

Minutes of the SMFC 2015 AGM

1. Minutes of the 2014 AGM. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved.

2. Committee Member Reports for 2015:

The Secretary reported on his own activities and on the Chairman's behalf:

The club held three events at the flying site during the year: a Fun Day, a Scale Day, and a Family Day. The Family and Fun days were poorly attended and it was agreed that the Fun Day be dropped for 2016 and replaced by a "Training Day".

Three members gained their "C" rating in 2015 (in three different disciplines).

The change of contractor for Hadstock mowing has resulted in better grass condition

The Membership Secretary reported that membership levels were holding up: last year we had 81 members, this year 76. It was agreed that that members be issued with and carry membership cards, to avoid "Chancers" who are not insured using the patch.

The Treasurer reported that the club finances were in good shape with a modest increase in the bank balance over the year.

The Web Site Manager reported that we now have a club "Facebook" Page.

3. Award of Trophies.

The "Alan Banks" trophy was awarded to Bill Michie (for services rendered to the club over many years).

The "Nigel Smith" Trophy was awarded to Chris Stewart (for his model building skills).

4. Flight Safety.

The Secretary outlined a number of safety problems that had become apparent – mostly members not following BMFA Guidelines and Club Rules. In particular, pilots were not standing at the designated locations on the flying field and there was poor safety in the Pits.

It was agreed that diagrams would be produced and displayed at the flying site showing where pilots should stand and the pits should be located for the differing wind directions.

It was proposed, and approved by a large majority, that a "type competency test" should be introduced, so to keep up safety standards, and as a means of assessing New members.

5. Election of Committee Members for 2016.

There were no new nominations for Committee Positions. As Paul Pichel was ill and unable to continue as Chairman, Bill Michie agreed will take on position on the understanding that it is not permanent. Laurie Poulter volunteered will take over some of the Secretary's work in addition to the Membership Secretary's duties. Linda Shepherd, Mark Pearce, and Mark Moulds to remain as Treasurer, Safety Officer, and Web Site Manager, respectively. Approved unanimously.

6. Club Membership Fees for 2016.

It was unanimously agreed that the Club Membership fee for 2016 would remain at £35.

7. AOB. There being no other business, the meeting closed for the Raffle and for Mince Pies.

L G Poulter

Secretary, SMFC

3rd December 2016