

## Retford Model Flying Club 2012 AGM - 43rd

### Babworth Rd Sports & Social Club

10<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The meeting opened at 1940hrs with 27 full members plus new members (3) 2013 in attendance.

Apologies received from : I Padley ; P Padley; P Lewis; C Metcalfe: J Morton; S Dunning; P Bunnett; S Parker; A Dixon; P Abrams;

#### **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were agreed as being correct with no matters arising

Proposed by Alan Townsend - Seconded By Keith Chambers

#### **Secretary Report**

Secretary thanked everyone for attending the AGM. Although the weather has been wet & windy for most of the year the club had a successful year with events still being run for scale and family day. The club is indebted to the members that have worked on the club equipment and keeping the flying field in excellent condition. Mick Cole, Steve Course, Dave Noar, Phil Welsh, John Morton, John Bridgett, Molly and Dave Charlesworth who has not rejoined this year.

Scale day & family day were a great success but we also introduced a further event on the field in December the Hot chocolate & mince pie day. We are planning to run more of these types of events in 2013 Italian day, Irish day and may be a Mexican day.

CA gave an update as to how the club had progressed since 2004 and to how the club has developed both equipment purchases & financially, a credit to how the club has been run to on such a sound footing.

Our club is going into its 44<sup>th</sup> year so to make it easier to understand our AGMs I am proposing under changes to constitution to re name our AGMs by years of the clubs existence rather than by what year.

#### **Training**

3 members attained their A BMFA certificate, thank you to everyone who helped on the field to get new members airborne; our training aircraft was awarded a certificate for a landing 25 miles away unaided and lives to fly another day.

We have 8 new members filling the spaces vacated by members not renewing their 2013 membership we look forward to meeting them down at the field.

### Election of officers

Chairman      John Bridgett 2 year and not opposed

Secretary      Chris Anderson      Proposed K Chambers      Seconded T Maltson

Treasurer      George Maltson      Proposed      CA      Seconded      B Booker

Grounds man D Noar      Proposed      JB      Seconded      D Lynett

Committee      Simon Codd -      Steve Course -      Tim Turner  
All were elected unanimously by the members

### Chairman's report

Now working offshore I get a fair bit of time to think, not always a good thing! On my last trip I started thinking about balance.....

Flight is a thing of balance where lift equals mass, thrust equals drag upset any of these parameters and flight will be affected. For example reduce the thrust and down you go, increase the mass and again you will be descending unless you do something about it. You can also suffer turbulence, small disturbances that upset the balance of our smooth flight.

There are ironically many similarities between a model flying club and flight as I have just described. Members make requests for facilities (drag) the committee with their agreed parameters try to provide them (thrust), there is work to be done (mass) and people that do the work (lift). As long as everything remains in balance the club will continue. We do have other similar parameters VNE max membership number, stall speed minimum membership number etc. One common problem that we suffer from time to time is turbulence. Something or someone upsets the fragile balance. It has happened in the past, it has happened recently and I'm sure it will happen in the future. It can be one member complaining about another for a whole manner of reasons, on one occasion ( possibly much more) it was about me, I was accused of watching people fly! The turbulence becomes a real concern if it occurs within the committee, it is really important that the committee is strong and follows agreed policies etc, there is no 'I' in team and the committee is a team. If we encounter turbulence then the flight parameters will change, the balance is upset and the captain has to do something about it. This has happened several times already helicopters, members breaking rules, fraud etc. and as before it will not be tolerated

## Treasures Report

As John Young had resigned from the position & club, it fell to CA to prepared the accounts which were signed off by

Keith Chambers – C Anderson – J Bridgett

The clubs financial position is on a sound footing with the mower account being opened with a balance of £3000 Members were informed of the balances in the books and that this years subscriptions would cover all projects and running cost, therefore it was proposed that there should be no increase in the membership fee.

## Groundsmans report

The meeting was given a proposed budget for 2013

Hedge cutting

Mower maintenance

Field maintenance weed kill etc.

Repairs to the clubhouse roof

Diesel

Mower running costs

Blade sharpening and update

The road has been maintained with 40 tons of scrapings being bought, the alarm on the clubhouse has been updated.

The project for 2013 is to repaint the outside of the club house roof and replace the suspended ceiling so that condensation does not cause further damage.

## Events

CA gave the meeting a list of planned events for 2013, these will be posted on the RMFC web site, a new area will be added to the web site to allow members to see what is going on and be able to see other information that is for club members only. We will be holding the swap meet in March & November along with the traditional Family day & scale day. New events outlined at the meeting will be arranged around the weather, Irish day, Italian & maybe Mexican.

## Changes to the constitution

A requested was made last year for scale helicopters to fly at the scale & Family days. As this was made under any other business the request has moved on to the 2012 AGM agenda John Bridgett lobbied for the request as Simon could not be at the meeting. After a lengthy discussion JB proposed the item, as there was no seconder the proposal could not be vote on.

Due to high postal costs it was proposed to change the constitution to allow meetings to be announced by electronic mail, some members with no email will still receive information via text or letter

Proposed – Chris Anderson                      Seconded      S Courser

AGM numbering per anniversary rather than year

Proposed - Chris Anderson                      Seconded D Noar

To change the wording of ‘Auditor’ to “3 members of the club be asked to audit the accounts”

Proposed – John Bridgett                      Seconded

## Any other business

3 members volunteered to audit the accounts in 2013 they were agreed by all members present  
Marian Ainsworth – Ian Albans – Derek Kellard

A point was raised as to the height of the trees surrounding our containers at the field. DN offered to speak to the farmer of the adjacent field to see if he could level the trees.

RMFC Trustees. As John Young was no longer a member it was prudent to remove him from our trustees and replace him with Ian Albans who has been a trustee in the past. JB will look into the matter of replacing JY with IA.

Meeting closed at 10.50

The 44<sup>th</sup> AGM will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 notice will be given via email 14 days prior to the meeting ( 3 members via post)

Chris Anderson

Secretary Retford Model Flying Club