

# Weymouth Model Flying Club



Club No: CL002353

## Minutes of the 23rd AGM Held on 6 December 2018 at the Victoria Inn, Knights in the Bottom.

*The meeting opened at 8:0pm.*

### Agenda Item 1. Apologies

Apologies received from: Norman Talbot and Rob Talbot.

The meeting was attended by 13 members.

### Agenda Item 2. Election of Officers for 2019

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

### Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minute of 2017 AGM

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

### Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the 2017 AGM

A new Website was launched: [www.weymouthmodelflyingclub.co.uk](http://www.weymouthmodelflyingclub.co.uk). Thanks were expressed to all who had made contributions during the year.

A problem was reported that Google searches resulted in pointing to the old page on [www.Weymouth.co.uk](http://www.Weymouth.co.uk). The owner of this site was to be asked if the page could be deleted or a pointer inserted to the new site.

Apparently we can improve our site's search rating by creating as much activity on the site as possible. So please view it frequently and add as much new content as possible to [www.weymouthmodelflyingclub.co.uk](http://www.weymouthmodelflyingclub.co.uk).

A Facebook Group was created, again thanks were expressed to Lee Pering and Steve Burke for their work. Six members are registered and finding it very useful for arranging flying days.

A request was made for more members to register on the website and join the Facebook group. To join please contact Steve or Lee.

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

#### Membership.

The membership currently stands at 18.

The BMFA Magazine of October 2018 had reported a reduction in membership and rising costs, particularly insurance, and had appealed for clubs to recruit more members.

I believe we have a common interest here. Of our 18 members only about 12 are active flyers.

The club constitution limits the number of members to 20. This number was presumably set to limit the amount of traffic through the farm and to limit noise nuisance when most models were IC powered.

Now that the great majority of models are electric powered this second consideration no longer applies.

I believe our members have demonstrated that they always act in a responsible manner and have minimal

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impact on the operation of the farm.

During 2019 legislation will come into force (to be discussed later) that will restrict casual RC flying so increasing the demand for legal flying sites.

It was agreed that our landlord should be approached to allow an increase in membership to 30. This would give us the freedom to recruit more members and still not greatly increase the numbers of active flyers.

### Secretary's Report.

#### 1. Bovington

We participated in the Bovington Tank Museum Model Engineering Exhibition in February, for which a banner was purchased. Our stand was well presented with a wide range of models, visitors were very complimentary.

It also provided an opportunity to meet members of other local clubs manning adjacent stands.

#### 2. Trainer model

To facilitate the training of some novice flyers an E-Flite Apprentice was purchased. There were some initial problems related to a faulty receiver and a weak tailplane, but when these were resolved it proved very successful and is now considered a useful club asset.

#### 3. Portland Helicopter

The change of use of the Portland helicopter site to a training establishment resulted in more frequent low-level flights over our site. When raised with their Operations Manager he stated that as an emergency service under CAA rules there were no constraints on where they were allowed to fly. However, he would take our activity into account when scheduling future flights. There has been a noticeable improvement in the situation.

#### 4. Love Productions Battle of Britain Model Squadron

We assisted this company making a short TV series based on aerial combat during the Battle of Britain using warbird models. We were invited to the final day of filming at Chickerell Camp. It turned out to be a fun day with lots of models in the air at once. They had arranged for a BBMF Hurricane to put on a private display which was most impressive.

We were later given a Me 110 kit as a thank you for our help. This was sold to Lee House for club finds.

#### 5. Field Maintenance

The mower cuttings basket has been repaired and should last a few more years.

The repair of the shed door is nearly complete and, again, should last a few more years.

The fence battery box was repaired and solar panel charging of the battery installed. Battery checks since its installation indicate it is working satisfactorily.

The shed roof is still in need of repair.

### Thanks

Thanks were expressed 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 balance as at 30 November 2018 was £ 863.27, compared to £824.52 in 2017.

The accounts were accepted as a true record of the club's income and expenditure for 2018.

It was considered that this was a satisfactory balance.

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Agenda Item 7            Membership

This was considered to have been adequately covered under Agenda Item 5

Agenda Item 8            2019 Field rent and Club fees

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 2019. Taking into account Agenda Item 5, Membership Report and Agenda Item 6, Treasure's Report it was decided the club fee should remain unchanged at £50.

Agenda Item 9.            AOB.

1.        It was noted that the BMFA intend to make their communications mainly online during 2019. To this end they have created a new website: BMFA Membership Portal at <https://bmfa.azolve.com>. All matters relating to club and individual accounts can now be transacted through this site. To ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) WMFC will in future use it to maintain the club records relating to the BMFA. It will assist club administration if all members register on the site and use it to pay the BMFA fee and update their personal profile. See article in the December 2018 issue of BMFA News. The Secretary will be pleased to assist any member who may need help with this. As soon as you renew through the portal you have immediate access to download and print your membership documents, and clubs you are a member of can see immediately that you have renewed. While we would prefer members to renew their BMFA membership through the portal, as this is the most cost-effective and simple way, it will still be possible to renew through WMFC.

2.        The Civil Aviation Authority, which controls all civil flying in the UK, including model flying, have issued the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2018. This expands the definition of the " person in charge" of a model aircraft as: the "remote pilot" and "SUA operator" (Small Unmanned Aircraft operator). It acknowledges, however, that in many cases (in our case, most cases) this will be the same individual. A Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA) operator will be required to have a valid registration and the registration number must be displayed on the aircraft. A remote pilot will be required to demonstrate that he/she is competent to fly a SUA. These requirements are due to come into effect 30 November 2019.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_