



Cotswold Radio Control Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 06-February-2025 / 6:00pm

Location Control Tower, Aston Down
Present Paul Swinscoe, Bob Maltby, Richard Brooke,
Simon Wareham, Graham Birt
Apologies John Veitch, Frankie Palomo

1. Minutes from the meeting of 14-November-2024 were reviewed and approved.
2. Matters arising.
 - a. Frankie Palomo has decided to step down from the committee with immediate effect. We send thanks to Frankie for his work and are grateful that he has offered to continue to support our IT/website activities. There is now a vacancy for secretary which we will endeavour to fix ASAP.
3. Finances Update **JV**
 - a. The Gliding Club were paid £5,090.83 for 2025
 - b. All BMFA fees received from members have been sent to the BMFA
 - c. A healthy £6,412 remains in the current account
4. Membership **GB**
 - a. 1 new member enquiry
 - b. 62 members renewed this year. 7 members did not renew.
5. Secretary **FP**
 - a. There had been a problem with payments to IONOS for our five CRCS email accounts. When we confirm this has been resolved, we can proceed with the website migration to IONOS for £10 per month, which will include the five email accounts.
 - b. We will see if any other members are interested in supporting the website.
6. Safety Issues **RB**
 - a. There were no safety issues to report
 - b. No fly zones must be enforced
 - c. Pit safety, taxi rules must be followed
7. Drone testing at AD **PS**
 - a. Mario has agreed to continue as liaison between the drone companies, CGC and CRCS
 - b. So far in 2025 the drone companies have used two days.
 - c. The approval of using runway 09 should alleviate lost days
8. Training Update **PS**



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- a. All committee members have agreed to support training for new members and those seeking additional help. We will use the BMFA's "A Flying Start" document as the basis for tuition.
- 9. Discussion of meeting with CGC on 30Nov24 and actions we could/should take
 - a. The meeting with Mike Weston CFI CGC, Bob Maltby and Paul Swinscoe went very well. CGC is pleased with our operations and has no issues.
 - b. CGC does not mind what model types we fly. Due to many members asking, the committee has agreed that there will be a trial of rotary wing models and a set of draft rules for their operation will be published to all members. If successful, a change to the constitution will be proposed at the next AGM.
 - c. The committee considered a limited operation of jet turbines. We agreed that it may be possible on runway 03 only when there are no full size operations taking place. This would be on a very occasional basis. The jet flyers in the club will develop a set of operational and safety rules. We will then approach CGC for their approval. Following this, the committee will then review the proposals.
 - d. CGC will allow us to use runway 09. There has been a flying trial on 09 with various model types and the committee has decided to approve operations from 09. A plan of the 09 Flying area will be issued to all members through an update to the CRCS Airfield and Safety Rules document
 - e. CGC has said that they now use radios in all their gliders and we might like to consider getting a radio to listen in to their communications. The committee have considered this and at this time, the observer is still the best and proven method of avoidance.
 - f. CGC is keen to hold some joint events. We both agreed that the jet demonstration should be repeated and perhaps a day where we invite CGC members to try model flying and CRCS members have a trial glider flight.
- 10. Events for this year
 - a. The Quiz night was held on 5th December and despite bad weather, it was a great success. Thanks to Bob Maltby for organising and Doug Garland for Quiz Master.
 - b. There will be a Scale fly day this year which, due to our unpredictable weather, will be announced a few days before the event.



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- c. We will hold a Bring and Buy sale on the 7th March and potentially a New Models Night on the 4th April.

11. Changes on the Constitution

- a. Online voting will be used whenever there is not a quorum. If a member does not send a reply to an online voting request their vote will be taken as affirmative.
- b. Minimum number required to pass a proposal change is 1/3 of the members.

12. AOB

- a. The committee decided that Steve Holland will be given honorary membership due to his services to the club and modelling in general over many years.
- b. An update to the Airfield and Safety Rules was approved. This changes Rules 1, 6, 16, 27, 32, 43 and a new rule was 44 added.

Next meeting – 6th March 2025 at 18:00 which will also be a club bring and buy starting at 19:00.

The Chairman thanked all attending and the meeting closed at 19.10