



**Cotswold Radio Control Society
Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 3-2-2022 @11.00am
The control tower, Aston Down airfield.**

Present:

Chairman - Mario Malecki (MM)

Treasurer - Bill Cousins (BC)

Secretary - Malcolm Wood (MW)

Membership Sec. - Graham Birt (GB)

Member - John Veitch (JV)

Member - Richard Brook (RB)

Chairman – Mario Malecki (MM) – Opened the meeting

Matters arising from the all Ready agreed minutes of the last meeting.

MM – No progress has been made regarding the radio receiver.

MW – Regarding the email sent to the BMFA re our tenure – the matter was passed to Andy Simmons, no reply has been received to date. Have chased once will do so again.

Officers Reports.

GB – Membership Sec.

The 2021 membership was 69.

Current membership is 66 with 65.members paid up.

Will monitor the remaining member until re-joining grace period expires.

All CAA numbers and expiry dates have been gathered and entered on the membership spread sheet.

BC – Treasurer.

This year we will be paying the Cotswold Gliding Club £4337.00p for this year's membership.

I have been in contact with the Gliding Club and await an invoice from them. Once received this will be paid.

MM – Chairman.

Brings a new 'Introduction to CRCS' document to the group. It is designed to be sent to any prospective member to enable them to get a flavour of our club and how we operate as a club, with the Gliding Club and their airfield. It was supplied as a pre-read. After a little discussion and a few suggested alterations the document was agreed, as fit for purpose.

Pete Webster and Steve Grimmett have been introduced to both sites on the airfield and have been signed off as 'safe to fly at AD'.

A discussion followed about where and or how this information should be captured. A form was discussed and discounted in favour of an entry on the membership spreadsheet. Action GB.

GB has created an updated application form.

Club Constitution – It is agreed that the current club constitution needs updating. The BMFA have an excellent pre-prepared document designed to suit all clubs.

It was agreed that this should form a basis for CRCS purposes and a working party of MM, BC and MW get together to make the necessary CRCS inclusions. Once brought back to this committee the document would then be brought to the whole club at either an EGM or AGM for ratification.

The 'Introduction to CRCS' could be incorporated as an appendix.

The subject of regular CLUB updates was discussed – and agreed as a good general idea perhaps distributed by Email bi-monthly. It was noted that the members are notified of these minutes and published on the club web site for those members wishing to keep abreast of club matters.

No Fly Zones – A general discussion ensued focusing on overflying the car park and the club hut.

MM pointed out that we are all guilty of overflying the car park and club hut from time to time - so should be very measured in giving advice to other members.

MM – wished tis to be a specific agenda item for the next meeting – agreed.

Club numbers – A brief discussion agreed to limit the overall club numbers to 75. This could always be adjusted in the future if more or less was needed to ensure safe operation of the flight line and Pitts areas.

Returning members or late payers – It was agreed that there should be an enforced time limit for re-joining, which when exceeded would attract a new 'joining fee' on top of membership payments. GB suggested that the current 3 months should be reduced to 1 month.

GB – Constitution issues

Suggested that the constitution demanded a Chairman and 6 members, making this committee 1 short.

GB - proposed a particular member who had he said expressed a desire to join the committee? This was discussed, recognising that another committee member could be co-opted.

MM - stated that he would ring the person in question. – Action MM

JV - suggested that the person be considered as an instructor / training officer whether on the committee or not. He would need to take a BMFA 'B' test and 6 months elapse before being considered as a qualified BMFA examiner.

MM – Site maintenance. The farm tractor had spread mud around our usual operating area and MM will acquire a shovel and broom to be left in the cabin. MM will use 'wats app' to get a working party together to clean up this area.

Next meeting – Agreed as 11.00am Thursday 24-2-2022 in the control tower.