

Alton Silent Fliers

18th November 2014

2014 / 2015 AGM of the Alton Silent Fliers.

1. Apologies: Dick Holloway, Peter Chance, Barry Jordan, Andy Littleford & Honorary member Ian Kingsley.

2. Secretaries Report:

Terry welcomed those present, 16 with 5 apologies a brilliant turnout.

Terry also said he would like to thank Terry Pelling for dealing with the accounts and membership administration throughout the year and Dick Holloway for his help to date in getting the membership cards organised for the coming year.

Terry said in general terms our first year had been a success and a full program of events carried out although of late competition entry levels have been a bit of a struggle, to this end a discussion will follow on the competitions and the number of each that we run.

Terry continued by thanking Tony Ridler for running the Pete Cope Memorial trophy in 2013 / 14 and expressed his regret that Tony had decided to stand down for the coming season.

3. Treasurers Report:

Terry P reported having finally got the accounts sorted with the HSBC so the temporary measure of Karen Weeks as the nominal treasurer has now ceased. Terry as you all know officially registered the club with the BMFA and we have been allocated the club number of 2891.

Terry proposed the level of subscriptions (£55.00) remains the same for 2015 and asked that all re-join as soon as possible to allow him to get the required first batch of renewals through to the BMFA HQ. Proposed: Martin Gilbert. Seconded: Glyn Chambers and accepted with a unanimous vote.

Terry thanked Martin Bell for running the National Opens for us and the very welcome contribution of £140.00 for the club funds.

The 2014 / 2015 site rent has been paid, refer to the balance sheet.

This year's accounts have been audited by a club member to avoid what I felt was an unnecessary expense of an independent auditor (£55.00 Quoted).

4. The new Committee:

We continue to believe we need a minimum of 3 even though we are running the club on an informal basis. The current committee is:

Secretary:	Terry Weeks
Treasurer & Membership:	Terry Pelling
Committee:	Geoff Bentley
IT:	Dick Holloway

Terry asked were there any other proposals and there were none so the committee was elected en-bloc. Proposed: Clive Learwood. Seconded: Gary Kirk and voting was unanimous.

Terry said he continued to believe that there was little to meet for as most of the day to day administrative work was being done by email and we continue with our intention to involve everyone in policy decisions / the way forward at the designated Club Nights.

5. Membership:

Terry P reported the membership level in 2014 was 24.
BMFA Fee for 2015 has been confirmed to be £32.00 as last year.
Our agreed fee of £55.00 accepted as unchanged for the coming year.

6. Club Night: Confirmed to continue to be the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Bell in Odiham.

7. Rulebook: No Changes are envisaged so no need to re-issue.

8. Membership Form: These are available tonight for all renewals.

9. Website: Again this is has been organised by Dick – www.altonsilentflyers.co.uk.

10. Calendar of events: To be discussed tonight with CD's appointed.

- a. National Esoaring dates already set as follows:
Sunday 17th May 2015; Sunday 14th June 2015; Sunday 26th July 2015
and finally Sunday 27th September 2015.
- b. Esoaring Club Events: 6 standalone events to be arranged, 4 rounds to be flown with the best 3 to count – Terry W to CD.
- c. Esoaring Club Open: To be one of the above events elected at the time of producing the calendar. To be run over 6 rounds with the best 5 to count for the Annual Open. (Only the first 4 rounds to count for the league score.
- d. Pete Cope Memorial Trophy: Glyn to CD with help and to be run as before as a foamy competition.
- e. 100S: To be dropped in favour of running an experimental F5J event. Martin B to CD.
- f. Thermal Open: To be run and CD to be Terry P.

Terry to put the calendar together in liaison with his counterpart ay TVSF to try to avoid clashes of the events that some take part in such as their Hand-Launch series, Thermal Open, Esoaring Open and 100S Open competitions.

11. A.O B:

- a. Next meeting 16th December 2014, please ensure renewals are received if not already actioned in November.
- b. For information Tony Ridler is now approved as a 2nd Club Examiner and joins Terry Pelling as club examiner, Terry W is an Area Chief Examiner all approved for Silent Flight.
- c. Tony asked if the Web-site could be used more, Terry to speak to Dick when time permitted but as usual it is a case of getting content to Dick to put on the website.

12. Calling notice: The 2015 AGM will be on the 17th November 2015.

13. Finally the meeting closed at 8:55 pm.