ainsworth

We wish them well.

The meeting was updated with some RMFC history which can be viewed on our website, the point being that RMFC was established in 1967 and will be 50 years young in 2017.
The meeting offered some suggestions and the events will be coordinated by Andy Jeffery. Andy agreed after the meeting to fill this role.
The website is the voice of the club as most information regarding swapmeets and how to find us can be viewed. The members only area has information regarding committee meetings, AGMs and anything else happening in the club, the area is only for club members to view, only 3 members visited these pages last year, is it worth updating?
2015 was a very busy year with improvements to our flying site.

1. New gate fitted by Alan Turner
2. Gaps in the hedge filled in
3. New clubhouse open to all members in the heart of the pit area.
4. Key opens gate and clubhouse available if you have the min BMFA "A" and are a full member
5. Workshop container moved to a securer area at the farm
6. A new mower was purchased
7. Tools lost in the December 14 burglary replaced

In 2016 CA recommended the club consider a fence down the field parallel to the parking area to give added protection to motor vehicles and members and their property in the pit area. Layout of the fence would be similar to the orange fencing used on club event days.

Proposed - C Anderson Seconded - K Chambers

Create an engine run up bench in the southeast corner

Proposed - S Dunning Seconded - J Morton

Treasurer

Gerald updated the meeting with the accounts, which are in good shape bearing in mind the outlay of funds during the year. The mower account only reduced by £1000 to £3031

Everyone was sent a copy of the accounts, which were audited by Mr. D. Kellard & Mr. K. Chambers.

Groundsmans report

DN gave an overview of the activity on the field. The new mower has performed well during the past year and was far more fuel-efficient, requiring little maintenance therefore reducing the mower costs to operate. The hedge has been cut, ditch to the road cleared and new fence posts filling the gaps in the perimeter hedge. He has also arranged for the tall trees in the south east corner to be trimmed down to make the hedge level consistent around the field.

As already mentioned by the secretary the toilet looks like it will require replacement due to lack of parts to keep the blue igloo working it was agreed by the meeting to limit the expense to £750. Grass cutting is dependent on the weather and as stated in the rules, it takes precedent over flying. Please be patient if you are there on a grass cutting day without the grass cut there would be no flying. K Chambers inquired as to whether a fence down the pit area would impair the grass cutting, DN had no problem with this if the fencing was spaced correctly to allow mower access.

Member's Proposal

A proposal was made to change the constitution to allow Multicopters / drones & FPV

Proposed - John Bridgett Seconded - D Lynett

JB brought a surveillance type drone to the meeting for members to get the idea of what type of drone he was proposing. The debate from the floor continued around the pros & cons of allowing these models to fly at RMFC.

An amendment was tabled to the proposal to ban drones from flying at RMFC

Proposed - K Chambers Seconded - D Noar

The secretary proposed a secret ballot but this was over ruled to a show of hands.
The vote was

25 for the amendment 6 against 38 members present amendment carried

As a result of the vote the constitution requires updating to exclude drones / rotor-copters.

Change to constitution

Add

3) The club's principal aim shall be the promotion of safe and responsible model aircraft flying. All model types except drones, helicopters (Note auto-gyros are acceptable) and FPV, subject to operation to BMFA guidelines.

Add new paragraph

13a) After granting of full membership a gate key can be offered to holders of a BMFA achievement. Keys are the property of RMFC and are loaned on deposit of £20 to the club, which is refundable on leaving the club when the key is returned.

Add to rule 14

14) All field safety rules and regulations will be reviewed annually, and will be considered binding for 12 months, excepting where urgent action is required. This action must then be ratified by the Committee, the next club meeting or at a general meeting. The field safety rules are considered as a supplementary code to those laid out by the British Model Flying Association's Members' Handbook, compliance with which is mandatory within **Retford Model Flying Club**

All members must adhere to the RMFC rules & constitution. As part of the renewal of membership members must agree to have read and understood current flying site rules and constitution

Rules changes

Add

1) The flying of helicopters, drones or rotor-coptors is not allowed

~~21) Before starting an engine the model must be suitably restrained~~

change to

Before starting all models (engine or electric) must be suitably restrained

Add new rule

31a) All pilots must communicate with other pilots in the pilots box

- a) Permission to go out on to the field
- b) Call to other pilots take off
- c) Call landing or intent to land called to other pilots
- d) Permission to go out on to the field to recover an aircraft
- e) Dead stick landing takes priority
- f) Advise other pilots of a different flight pattern
- g) Agree circuit to be flown dependent on wind direction

Add rule

32) All flying is to be done in the designated areas only in front of the pilots box .

Election of club officers

No one came forward to stand for committee so it was by the meeting to keep the same committee as 2015

President John Bridgett

Chairman - Steve Dunning

Secretary - Chris Anderson

Treasurer - Gerald Mills

Grounds man - Dave Noar

Committee - Steve Course

 - Simon Codd

 - Andy Jeffrey (elected)

The committee was returned unopposed

Proposed Derek Kellard Seconded Neil Byrne

Agreed by every member at the meeting

Any other business

Our invitation membership is currently 3 months - should this be extended to 6 months

Proposed S Course seconded G Mills
Unanimous vote - proposal adopted

After the pre AGM it became evident that the constitution and the rulebook was difficult to use as over the years, items had been added out of sequence. The 2016 C& R's will be updated with rules moving to headings to allow easier understanding. The only changes to wording will be as already agreed, C & R's 2016 will be on our website for you download and print later in January 2016

Meeting closed at 2225hrs

2016 AGM will be held on Thursday 5th January 2017

Chris Anderson Secretary
Retford Model Flying Club