



Cotswold Radio Control Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 17-Feb-2023 / 11:00am

Location Control Tower, Aston Down

Present Mario Malecki, John Veitch, Bill Cousins, Mike Griffiths, Frankie Palomo

Apologies Richard Brooke

Agenda

1. Minutes from the meeting of 07-Oct-2022 were reviewed and approved.
2. Matters Arising from the previous minutes.
 - a. (8) The radio receiver will be installed in the trolley yet to be made.
Action: **MM, BC**
 - b. (9) The constitution needs to be changed to state that committee meetings will only be held when required due to the smooth running of the club. Ref: Agenda item for the next meeting.
3. Membership
 - a. The membership renewals for 2023 have been completed successfully and we currently have 61 members.
 - b. The membership spreadsheet is fully up to date.
 - c. A drop in membership from 2022 was expected and some people dropped out due to the cost of living crisis.
4. Finances
 - a. CGC subs have been paid, comprising full subs for 2023 and part subs for 2022. From this year onwards anyone joining during the year will pay an amount depending on the month, which will be calculated in 1/12's multiplied by the month number.
 - b. The cost of CGC subs as of 31-Jan-23 is £4,940.81. Club funds are £9,547.23.
 - c. The payment of CAA subs continues to be an irritation as the renewal dates are not inline with BMFA date. Most members include their CAA payment with their other subs but a couple did not. This makes it more complicated for the Treasurer to deal with, therefore from 2024 we may require any member who would like us to deal with CAA funds, to pay them at the beginning of the year or deal with them themselves. Decision to be made at the end of the year. Action: **BC**
5. Safety Issues



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- a. No major issues have been reported apart from the one detailed in Item 6.
 - b. A number of incidents have been recorded in the Incident Log and a copy will be posted on the website with names removed.
 6. [REDACTED] safety issues **Name blanked out for privacy**
 - a. [REDACTED] continues to be a danger to all with his flying and handling his models on the ground. Ref Items 7, 10 in the incident log. MM has informed [REDACTED] that if he does not deal with the issues raised with him we will remove his solo status and we could stop him flying. If we have to we will use our club disciplinary procedure set out in the CRCS Constitution.
 7. Flying limit on the runways
 - a. Due to a complaint from CGC Ref: We have reviewed the distance members can fly towards the intersection of the runways and we need to ensure people adhere to it. At this time we do not have a problem with this but we need to be ever vigilant
 8. Website Update
 - a. The new website has been fully functional for a few months now and is exactly what the club needs.
 - b. Only Frankie can upload documents to the website which makes sense and ensures it is kept tidy.
 - c. Frankie was concerned that not many members have logged in to the website and it was agreed that this is quite normal. It is always worth having a good website and Frankie was thanked for his great work in creating and administering the website.
 - d. Bill and Mario intend to prepare pics to be uploaded to the website.
 9. Sid King Memorial day/fly-in
 - a. We plan to arrange the day for sometime in April or May and we'll plan it at the next meeting.
 - 10.AOB
 - a. Update the constitution



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- i. The constitution needs to be updated to reflect the frequency of committee meetings as we do not consider it necessary to meet every month if there is not much to deal with.
- b. Voting for amendments to club procedures and constitution etc.
 - i. It is almost impossible to ensure enough members will attend a meeting to vote for any amendments as a majority of members seem to have no intention of attending a meeting.
 - ii. In early 2022 it was imperative to have the new Constitution and Airfield & Safety Rules voted in due to the previous ones being unsuitable and in a state of disarray. Due to covid concerns we published the new documents for consultation six weeks before a vote that was organised through WhatsApp. The result was that 61% of the club voted in favour.
 - iii. This issue was discussed at the AGM with one member disagreeing with this method of voting.
 - iv. We need to discuss this issue and change the Constitution to allow this type of voting if the majority of club members approve it.
 - v. Discuss in more detail at the next meeting. Action **MM**
- c. Are people insured if they have not paid the CAA?
 - i. Given that some members renew their CAA subs themselves, we are not sure if a person will be insured if they do not update them. Check with the BMFA and keep a copy of their response. Action **MM**
- d. March club meeting
 - i. The theme for the club meeting on the 2nd March will be 'Bring a project or talk about any techniques of interest'.
 - ii. Notify club members on the Forum. Action **JV**

The next meeting is scheduled for Fri 24th March at 11:00am, Aston Down

The Chairman thanked all who attended and closed the meeting at 13:00