



Minutes of the 24th AGM Draft
Held on 5 December 2019
at the Victoria Inn, Knights in the Bottom.

The meeting opened at 8:0pm.

Agenda Item 1. Apologies

Apologies received from: Martin Hutchinson, Warren England and Ken Pearson.
The meeting was attended by 13 members.

Agenda Item 2. Election of Officers for 2020

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

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minute of 2018 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 2018 AGM

1. Increased Membership

19/12/2018 Meeting with Robert and Barbara Fraser to pay rent and request permission to increase number of club members from 20 to 30. Also to extend Sunday flying.

R and B agreed to both requests with the proviso that we should keep the changes under review. Membership currently stands at 21.

2. Security

The question of security was raised: some local farmers have had equipment stolen and it is possible thieves had determined the layout of the farms from videos posted on the internet. for this reason aerial photography has been banned at some sites.

Whilst Portesham Farm have not been affected it is requested that aerial videos not be posted on any online media.

With these considerations in mind members are requested to review what they have already posted and amend / delete any that could pose a security risk.

Facebook

After reviewing what has already been posted on WMFC website and facebook it is considered we have not compromised farm security.

However, please refrain from posting any videos of the farm area..

Agenda Item 5. Membership/Secretary's Report

Membership.

The membership currently stands at 20.

We have had 4 new members during the year but a number of older members will not be renewing in 2020.

Secretary's Report.

1. Landslip

There was a landslip on the Portesham Farm access road which restricted access to the field for a few days but it was quickly repaired and is standing up well to the heavy and persistent rain we have had during November.

2. Bovington Southwest Model Engineering Exhibition at The Tank Museum.

Participated with a static display, simply to expose the hobby to the public. A steady stream of interested visitors throughout the day seemed to justify our presence.

After registering our intention to participate we then received a bill from The Tank Museum for our stand, we then had to hire extra tables and chairs, which we did, but when asked to pay for access to a 230V 13A electricity socket, to run a computer, we refused. Very much aggrieved at these charges since we were only exhibiting and not selling anything to make any profit at the show.

Wrote letter to The Tank Museum to complain at the charges.

Reply from Tank Museum saying we were rude to staff and banning us from future events.

Replied to the Tank Museum letter denying we were rude and seeking a withdrawal of the accusations and an apology from them. Never received a reply.

3. Mower and field maintenance

The mower was in need of maintenance and fortunately Le Pering was just able to squeeze it into his van and deliver it to Alan Halford's home. After extensive framework maintenance, engine overhaul and new battery the mower was returned to the field and worked perfectly throughout the season. Thanks to both.

A new, heavy duty, door was fitted to the shed, thanks again to LP.

4. Flying

Had a visitor, Graham Hill, who brought a very sophisticated 3.5 m powered glider. Climbed like a rocket and had an impressive turn of speed.

Jeff Horton demonstrated some good progress with an FPV Quad. Flew it, viewing an on-board camera with a screen mounted on a tripod.

Four members attended the Eagles Flying Association night fly-in. Weather was very kind to us and wind dropped to nothing at sunset! All succeeded in getting in a night flight with no damage.

Afterwards, enjoyed an excellent bonfire and barbecue.

5. July 2019

The Website was invaded by spurious posts. It was suggested everyone change their password.

Steve Burke eventually discovered the compromised member and changed the password. Appears to have solved the problem. Many thanks Steve.

6. BMFA Achievement Scheme successes

Lee House and Lee Pering successfully achieved their BMFA 'A' certificate. Congratulations to both. This achievement becomes particularly relevant in relation to the recently enacted CAA regulations!

Agenda Item 6 Treasurer's report

The Accounts were presented by the Treasurer and showed the club to be financially stable. They were Audited and approved. Copy attached as Appendix A.
Thanks were expressed to the Treasurer and Bookkeeper for their excellent work.

Agenda Item 7 2020 Field rent and Club fees

Our landlord has not given any indication of raising the rent..He has, however, carried out some track maintenance at our request and refused the offer of financial assistance so it is proposed to pay an additional amount in our December payment.
Following mower maintenance in the past two years it is not expected to be a significant cost in 2020. In view of this it was decided the club fee should remain unchanged at £50.

Agenda Item 8 The CAA Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme.

The Secretary made a presentation of the situation, which has only been clarified in the last few days. See Appendix B.
It was unanimously agreed that the club would not act as an intermediary in the payment of BMFA membership/insurance fees or CAA Registration fees.
The payment of these fees and compliance with the new legislation would be entirely the responsibility of each individual member.
For the reasons given in Appendix B it is recommended that members complete the necessary transactions through the BMFA Membership Portal website.
As indicated this is a very simple and straightforward online procedure, but if any member would like assistance with it please contact the Secretary who will arrange help. It is understood that Registration is also be available via post through the BMFA.

Agenda Item 9 AOB

It was suggest that club competitions and fly-ins, with a barbecue, would enhance the club. This was taken on board.
Thanks were expressed to Don Billingham for the preparation of the club membership card and telephone directory.
The Secretary gave notice that he would be retiring at the next AGM and a replacement would be required.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Proposed by _____

Seconded by _____

Chairman _____