



Cotswold Radio Control Society

CRCS AGM 2024 Minutes

Date 07-Nov-2024, 8:00pm, Control Tower, Aston Down

1. AGM 2023 Minutes were made available at the website for all the members to read there was a vote with 21 agreed and 1 abstention
2. Matters arising.
 - a. None
3. Chairman's report (including Membership)
 - a. This year the weather has been difficult with very few opportunities for flying days apart from the last month where it seems like the weather has improved and there have been more regular flying days.
 - b. There have been great sessions from regular flyers with a variety of models and skills with very enjoyable sessions.
 - c. CGC complaints, relationship
 - i. There have been no complaints from the CGC who are very happy with our presence and activities and they appreciate us being here.
 - ii. Mario Malecki and Paul Swinscoe went to a meeting organised by the CGC about the UAV testing. During the meeting the CGC explained that they need more revenue. Mario has been keeping a track on the drone testing and the flying opportunities and explained that only 1 day was impacted where there was a chance to fly but the drone testing was taking place.
 - iii. A member asked if the CGC operates while drone testing. Mario answered yes.
 - d. Scale day
 - i. While there were only a few members there, it was a great contribution with different models and made a great day including a BBQ organised by Frankie.
 - ii. The Club thanks to John Thorne for attending.
 - e. Membership
 - i. There are 67 members at the moment with about half of them actively flying that includes the two who just joined.
 - f. The Chairman wants to thank the committee for their good work and support of the club over the last 12 months. They are very passionate



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about our great hobby and ensure we can operate effectively and safely at AD.

g. Treasurer's report.

- i. Mario Malecki explained about the transition to a digital system where all the accounts and paperwork are stored digitally.
- ii. Mario went over the different accounts
- iii. Everyone accepted the financial report.
- iv. **William Cousins** is standing down as Treasurer and **Mario Malecki** is standing down as signature on the bank accounts
- v. **John Veitch** is named as the new Treasurer and **Paul Swinscoe** as signature

4. CRCS subs for 2025 will increase for £3 and voted for and approved by all present.

a. The breakdown for the subs in total will be:

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|------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| i. | CRCS | £25.00 + £3 |
| ii. | CGC | £105.00 + £10.00 |
| iii. | BMFA | £49.00 to be ratified on 26th |
| iv. | TOTAL | £179.00 |

5. Secretary, Internet Report

a. There has been a creation of 5 new email account using the club domain

- i. Secretary@crs.org.uk
- ii. Chairman@crs.org.uk
- iii. Membership@crs.org.uk
- iv. Info@crs.org.uk
- v. Treasure@crs.org.uk

b. Frankie Palomo explained about the domain just being renewed and that in March when the website expires it will be transferring all to one place for the cost of just over £100 a year.

6. Safety Officer's report.

- a. see Safety report CRCS AGM 07.11.24 Safety Report.docx

7. Flightline safety and training.

- a. Training



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A small number of trainees join each year and so far, all progressed well. In order to achieve more consistent training, we agreed to use the BMFA's method as outlined in their document "A Flying Start" We'll hold a train the trainer session early in the new year and are looking for members who are willing to become trainers / coaches. As a BMFA examiner, Paul is always willing to help members improve their flying at both A and B levels.

b. BMFA Certificates

Last year, to increase safety, both on the ground and in the air, we agreed that new club members must achieve an A Certificate prior to being awarded solo status. This has proved a success and, this year, we have awarded four A Certificates. Congratulations to Bill Cousins, Andrew Smith, Simon Adams, our youngest member Arthur Clarke and lastly, Simon Wareham who achieved his B certificate.

c. New pits layout -

Due to a number of models going into the pits we looked for a safer method of increasing the distance between the pits and the flying models. The solution was to move the pilot box further into the runway and a trial has been running over the last couple of months. We think that all Pilots who have used it say it is a safer solution which also allows a greater runoff should a model veer towards the pits. It was unanimously agreed to make this permanent and make the current corner markings bolder.

8. Approval for new picnic tables

- a. The Committee thanks Graham for looking into them. The old benches are falling apart and the wood is rotten in some cases. After looking at the newly purchased by CGC where the benches are made of recycled plastic and expecting to last longer than the wooden one, the committee asked for the vote for the club to purchase them for the total cost of £1,872.00, all members voted in favour.

9. Pre notified proposals, there were none submitted prior to the meeting



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10. Presentation of club awards.

- a. John Parker Trophy - Simon Adams: T31,
- b. Nastend Brick - Henning Schmidt

11. Election of committee and officers.

- a. Mario Malecki is standing down as Club chairman after 3 years
- b. William Cousins is standing down as Treasurer
- c. The new committee was proposed and were voted in unanimously
- d. Proposed positions
 - i. Chairman: Paul Swinscoe
 - ii. Deputy Chairman: Bob Maltby
 - iii. Secretary, Internet: Frankie Palomo
 - iv. Treasurer: John Veitch
 - v. Safety Officer: Richard Brooke
 - vi. Membership Secretary: Graham Birch
 - vii. Committee member: Simon Wareham

12. Set date for CRCS AGM 2025 - Thursday 6th November 2025

Chairman thanked all who attended and closed the meeting at 20:55