

Cotswold Radio Control Society

Minutes: AGM, 1st November, 2018

Aston Down

Meeting at 20.00 hrs.

Present: Jon Parker (Chair); Bob Maltby; Terry Clarke; Gordon Bishop; Ian Halliday; Doug Garland, Sid King

Apologies: Peter Barker; Richard Brooks; Nick Brotherton; Andrew Evans ; Paul Franklin; Mike Whittard; John Wood

Minutes:

The Secretary read the 2017 Minutes. They were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report:

The Cabin

This year the Committee finalised how to provide power to the cabin after research it was decided that solar power was the way to go.

First, we had to decide where to put and how to mount the Solar panels (donated by Bob Maltby) then arrange a day for fitment weather and temperature permitting.

That was accomplished during May,

Gordon Bishop donated a roof box to which Terry and Bob fitted air vents and a new lock.

In June the box was fitted then removed. The batteries and inverter installed (dry fit) on the bench. The roof box fixed to roof again batteries and inverter hauled up the ladder, installed and connected. SUCCESS we now have 240v power in the cabin.

Well done Terry Clarke and Bob Maltby.

Using the power supply has highlighted some issues with voltage drop that has alarmed the inverter and switched it off; this has now been resolved hopefully with the fitment of a wireless switch. PRESS BUTTON "A" TO TURN ELECTRICITY ON / OFF. Happy Days ☺

We have also fitted a solar powered light with PIR above the door for night flyers to see the keypad and benches.

The items in boxes for distribution to members are slowly being taken. Please take what you want asap the residue will be thrown out soon as technology has moved on.

Wednesday Nights

Training night was reinstated after a few members requests and general enthusiasm was very good but as members had been taking advantage of better weather during the week numbers dwindled and with consecutive windy Weds it petered out, with those needing training, organising suitable flying times with their instructor. The Committee will try to organise a Rota like how Sid and Bob managed it between them a few years ago. It seems preferable to some members knowing there will always be someone here on a Wednesday evening even if early weather forecasts are dubious. This would be Summer time obviously.

Committee Meetings

We have had to cancel or reschedule some meetings this year due to health issues etc, and lack of a quorum i.e. there needs to be a minimum of 5 members present. Most of the meetings have taken place at Sid King's house so he could continue to attend whilst awaiting eye surgery. (Difficulty driving at night/and in poor visibility.) We post the minutes of meetings on the website if you wish to read them, they're not very exciting.

Scale Day

As you know we did not have a Scale Day this year, the reasons why are complicated. As I mentioned Committee Meetings were postponed and rescheduled due to health, family and holidays issues.

We usually start to plan Scale Day at the July or August Committee Meeting. This year it was not possible, the August meeting was cancelled to to lack of members available and rescheduled for the first week in September. The day of the meeting I had an emergency eye operation so could not attend. I was frantically sending messages to Bob and Terry trying to relay my thoughts and wishes for the committee to consider before I went to theatre.

The outcome of the meeting was that Scale Day date could not be confirmed because of conflicting commitments not connected to the Club. Bob was asked by the Committee to liaise with me to see if there was a way forward.

The problem we had was that I could not drive or lift anything and did not have a timetable for when I would be able to. The other factor was Bob only had one date when he was available and that was late October with no reserve date the following week. Other members of the Committee were also unavailable. The Scale Day if it went ahead would be nothing like our previous successes and with dwindling participating and attending club members over the previous 2 years, we felt it may

put its continued future in jeopardy; a last minute halfhearted attempt at Scale Day was not on.

The Committee decided that cancellation was the only course of action.

The Committee also wholeheartedly agreed to put extra effort into organising Scale Day 2019 with earlier organisation and utilising help from volunteers.

Mario & Grahams' Invitation Fly In

After the cancellation of Scale Day Mario & Graham asked permission to organise a Fly In as substitute. I had no objection and they sent out invites to members and Chedworth Model Club. Unfortunately, bad weather forced cancellation of the preferred date but the reserve date the following Saturday was dryer with low cloud and those in attendance said everyone enjoyed. No injuries, mishaps or complaints well done.

Maintenance

The Benches and Tables have been prepared for weatherproofing and if the weather stays dry for a week, I will be asking for volunteers to dig out an old paintbrush and slap on some fence paint. (supplied by the Club).

Closing Statement

This year we have had the best flying conditions I can ever remember; hardly a week has gone by without members flying. There have been a few mishaps with lost and crashed models and one propeller hand injury recently. I congratulate you all for flying safely.

Night flying season is upon us and this usually falls on Weds nights, although any night is possible. We now have reliable communication between members so it's up to you when you want to fly.

Membership Secretary and Treasurer Report:

Club Accounts: - I'm pleased to report the books balanced with a true surplus this year of £1104.10, a lot healthier than last year's £142.40.

