

Weymouth Model Flying Club



Club No. 2353

Minutes of the 22nd AGM Held on 7 December 2017 at the Victoria Inn, Knights in the Bottom.

The meeting opened at 8:0pm.

Agenda Item 1. Apologies received from:

The meeting was attended by 12 members.

Apologies received from: Richard Cross and Norman Talbot.

Notices of resignation received from: Mike Joslin and Rob Williams.

Agenda Item 2. Election of Officers for 2018

All officers were re-elected:	Chairman	Barry Townsend
	Secretary	Gerry Walkden
	Treasurer	Alan Halford

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minute of 2016 AGM

A draft copy of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated to all members with the BMFA Membership Certificates in January 2017.

The Chairman read the minutes; there being no objections, they were proposed, seconded and signed by Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the 2016 AGM

Revision 7 of the Flying Rules were issued following the 2016 AGM.

Agenda Item 5. Secretary's / Membership Report Membership.

The membership currently stands at 17.

There have been two official resignations received from: Mike Joslin and Rob Williams.

We welcome two new members: Lee Pering and Steve Burke.

Roy Partridge has been to the field and said he would join, but has not yet returned the application forms.

Lower numbers will impact on the club fee, to be discussed later.

Field Maintenance

A new battery was bought and the housing for the electric fence unit has been repaired

Weed killer was spread on the patch in an ongoing attempt to improve the flying surface.

The shed door has weathered badly during the year and will need changing in 2018.

Don Billingham has reserved funds for the purchase of materials and Alan Halford will obtain them.

The shed roof requires re-covering. There were offers of roofing felt, so just the battens will need buying.

Mower.

All the tyres and their seatings had deteriorated to such an extent that it was necessary to replace them with innertube units.

The cuttings basket is in need of repair.

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Thanks

Thanks were expressed to Pete Marks for contributing required new fence posts, to Diane Halford for keeping the accounts and to Don Billingham for printing membership cards and telephone numbers.

Agenda Item 6 To receive and approve the Treasurers Report.

Copies of the accounts were circulated to the meeting.

The closing balance being £824.

The accounts were accepted as a true record of the club's income and expenditure for 2017.

Agenda Item 7 2018 Field rent and Club fees

BMFA announcements

The BMFA has asked all Club Secretaries to bring the following notices to Members attention.

The Senior Member's fee for 2018 is £34.

The current club fee of £50 requires 14 subscriptions to cover the absolute minimum costs of field rent and petrol for the mower. We have a very good relationship with our landlord who has not given any indication of raising the rent. Following mower maintenance in the past two years it is not expected to be a significant cost in 2018. However, more members would provide a financial buffer against inevitable rising costs.

Agenda Item 8. AOB.

Recruitment of more members was considered essential to our future financial and social health.

Steve Burke made the observation that we were virtually invisible on the internet. He suggested that we needed a web site with a minimum of location and contact information. A Facebook account would also provide a vehicle for communication between members and potential recruits. There were reservations expressed about giving the specific location of our field because of the potential for unauthorized use or theft of property in such a remote location. It was agreed that the Secretary would provide Steve with the membership appeal we had sent to the BMFA for use on a web site. Action on a Facebook site would initially be limited to members only.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Social content

Presentation by Don Billingham on Large Model building.

Proposed by _____

Seconded by _____

Chairman _____