



AGM Minutes 2018 (draft)
Minutes of the Stansted Model Flying Club
AGM, 3rd December 2018

The meeting started at 8.15

No apologies were received.

Attendance 18.

Committee Members present:

Acting Chairman Jason Channing. Acting Membership Secretary Tony Sparsis
Treasurer Linda Shepherd Safety Officer Mark Pearce Web site Admin Mark Moulds.

Minutes of the 2017 AGM

These were read out by the acting Chairman and were unanimously approved by all at the meeting.

Committee members reports:

The Chairman

Reported that Bill Michie and his family have now moved to Wales due to Bill's ill health. During the summer a farewell bbq was held for Bill to show appreciation for all the work he had done over the years and this was very much appreciated by himself.

Club rules had been reinforced throughout the year due to safety matters that had at times lapsed and the practises that had been seen were not acceptable,

The infestation of weeds had been brought under control by spreading off granular fertilizer and also selective weed killer that had been sprayed on the field with amazing effect

Internet banking had now been set up and was working fine which should be a good benefit to the treasurer and those that wish to pay electronically to the club

The Membership Secretary

Showed that we had 56 full members of which 35 were affiliated to the SMFC, and 21 were country members. It is Known in advance that Bill Michie, Phil Gutteridge and Laurie Poulter will would not be re-joining as they are geographically relocating.

The BMFA portal is now up and running which should help with identification of members and saving time and paperwork.

The Treasurers Report

A small deficit due to the expenditure for the weed control, Balance at the AGM was £9810.10

The safety officer

Reported no general issues that had not already been mentioned by the Chairman.

Website Administrator

Reported that the Website had been updated to help with Mobile phones and tablets. It was requested to have individual emails for the committee members so that members can contact the committee individually if required.

Annual awards

The Alan Banks Memorial Trophy was presented to Jason Channing for the hard work in rectifying the weed and control at the patch. Jason said it was very much appreciated and that his son Jack had also played an important part in helping him

The Nigel Smith trophy was awarded to Clive Shaw for his constant high quality building and flying of his models.

Election of committee members

With no nominations for committee positions and the present committee with the exception of Laurie Poulter willing to be re-elected, all the Committee members were unopposed for a further year.

Club fees

With a good discussion regarding a possible lower membership in the forthcoming year and to maintain the financial balance it was agreed by all to increase the fees from £36.00 to £40, an increase of £4

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Having been informed that Andy the grass cutter could no longer commit due to work schedule to cutting the field.

Proposals were put forward regarding the increase in cutting fees which presently were £650, but could increase up to £1000.

Discussion took place regarding purchasing our own mower, if it was agreed with Mark the farmer that we could park it somewhere. A purchase price of £1900 for a mower of reasonable quality (which includes mulching and a Briggs and Stratton engine) meant we could break even in Two years and be in control of our own mowing. A budget would be created allowing for the maintenance of the mower.

With the exception of one member, It was agreed to use club funds to purchase a mower. A rota will be created with available members.

Dave Fisher proposed that Laurie Poulter be allowed to visit as a guest and this was approved by the members.

The committee will work hard on creating more digital footprint for the club to attract new members and to also resend out data for the website and Facebook page. So that the members can easily see what is happening at the patch.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending the AGM

The meeting closed at 9.30