

Retford Model Flying Club 2016 AGM
Babworth Rd Sports & Social Club
5th January 2017

The meeting opened at 1945hrs with 32 full members and in 4 new members attendance
CA welcomed members to the meeting;

Apologies received: D. Allen; R Dering ; D Dering ; P Padley; E Smith ; B Booker; A Turner :

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes were agreed:

Proposed by M. Williams - Seconded A. Jeffery

Matters arising:

Engine test bench , fence , replacement toilet not completed

Chairman's report

On a club level, thanks need to be given to the committee who have worked on the facilities at the field. The grass has been treated and cut on a regular basis giving us a flying surface that is as good as any flying field in the country. Thanks to Dave Noar and Mick Cole for keeping it in top condition. In addition, the driveway was weed treated. Just remember not to drive the mower on the driveway then go on the field, eh Dave?

The gate was causing a problem, particularly for the older club members who haven't got the physical strength to overcome the resistance caused by a binding locking box. Several committee members had input to rectify the situation. Andy Jeffery drew up the drawings and Dave Noar organised the contractor and supervised the work. Thank you to all.

The autumn swap meet proved that when asked, the membership will respond to help. Previous ones had just a few members helping to set up and strip down. Christian put out a call for assistance this time and you responded. A successful swap meet ensued, and don't forget, these swap meets pay for your buffets at these club meetings.

2016 has been a roller coaster year personally, and just like a roller coaster, starting on a high, it has finished on the lowest point possible.

Certain factors at the beginning of the year caused my condition to flare up. The resulting flare-up in my condition lasted three months.

The hospital staff, who were treating me, were baffled as to why my condition had worsened since I had been doing so well. They asked what had happened to me personally in the immediate preceding months. I told them of the above situation and the reply was immediate, pack everything in! Hence the decision was taken to not stand again for re-election this year.

Two members within the club passed the same comment to me on hearing of my decision. Both said, 'you are too nice a bloke to be Chairman'. Well, I would rather have people think of me like that than any other way.

On top of this, the early year also saw me lose my flying buddy, Peter Bunnett. It was June before I ventured down to the field, not to fly but to add my thoughts to the discussion surrounding the gate re-mounting issue.

I did get round to flying again and enjoyed what modelling is all about, successfully flying model aircraft, particularly ones designed and built by me.

The end of the year produced a final shock with the passing of my father. Many of you knew him from when he came down to the field, attended the talks that I have given or sat at the swap meets. The workshop is quieter now without the banter going on between us.

I have made the decision to build for myself now, only doing other jobs for friends. The reason is that so many want items done yesterday. I told Christian that on the occasions he rang up to ask, are you coming flying?, the answer 'no' came because of getting orders out for people. Well, no more.

The time has come for Sue and myself to do what we want to do.

Secretary's Report

CA updated the meeting with the membership situation for 2016 and that some long term members would not be renewing.

Simon Parker - Moving out of the area.

Unfortunately we lost 2 members who will be sadly missed, our thoughts are with their families.

Peter Bunnett
Ian Padley

Membership for 2016 remained full although we gained 3 new members during the year and 4 new members joining for 2017

Welcome to new members

Mark Appleton - Russ Tomlinson - Richard Wilkins - Richard & David Dering - Charles Teer.

Events dates have been arranged for our swap meets and social events, dates can be found within the members area of the RMFC website. All members can access the area using their names i.e. (John Smith)

Swap meet - Family day - bring a friend day - UKCAA visit dates can be viewed.

The committee thanked Steve Dunning and Andy Jeffery for representing the club at the Retford charter day, A really difficult day but the club will attend further events if opportunity arise.

Chris thanked the committee for their help and members who came forward to get jobs sorted out at the field, it was agreed at last year's AGM to outsource work not undertaken by club members. This agreement resolved the gate situation satisfactorily and quickly.

Treasurer Gerald thanked Derek Kellard for auditing the accounts again this year. The work on improving the field as agreed at the 2015 AGM had to be postponed due to a problem with the gate which altered the budget forecast. At a cost of £650 the gate was repositioned and gate posts re cemented . The club made an operating profit in 2016 of £284.13. The committee agreed to purchase an extra amount of glow fuel so prices to members can be held into 2017. Our swap meet revenue of £769 made 2016 the most successful year since we started the event.

Reviewing the accounts Gerald proposed no increase in subs for 2018 seconded M Cole carried unanimously

Groundsman Dave updated the meeting with the situation regarding the mower which requires attention to the link arm bushes and will have to be returned to Greenstripe.

It has been suggested that the club investigate laying a reinforced webbing in the grass within the most popular area of the pits to stop grass wear that creates muddy areas . The meeting was shown pictures of the matting and at a cost of 40sq. m for £450 would it be acceptable to purchase. The expenditure was put to the meeting.

Proposed D Noar Seconded Andy Jeffery - carried unanimously

The toilet situation will be reviewed after an inspection of the current blue igloo, parts for this make and model not readily available. DN was given the authority to purchase a new toilet if required.

Training SC reported that both trainers had been well used over the year giving trial flights and initial training . The club is now in a position to be able to offer training to both Modes 1 & 2 using the buddy lead system. Simon thanked all trainers for their time in helping new flyers.

Changes to rules & constitution An amendment was propose to allow a drone to fly, only for search and rescue

Constitution rule 3

Add A drone may only fly to locate a lost aircraft and at no other time

Change safety rule 1

Flying of helicopters or drones is not allowed

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The meeting was reminded that RMFC is a fixed wing club

21 for the proposal 3 against 8 abstentions proposal carried

Election of club officers

Steve Dunning was presented with a voucher for the Hungry Horse and thanked by everyone for his 2 years as chairman. Steve was overwhelmed and speechless !

Only one nomination was received for the vacant chairmanship

Dave Noar

President	-	John Bridgett	
Chairman	-	Dave Noar	<u>proposed</u> by D Kellard <u>seconded</u> R Gray <u>carried unanimously</u>
Secretary	-	Chris Anderson	
Treasurer	-	Gerald Mills	
Grounds man	-	Dave Noar	
Committee	-	Steve Course	
	-	Simon Codd	
	-	Andy Jeffrey	
	-	Mick Cole	<u>Proposed</u> C Anderson <u>Seconded</u> S Dunning
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As D Noar will be covering 2 positions a new committee member was elected which takes the committee back to 7 members.

The committee were voted back in to office

Proposed A Dixon Seconded Neil Byrne carried unanimously

Any other business

- (1) It was suggested that the club purchase a sign for the gate saying PRIVATE LAND KEEP OUT
- (2) A request was made to look into the possibility of a web cam on the cabin. John Morton had already conduct a test which was inconclusive as to whether it could be adapted at Leverton. He will report his findings back to the committee

Meeting closed at 2127hrs

2017 AGM will be held on Thursday 4th January 2018

Chris Anderson Secretary
Retford Model Flying Club