

Cotswold Radio Control Society

Minutes 27 October 2016

55 Shakespeare Road, Dursley GL11 4QG

Meeting opened 20.00 hrs

Present: Jon Parker; Terry Clarke; Sid King; Chris Edgar;
Gordon Bishop;

Apologies: Ian Halliday, Bob Maltby

The previous minutes were read by the Secretary, Chris Edgar, and were agreed by all present.

1. Matters arising -None

2. Raising the standards of flying and safety - From time to time, members have informally raised their concerns regarding the general competence of some flyers. Committee has reviewed the current practice requiring all members to be cleared for flying solo at Aston Down by completion of the “Record of Flying Training”. The standards expected were based on the BMFA’s requirements for the A certificate described in “Up and Away”, with additional tasks that acknowledged the sharing of airspace with the gliding club and other users of the airfield. The Committee has decided that, having due regard for safety and for other airfield users,

it will ask all CRCS members, including instructors, to be re-examined. Recently the BMFA has amended the requirements of the A certificate and the standards described in the CRCS “Student Pilot Flying Training Log” may need to be amended and re-issued as soon as possible. Until then, the existing arrangements stand.

Action: Item for further discussion during November 2016 Committee meeting.

3. Member Code of Conduct - The current club Constitution and Rule Book reflect the good practice described by the BMFA and no changes in either are required.

Action: Noted

4. The cabin - what next? -

JP will engage a locksmith for a quote to secure the cabin door using a keypad combination lock. In the mean time, the cabin can be accessed using the key in the nearby box. Provision of solar cells is on hold but a generator will be on hand if required. (The cabin is wired to accept this.)

Options for the proposed interior carpentry work were discussed and further investigation into best value for money continue. **Action: TC/ GB/JP**

5. The Cabin protocols regarding use and access -
Committee will prepare a note on security and tidiness.
Action: Item for further discussion during November 2016
Committee meeting.

6. Review of proposals for club nights and events.

(i) Doug Garland will be asked to prepare the Christmas Quiz. **Action: JP**

(ii) **AGM arrangements** - Candidates for the Nastend Brick and Scale Modeller of the Year were discussed and the awards will be announced during the AGM. No nominations have been received for the new committee.

(iii) **Jet Age Museum talk** - This is planned for the club meeting on the 2 February 2017, the guest speaker a former Red Arrows pilot. **Action: CCE** to invite gliding club, Chedworth and Cirencester MACs, **BM** to firm up on talk start time with speaker and possible donation.

(iv) **Activities for March and April 2017 club nights** - A vintage film night will be investigated. **Action: JP**

7. Reflections on Scale Day - A very successful day for all of those who attended. Good weather, excellent barbecue (with special thanks to BM and Mrs P in their cooking and commissarial roles). However, the committee were disappointed that there wasn't a bigger turnout and would welcome suggestions from members

on what might increase interest in this or an alternative event.

8. Large Model Association's approach to use Aston Down - The chairman has been asked if the the club would consider the use of the runway for test flying of fixed wing (no jets) aircraft. Aston Down is one of several sites proposed throughout the country and a significant fee could be charged. Committee felt that, if prior warning was assured and if a member of the committee was present during the test flying, then the the proposal was worth further discussion with the LMA. **Action: JP**

9. Location and time of next meeting - Sid King's house on 24 November at 20.00 hrs.

10. AOB - (i) There will be no representation from the club to the BMFA AGM in Hinckley, Leicestershire on the 19 November 2016.

(ii) Committee to send Brian Pontin a Get Well card following recent operation. **Action: JP**

Meeting closed 2215 hrs

Signed.....Chairman

