

Retford Model Flying Club 2016 AGM  
Babworth Rd Sports & Social Club  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The meeting opened at 1945hrs with 29 full members and in 2 new member's attendance  
CA welcomed members to the meeting;

Apologies received: N.Bryne

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes were agreed:

Proposed by M. Williams - Seconded A. Jeffery

**Matters arising:**

Engine test bench, fence not completed

**Chairman's report**

**Acting Chairman's report RMFC AGM 2018**

Good evening to you all and thanks for coming out on a cold winters evening to support your club.

Very big thanks from me, and from your good selves, to our secretary Chris for organizing the AGM and our meetings throughout the year.

Some of you may wonder why I am giving the Chairman's report, so I felt I should explain how this came about. At the last AGM Dave Noar was elected as Chairman but soon after he realised that he already held a key role looking after the field and grounds man duties and being Chairman was probably unachievable. I was approached by Chris to ask if I would be willing to support him by being the acting Chairman in order the club constitution was fulfilled. I of course accepted but only under guidance from Chris, as I had not held such a role before.

Some of you already know me and will know that I am happy to work on behalf of the club, either planned or at the drop of a hat. However, I do have a rather busy family life and other interests but will always try to give the club my full undivided support. My flying skills are limited but, with a few years off, I have been a member of the club over 20 years, first flying at Bevercotes and Gamston airport.

RMFC club is one of the most successful models flying clubs in the country and attracts members not only from the UK as well as those returning from Abroad and I am confident that the following Committee member's reports will confirm this.

That's enough of me and I would now like to hand over to our Club Secretary Chris Anderson.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary reported that the events that took place were very successful but down on numbers attending Swapmeet continues to be a success. The club has a new initiative for 2018 Richard Wilkins has agreed to run an evening of first aid situations that may arise at the field from cuts to cardiac arrest details to be announced shortly.

**Membership**

Welcome to two new members tonight Chris Brisland and Dave Cunnington, Craig Teer was not in attendance Secretary reported on the membership number declining with younger members not being attracted to our sport.

The new club website is up and running with all 2018 members being authorised to view the website and the members only pages. The site looks modern and keeps club members informed of what's happening in the club and can be used to sell any unwanted flying items.

The club is in good financial health but with a declining number of members the 5 year outlook is causing concern which may result in increasing subs as inflation will increase our club running costs.

A number of options for increasing the membership were raised and will be reviewed by the committee.

### Who does what in RMFC?

We are a club of flyers which is great, but who runs the club, keeps expenditure in check and keeps the field in great condition and is willing to train new members to fly. Who will run the club if all the main officials are not in a position to continue?

By having a tight control on new members we have become a club with few issues but we require new active members in the club.

Chairman Oversees what is happening within the club

Secretary Meetings require organizing, insurance & subs collecting and that just admin.

Groundsman Grass would not be cut; Dave spends hours down at the field and not flying. Contract grass cutting would be £1500 a year.

Treasurer Keeps a record of club funds not an easy task but a responsible position

Committee Help make decisions on work on projects at the field and overall running of the club

If members paid officials for time spent working for the club it would run into a large sum, they give up time to run our club.

Please think how we can increase membership, tonight was an eye opener for some, but reality hurts although we have time to turn things around with the members help.

### Treasurer

Gerald reported that the accounts to be in good shape although he was disappointed that no one offered to audit the books, the club secretary undertook this task amongst others.

Reviewing the accounts Gerald proposed no increase in subs for 2018

Gerald announced that this would be his last year as treasurer and will not be standing for re election for 2019

If a new treasurer is available he would help them with the accounts and be able to arrange change of authorized banking

### Groundsman

Dave updated the meeting with the situation regarding the mower which requires attention to a serviced and will be returned to Greenstripe.

A point raised was restraining of aircraft. Our safety record at the field has been good but with more electric aircraft being flown, club & BMFA rules state that aircraft should be tether so please adhere to the rules.

DN also updated the meeting with regard to the blue igloo. A new contractor has been servicing the igloo and will be able to fit a new part which means there is no requirement to purchase anew toilet

The meeting thanked Dave for keeping the field in superb condition

### Changes to rules & constitution - None

### Election of club officers

After DN decided to stand down from the chairmanship to concentrate on his role as groundsman Andy Jeffery was seconded by the committee to be the acting chairman has been nominated to stand as chairman

President	John Bridgett	proposed by CA seconded JM carried <i>unanimously</i>
Chairman	- Andy Jeffery	proposed by DN seconded MC carried <i>unanimously</i>
Secretary	- Chris Anderson	proposed by DN seconded JM carried <i>unanimously</i>
Treasurer	- Gerald Mills	proposed by CA seconded MW carried <i>unanimously</i>
Grounds man	- Dave Noar	proposed by SC seconded KC carried <i>unanimously</i>
Committee	- Steve Course	proposed by CT seconded MC carried <i>unanimously</i>
	- Simon Codd	proposed by CA seconded RT <i>carried unanimously</i>
	- Mick Cole	proposed by DN seconded AJ <i>carried unanimously</i>
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**Any other business**

None

Meeting closed at 2145hrs

2018 AGM will be held on Thursday 10th January 2019

Chris Anderson Secretary  
Retford Model Flying Club