Club actual income was 6815.21 with expenditure of £5711.11. These figures exclude the income and expenditure from Chris Ayliff's ongoing sales (£3710.00). The committee and auditors agreed not to include a figure for depreciation of the capital expenditure of £4,680.00 on the Club Cabin, as the cost of a similar replacement continues to be more than our original cost.

Copies of the Balance sheet are available by email request for anyone that requires a copy.

Club Membership: - Membership increased slightly over the year from 54 to 57.

Although the club website does not appear to be used on a regular basis by members it continues to attract enquiries to join the club. This year we received 19 enquiries, with 9 joining and 4 committed to join next year. (We welcomed another 3 new members from the Gloucester club and 2 from the CGC)

2019 Subscriptions: - Both the CGC and the BMFA have forecast significant additional insurance costs and a decrease in membership numbers as the reason for increasing membership fees for the forthcoming year. The CGC have increased the Associate Blokart and Modeler fees by £4.00 and the BMFA will propose an additional £4.00 for senior membership at the AGM later this month.

Therefore, the subscription total for 2019 will be £134.00 (£18.50 Club, £77.50 CGC & £38.00 BMFA).

All BMFA members will have received an email concerning the new 'GoMembersip' facility on the BMFA site which enables individual members to renew their membership on-line. This is not a lot different to individuals joining as Country members except it now allows for those to record their membership of single or multiple clubs. The new system came on-line last month, and we've already added some of our country or those affiliated through another club to the CRCS. For CRCS members wishing to continue to be affiliated to the CRCS we can continue batch processing as before (so no different). However, this does not prohibit CRCS members recording membership of other clubs if they wish to do so.

Discussion: The question was raised of whether with both Gliding Club Insurance and BMFA we were in danger of double insurance or, at least, lack of clarity. The treasurer was worried that querying the Gliding Club Insurance increase for the Model Club might raise other difficulties. It was agreed that a simple request for a copy of the Gliding Club Insurance was anodyne. It would allow the CRCS to discover what cover the CRCS members had under the Gliding Club insurance.

The Treasurer raised his worry that he was the sole source of knowledge about many matters in the finance, BMFA and web-site areas and said it would therefore be advantageous for another committee member to share the access details, passwords etc.

Discussion: In discussion the treasurer emphasized that, as usual, the Club subscription would include the BMFA fee and that the Club through the Treasurer would enter the names of club members in the BMFA files. People who were members of other clubs could enter the BMFA databases and enter their multiple memberships.

Secretary's Report:

Club Committee meetings: As you know the Club Committee meets each month on the last Thursday of the month; December excepted. This year only one meeting failed to happen due to being non-quorate. Minutes can be found, when approved, on the club web-site.

Club Privacy Notice: As you are aware the EU has taken a long interest in data privacy, led by Germany. This has involved large fines on the US data giants but also setting rules which reach down to small clubs such as ours! Hence the requirement to have a Data Policy regarding member data. The document which is to a large extent based on a BMFA outline is available on the web. A complication is the necessity to inform the BMFA about members to achieve insurance coverage. So, the document needs to be read in conjunction with the BMFA Privacy Notice. Members data is available for checking and can be altered by authorized individuals on the club web-site.

Club Rules: In the context of the above Privacy Notice it was decided to tidy up and reduce the Club Rules and Site Information. The new version is also available on the club web-site.

Note that mobile phones must not be operational on the flight line. The latest BMFA magazine spells out an example of catastrophic mobile phone model interference. Although the risk of interference occurs when many modelers are airborne at the same time e.g. 30+ in some shows, it is felt that the BMFA insurance may be invalidated if an accident should occur at AD that is attributed to radio interference, whether due to a mobile telephone or not.

Club Awards and Cups: A number of trophies have gone missing over the years and as the club records are rather patchy as to who had what and when, it is difficult to trace where they have gone. Help!

Presentation of Annual Awards and Trophies:

The awards were ;

Secretary's Cup: Terry Clarke

For his great efforts as treasurer and towards the Cabin refurbishment. In the absence of the Cup a Bottle of wine was presented.

Nastend Brick: Jon Parker

Including to general enjoyment a rerun of the pre -crash conversation by Jon as described by Bob Maltby and Terry Clarke who were fortunate to witness the event. Suffice to say the large tree adjacent to the nearest hangar to the flight line is now known as the 'Chairman's tree'.

Election of 2019 Committee: The proposed committee is

Chair: Jon Parker

Vice Chair: Bob Maltby

Secretary: Ian Halliday

Membership Secretary and Treasurer: Terry Clarke

Gordon Bishop

Doug Garland

Sid King

Graham Birt proposed and Gerry York seconded a motion to elect the committee by a show of hands. Committee was agreed unanimously.

Subscriptions:

After discussion it was agreed there should be a vote on the 2019 Subscription.

Doug Garland proposed, and Mario Malecki seconded the proposal to agree to the Treasurers proposal of £134. It was carried unanimously.

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