

Cotswold Control Radio Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 30-Sep-2021 / 8:00pm

Location Ian Halliday's home

Present J Parker, Bob Maltby, Mario Malecki, John Veitch, Doug Garland, Ian Halliday

Apologies

Agenda

1. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 26-Aug-2021 were read, accepted and signed as being accurate.
2. Discussion about G Birt's WhatsApp post
 - a. The post on the forum reads as follows: - *"I would like to understand why committee meetings are being held in member's private houses. For years, up until about five or six years ago, they were held at AD in the control tower, they were announced, as per the constitution, and members did on occasion attend and contribute but did not vote. Holding meetings at private houses does not encourage members to attend, in fact when the question was asked at AD recently it was stated that the host would not be happy if members attended at his home! This is a members club and the members have a right to hear what the committee are discussing, on their behalf, at meetings first hand. I call upon the committee to reinstate AD as the preferred venue for committee meetings and call for a change in the Constitution to make it so, similar to the Constitution rule 2.1 regarding AGM's."*
 - b. I.H. then tabled minutes from the Committee meeting held on 30th January 2014 which show, G. Birt was on the Committee that made the decision to hold meetings away from Aston Down and was the first to offer his house for this purpose. These documented minutes show "No non committee members" in attendance.
 - c. I.H. The members can read what the Committee has been doing merely by looking at Committee minutes placed on the website which has consistently informed members where the next meeting will be held. A heated debate ensued about G. Birt's attitude toward the Committee implying they were deliberately discouraging members from attending meetings and his use of the Club Forum as a virtual soapbox and unnecessarily trying to provoke a public response from the Committee. The "WhatsApp Post" was felt to be a clear criticism of the Committee while ducking all personal responsibility. Outcome:
 - The Committee felt this totally unacceptable when an enquiring email or telephone call would have sufficed. Discussion then took place about removing G Birt from the Forum. I.H. also stated he had received emails from members asking for G Birt and his upsetting posts to be dealt with. M.M. Proposed that he would talk to G. Birt tomorrow 1st October 2021. Informing him that his online posts were

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unacceptable. Allowing room for improvement, if it happened again he would be removed from the Forum. All present, in favour of this action.

- d. MM stated that he did not consider the post from G Birt to be particularly offensive and members have a right to question the committee's decisions, and comment if they disagree with them. MM asked to see the emails sent to the committee complaining about Graham and none were produced. MM considered that in his view although the post from Graham was acceptable, it could have been better worded so it would not have caused such distress to some of the committee members.
- e. MM proposed that he would talk to Graham and ask him to think carefully about how he writes posts in the future and to consider the upset a badly worded post can cause. Action MM

3. Membership Application

- a. Ian will update the current membership application form with additional open questions for prospective members to complete. This will give the Committee a better understanding of the new members modelling history including previous club memberships, aspirations and experience. This update is intended to help the decision making of membership approval by the Committee. Further discussions will follow after I. H. Has updated the document for the Committee to read

4. Radio Receiver

- a. The receiver to be loaned to the club by Bill Cousins works well, and there is no date set to implement the unit at the flying site.
- b. We are still awaiting official documentation from the C.G.C. regarding absolving members and the Club from the responsibility of monitoring radio frequencies from pilots wishing to land.

5. Scale Day update

- a. The event has been postponed to Sunday 10th Oct 2021 due to adverse weather forecast for the 3rd Oct.
- b. Most of the food has been purchased. Action JP
- c. Equipment has been delivered to the club hut. Action JP
- d. Additional equipment is required and Jason Bird can supply it and needs to be contacted to arrange it. Action MM
- e. Delivery of a portaloo has been put back on week. Action JP.

6. AGM

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- a. CGC has been contacted to reserve the bar for the AGM, awaiting response. Action JP
 - b. The chairman has called for a special meeting on Thursday 14th October 2021 specifically to prepare for the AGM.
 - c. Send a notice to club members for the AGM. Action MM
7. Treasurers Report
- a. The Treasurer distributed balance sheets for 2020 and 2021. All agreed they were true and accurate.
 - b. Following representation from the Treasurer the Committee agreed to write down the asset value of our cabin by £400 again this year.
8. Cabin Electrics Update
- a. The 240v system has been removed. Action BM
 - b. All the required equipment for the 12v system to be purchased and installed at the discretion of BM Action BM
9. New Members
- a. After a lengthy discussion about a procedure for accepting new members into the club, no clear resolution was agreed upon, therefore a further discussion will be planned at a future meeting. Action JP
10. Next Meeting
- a. Next meeting: - Extra Ordinary Committee Meeting called by Chairman To be held at Hon Treasurers residence Derwent House, Rodborough. 14th October 19:30hrs Agenda: - Upcoming AGM business.

The Chairman thanked all who attended and closed the meeting at 22:50

Signed

Chairman

Date
