

Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

24th November 2015

Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club was called to order at 2000 hrs. on 24 November 2015, in The Arrow public house, by the Chairman.

Present

Mark Pope (Chairman), Dave Garret (Treasurer), John Peedle (Secretary), Jan Bassett, Ray Bowden, Dave Coates, Bob Horne, Jack Mitchell (Newsletter), Douglas Phillips.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no items of business to report. Questions were raised regarding grass cutting at the airfield. The Chairman noted that there were problems with the AgustaWestland contractor (Sodexo) and agreed to send an email.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year. It was noted that there were two amendments to the written accounts:

1. The club funds are now located in the club's bank account, and not in the Leisure Complex account as stated.
2. The balance referred to 2015, and not 2016 as stated.

The club now has its own bank account, and has achieved complete financial separation from the Westland Leisure Complex, to which no further payments need be made.

The Treasurer presented his recommendation for the 2016 budget and subscriptions. Given the current financial position of the club, and the small possibility of the club needing to make any substantial expenditure in the next year, it was his recommendation that, other than the BMFA subscriptions due from each member (published at £33 by the BMFA), no club subscription should be levied for 2016. Instead this should be replaced by a £20 new member fee. This is to be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting and, subject to any decision at that future meeting, this arrangement is to run for 1 year.

There was a brief discussion regarding how the closure of the Leisure Complex may affect future subscriptions. It was agreed that the likelihood of any financial demands being placed on the club was a) small, and b) could be addressed by calling an Extraordinary General Meeting should the need arise.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and recommendations was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Ray Bowden, and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The committee offered itself for re-election as currently constituted. No members offered themselves up for election, and the entire committee was re-elected unanimously under a motion proposed by Jan Bassett and seconded by Ray Bowden.

Any Other Business

No business was raised from the floor. The Secretary gave a short report on the current situation regarding the closure of the Leisure Complex, in that South Somerset District Council had agreed to enter into negotiation with AgustaWestland to take out a lease on the Leisure Complex site and external facilities. These discussions were ongoing. Some facilities were hoped to be upgraded (the cricket pavilion and the shooting range) but nothing that would affect the club.

Agenda for Next Meeting

List the items to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2027 hrs. by the Chairman. The time and location for the next Annual General Meeting will be promulgated by the Treasurer in early November 2016.

John D. Peedle

Secretary

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