

Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
27th November 2018

Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club was called to order at 2007 hrs. on 27 November 2018, in The Arrow public house, by the Chairman.

Present

Mark Pope (Chairman), Dave Garret (Treasurer), John Peedle (Secretary), Jan Bassett, Ray Bowden, Dave Coates, Mick Evans, Jack Mitchell (Newsletter), Adrian Wakely.

Apologies

Bob Horne.

Approval of Minutes

Ray Bowden proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, which was seconded by Mark Pope. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no items of business to report. Questions were raised regarding the new building work south of the club hut. The Chairman noted that the Company had said that there would be no impact to the club. After discussion it was agreed that should an impact become apparent, the flying patch could be moved east to the next helipad. The Chairman also reported that there was a possibility of work being carried out to the main runway, although no decision had been taken regarding this.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year.

It was proposed that the 2015 decision to charge no club subscriptions to existing members (other than the BMFA element) should continue for an additional year. It was noted that the BMFA subscription has been raised to £38 for 2019.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and recommendations was proposed by Jan Bassett, 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 Dave Coates and seconded by Mick Evans.

The Treasurer announced that he is considering retirement, and that this could impact his ability to liaise with the Company. The Secretary suggested that the club approach Leonardo PR department with a view to requesting them to establish a Leonardo Liaison Office for the club. The Treasurer agreed to open a conversation.

Jack Mitchell was given a vote of thanks for his continued work on the newsletter.

Any Other Business

It was noted that the club constitution was still a work in progress. The Treasurer commented that he had been required to supply a copy in support of opening the club's bank account, and that he would search for the elderly copy he had used at that time. On receipt of that copy, the Secretary would draft an updated version for consideration by the membership.

Although grass cutting had not proved a problem for most of the year due to the dry weather, it was agreed that the Treasurer would approach Sodexo in March/April, when the grass began to grow again, to ensure continuity of service.

Dave Coates raised the situation regarding the lack of photographs on the website due to the prohibition of the use of cameras on the airfield. The chairman agreed to approach the PR department to gain its support for a subsequent request to Security for permission for members to take pictures of models within the bounds of the airfield only.

Adrian Wakely also asked if any progress had been made in obtaining use of an alternative flying site. Although several members were keeping a watch for new opportunities, nothing suitable had been identified.

The Treasurer reported that John Stevens had offered a donation to the club. As the club's only honorary member, John is presented with a club membership card each year, although his deteriorating health has not allowed him to make use of the facility recently. It was agreed that the club's funds were quite sufficient at this time, and that John be advised that any donation should be placed with a suitable local charity instead.

The treasurer announced that due to administrative difficulties, no membership cards were immediately available for members wishing to renew at the AGM. Cards would be distributed when available.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hrs. by the Chairman. The time and location for the next Annual General Meeting will be promulgated by the Treasurer in early November 2019.

John D. Peedle
Secretary
Westland and Yeovil District Aeromodellers Club