

Retford Model Flying Club 2023 AGM minutes

Sturton Le Steeple Village Hall

Saturday 9^d December 2023

Apologies: Tim Turner; Andy Rippon; John Morton Bob Smith

Attendees: R. Wilkins; C Anderson; G Boyce; N Byrne; J Collister; S. Codd;; D Noar; S Whitaker; S. Stacey; L Austin; E Brooks; J. Worsley; A Amaira; M Atkinson; W Beacham; K Chambers; S Course; Lee Davies; D Gent; R Gray; P Lewis; B Maddocks; C Metcalfe; G Mills; E Morris; J Morris; B Newcombe; D Noar; P Pogson; M Roberts; A Turner; M Williams; J Young; J Young Jnr

Minutes of 2022 AGM: Agreed: Proposed John Collister 2nd Eddie Brooks

Matter arising: Defibrator Bob Smith and Eddie Brooks reported back on the large expenditure that would be required and that one is available at the post office in North Leverton. A discussion took place regarding pros and cons but a resolution to revisit the purchasing when club finances improved

Chairman:

Clive Metcalfe resigned as chairman; the committee wish him well.
John Bridgett stood in as chairman of the meeting as an honorary Retford member.

Secretary:

The BMFA new subs advised with the CAA increasing their fee in April. Retford has had another year where membership has been virtually full with 6 potential members on our waiting list.

CA thanked the trustees for their support over the years, Dave Noar has decided to resign from the club and no longer wished to be a trustee. A replacement will be selected by the new committee with admin being completed by CA, Clive M suggested that the new trustee was not part of the committee, after a debate of the situation members decided it would be better to see who offered their services as club and trustees are a separate entirety. Members will be advised in the new year of what duties are required from a trustee and who would want to be put forward for the 3rd trustee position.

Eddie Brooks has overseen the repairs to our mower for the 2024 season. A number of names have been put forward to create teams of field maintenance personal. Developments will be communicated to members early next month after the new committee meets for the first time.

Treasurer:

Neil Byrne also stepped down as treasurer after a number of years, thanks were given for his methods of brining are accounts into the digital era for RMFC

Secretary reported the club were in a good financial position with money increasing in our accounts with prudent accounting. The accounts were updated as to balances over years in the current account and mower account. It was felt by the old committee that the balance in the mower account should reflect updating our current machine and would require to increase to £12000

The container in the farmers yard was highlighted with some good suggestions. Alan Turner may have a solution for us to purchase one from him. Another was to sell the generator and maybe use the money to

remove and replace the roof and doors of our current container. Thank you to the team that repaired the roof to stop the water ingress. DN stated that he felt the current container had several years of life left and could be made to last for some time with appropriate maintenance.

2024 out goings projected were £2480 with an income at current membership levels of £3340

Subs were debated with the old committee proposal of a £70 flat fee with the £10 early payment being removed. Family membership would be £35 for the 2nd adult in the same house with juniors being reduced to £1

An amendment was made that subs be a flat rate of £70 a year and keep the discount of £10 for payment prior to 31st December It was agreed to change the family membership to £35 for the 2nd adult in the same house. Juniors being reduced to £1 hoping to encourage younger members.

Proposed Steve Course seconded John Collister

Amendment carried on a majority vote, subs will be available to pay from 15th December or earlier

Complimentary membership for the secretary agreed in 2015 to be removed

The JB outlined what was expected from the secretary and the reasons why this was adopted along with the groundsman in 2015. As there is no groundsman position the committee would be able to award monthly payments to field personnel on a monthly basis during grass cutting season. Max £70

Proposed John Young seconded Richard Wilkins

The vote was 18 – 10 in favour of keeping the secretary complimentary membership and field personnel payment.

Training

Richard W has been overseeing training at RMFC

Examiner ratification proposed by the old committee

R Wilkins; C Anderson; J Collister

Trainers' ratification

R Wilkins; C Anderson; J Collister; S Course; P Pogson; T Turner; S Codd

Election of officers

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Lee Davies	C Anderson	J Collister
Secretary	Chris Anderson	J Collister	R Wilkins
Treasurer	John Collister	L Davies	A Amairia
Committee	Paul Pogson	G Boyce	M Williams
Committee	John Young	J Young JNR	G Mills
Committee	Jono Young	J Young	J Worsley
Committee	Jamie Morris	R Wilkins	D Gent

All members present voted for the committee and welcome to Jamie Morris our youngest committee member by far.

Constitution & rules

Retford has been a fixed wing club for years; a request has been made to fly drones and helicopters at our Leverton flying site

It was decided after a debate to allow drones (racing drones excluded) only if they fly in a circuit unless trying to help with search and rescue. This change to the constitution may bring in younger members, it was felt by members that helicopters would require further thought with a feasibility study before the next AGM.

Members present voted for the above changes to the constitution

changes in red

- 1) ~~Dave Noar~~ DN has resigned as a new trustee and will be replaced during 2024
- 3a) A drone may fly at our flying site flying in a normal circuit with fixed wing aircraft and if requested by a member in a search and rescue capacity

Rules

Committee

23) The Committee shall consist of ~~four~~ **three** officers. These shall be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and ~~Groundsman with three further committee members~~ **with four further committee members.**
(Ratified AGM 23)

29) Money may ~~only~~ be withdrawn from the fund by cheque signed by not less than two committee members, **internet banking will be monitored by the secretary and treasurer**

31) The Secretary will receive an annual honorarium (free membership) to cover out of pocket expenses not covered under the normal conditions of withdrawal from club funds, the amount of which will be decided at the Annual General Meeting. He may also present a quarterly claim towards telephone costs for consideration by the Committee. **Ground person will be paid an allowance monthly during grass cutting season, this will be awarded by the committee to a limit of £70**

Voting and conduct of meetings

39) All meetings will have an agenda and be minuted. Any other business will only be accepted at general meetings if the Secretary is given at least 14 days' notice in writing of the item to be discussed. **Meetings may also be conducted online via Zoom (or other similar methods)**

Field rules

32) All flying is to be done in the designated areas only in front of the pilot's box. **Taxiing through the pilot's box is prohibited.**

AOB

Retford events 2024

3rd March Swapmeet
12th May Bring a friend day
9th June family day
21st July annual visit of UKCAA
4th August warbird day
3rd November Swapmeet

Lee Davies
Volunteer required
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Chris Anderson
Clive Metcalfe
Lee Davies

Meeting closed at 1250

2024 Agm will be held on TBA 2024

Chris Anderson

Secretary Retford Model Flying Club