



Cotswold Radio Control Society

CRCS AGM 2022 Minutes

Date 03-Nov-2022

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:00pm and was attended by 23 members.
2. Minutes silence was observed in memory of Sid King and Steve Grimmett.
3. The minutes from the AGM 2021 were read and accepted unanimously.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Chairman's report (including Membership and Secretaries reports).
 - a. Club
 - i. The club is in very good shape, financially, with flying activities and in its relationship with CGC.
 - b. Constitution
 - i. An online vote was held in May 2022 to accept the new Constitution and Airfield & Safety Rules. The vote was organised using WhatsApp due to the risk of infection from Covid that could be caused by a meeting. 61% of members voted in favour.
 - ii. The new documents were required because the old ones were out of date and not fit for purpose and are based on BMFA guidance.
 - c. Airfield & safety Rules
 - i. The new rules are essentially the same as the previous ones but clarified the way we organise and fly models on the airfield. From the beginning it is clear that members have readily adopted the current rules and as a result flying is safer and more rewarding for members.
 - d. CGC
 - i. Although we have a very good relationship with CGC we will always need to be aware of that relationship and ensure we operate safely regarding glider and tug activity.
 - e. Flying season
 - i. We have had a fairly busy season with regular flying by a core of members and every session has been very enjoyable for all.
 - f. Membership
 - i. 11 new members joined the club so far this year and they have been made very welcome by existing members. At the moment the committee has set the maximum membership number to 80 due to the average level of activity at the flightline being about 9 people. The



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committee will continue to assess the maximum number and adjust it if required.

g. Training

- i. Training has worked very well with good support from some experienced members. So far this year 2 people started as beginners and attained solo status. There are now 2 models available for training, each with their own pair of transmitters for use as buddy systems. In addition new batteries have been purchased by the club for the trainer aircraft and there are now ten batteries available.

h. Scale day

- i. The scale fly-in was attended by enough people to make it worthwhile. We flew at the South side of the airfield with excellent weather, and everyone who flew enjoyed the event.
- ii. Due to declining interest in the club over the last few years for the event, for 2023 2 separate fly in days will be organised as low key events.

i. Website

- i. It was hoped to have the new club website up and running by the date of the AGM, but due to a technical problem that was not possible. The new website will be more simple and more inline with our needs. Thanks to Frankie for his work on this.

j. Committee

- i. Thank you to all who have served on the committee since the last AGM and especially thank you to the current committee for all their work in ensuring the club runs smoothly. Now that the club is running smoothly it is not always necessary to hold committee meetings every month, so meetings are called when necessary. The use of the committee WhatsApp group is a much used and important tool for regular communication between committee members.

k. Looking forward

- i. I look forward to another good year in 2023 not forgetting the great winter flying we usually enjoy, so time to get the warm winter clothing out!

6. Treasurer's report.



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- a. The treasurer reported and explained the 2022 financial statement and stated that club subs will have to increase by at least £6 due to the CAA increase of £1 and CGC increase of £5. It is not known if the BMFA subs will change for 2023. Every member will be individually emailed by the beginning of December with what they will need to pay to renew membership.
 - b. Eric Brownbill was thanked for his efforts in auditing the club accounts and presented with a bottle of wine.
7. Safety Officer's report.
 - a. This year has seen no critical safety issues occur. However there were a number of issues that required action. The committee have a spreadsheet for logging any areas of concern with any safety issue and will publish the list on the website ensuring names are omitted for it to avoid any possible embarrassment to individual club members.
8. Vote to approve the Constitution and Airfield & Safety Rules.
 - a. The vote did not go ahead due to concerns by a number of members about there being enough present to be able to approve the documents.
 - b. A further discussion was held to try to address the persistent problem of not enough members attending meetings such as the AGM, and therefore insufficient present to approve critical amendments. A decision was taken for the committee to open a discussion with the club to define a way forwards and consider online voting using WhatsApp as a standard method.
9. Election of committee and officers.
 - a. No new member proposals have been received.
 - b. Current committee are willing continue in their current roles and were voted for unanimously.
 - c. The committee for 2023 are:
 - i. Mario Malecki - Chairman, Secretary, Membership Officer
 - ii. Bill Cousins - Treasurer
 - iii. Richard Brookes - Safety Officer
 - iv. Frankie Palomo
 - v. John Veitch - Committee member
 - vi. Mike Griffiths - Committee member
10. Pre notified proposals, none submitted.
11. Presentation of club awards.



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- a. John Parker Trophy - Harry Curzon for Boulton Paul Defiant
 - b. Nastend Brick - Bill for crap wheels on his FW190
 - c. Bottle of wine for Graham and Laurie for defibrillator
 - d.
12. Plans for 2023
- a. 2 Low key scale fly-in days during the season
 - b. Restart club meetings
 - c. Quiz nite Thursday 1st December 7:30
 - i. Sherry and mince pies
 - ii. Wine for winning team
 - d. February meeting - Thursday 2nd February 2023
 - i. Bring and buy
 - ii. Bring a project
13. Set date for CRCS AGM 2023 - Thursday 2nd November 2023

Chairman thanked all who attended and closed the meeting at 21:30