

# Alton Silent Fliers

17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## 2014 / 2015 AGM of the Alton Silent Fliers.

1. **Apologies:** Honorary member Ian Kingsley, Roger Stacey, Terry Pelling, Barry Jordan and Bert Lann.

2. **Secretaries Report:**

Terry welcomed those present, 8 with 5 apologies a moderate 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 with the web-site.

Terry said in general terms our second 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. Terry had produced a proposed calendar for 2016 and this will be discussed tonight and adjusted as necessary.

Terry continued by thanking Tony Ridler for continuing to run the Pete Cope Memorial trophy in 2014 / 15 and expressed his hopes that Tony would continue to run the event for the coming season, at this point Tony agreed.

3. **Treasurers Report:**

Terry P unfortunately could not make this evening so passed the treasurers report to Terry W. He reported having maintained the accounts with the HSBC and presented the Balance sheet. Terry raised the level of subscriptions (£55.00), it was agreed that an increase of £1 to £56.00 should apply for 2016. Terry asked that all re-join as soon as possible to allow the club to get the required first batch of renewals through to the BMFA HQ. A reduced membership rate for new members of £28 (Half) + £30 joining fee + the applicable BMFA fee will apply after the 31<sup>st</sup> August each year in line with the BMFA practice.

Proposed: Peter Wallis, Seconded: Martin Gilbert and accepted with a unanimous vote.

Terry thanked Martin Bell for running the National Opens for us and the very welcome contribution of £111.00 for the club funds.

The 2015 / 2016 site rent has been paid, refer to the balance sheet.

This year's accounts have been audited by a club member to avoid what we felt was an unnecessary expense of an independent auditor. (See AOB for 2016)

4. **The Committee:**

We continue to believe that we can run the club on an informal basis.

For 2016 we suggest that we continue with just Terry Weeks and Terry Pelling covering the day to day administration and the rest of the members being consulted at club nights for the general running of the club and its activities.

Terry asked were there any other proposals, there were none so the above arrangement was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Proposed: Martin Gilbert, Seconded: Glyn Chambers and voting was unanimous.

## 5. Membership:

Terry W in Terry's absence reported the membership level in 2015 was 28. BMFA Fee for 2016 has been confirmed to be £33.00, a £1 increase from last year. Our fee of £56.00 agreed above makes a total of £89.00 for those joining the BMFA through the club which we would like to encourage. Terry said he would accept renewals at the end of the meeting at the agreed rate(s).

6. **Club Night:** Confirmed to continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Three Horseshoes adjacent the site in East Worldham.

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

8. **Website:** Again this is has been organised by Dick – [www.altonsilentflyers.co.uk](http://www.altonsilentflyers.co.uk).

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

- a. National Esoaring dates already set as follows:  
Sunday 15th May 2016; Sunday 12th June 2016; Sunday 24th July 2016 and Sunday 25th September 2016. CD: All to help as much as possible.
- b. Esoaring Club Events: 7 events to be arranged, 4 rounds to be flown with the best 3 to count – Martin Gilbert to CD with helpers
- c. Esoaring Club Annual Open: This is to be a stand-alone event, refer to the proposed calendar. To be run over 6 rounds with the best 5 to count - Terry Weeks to CD.
- d. Pete Cope Memorial Trophy – The Foamy: 7 Events to be arranged, Tony to CD with help and to be run as before but for 2016 we believe a trophy be presented as well as the perpetual trophy for the winner to keep.

Terry has confirmed the calendar in liaison with his counterpart at 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.

## 10. A.O B:

- a. Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, please ensure renewals are received if not already actioned in November. Monies for the January meeting dinner to also be collected at the December meeting (13 to date attending).
- b. For information Tony Ridler and Terry Pelling will be re-ratified as club examiners and Terry W is to remain as an approved BMFA Southern Area Chief Examiner, all are approved for Silent Flight.
- c. The meal arranged for 19th January: The full menu to be made available at the December meeting so that your choices can be ordered & paid for in advance so we can all eat together.
- d. Tony advised that clubs can now appoint an "Inspector of accounts" instead of the need / expense to appoint an auditor, Tony volunteered to do this when asked.
- e. Peter asked could we issue a membership list to all with telephone numbers, Terry said that to do this we would have to get permission of individual members due to the Data protection act, Terry to ask all members and publish same as a result.
- f. Phil asked for clarification of the joining fee and application of same.

*Following the meeting Terry referred to the rules and advised that the situation is: "Joining Fee £30 applicable to all new members and those re-joining after a lapse of more than 2 years".*

**11. A.O.B Continued:**

- a. Phil also asked regarding the rate for new members joining later in the year.  
*Again following the meeting terry referred to the rules and can advise that from the 31<sup>st</sup> August ½ of the membership fee applies with the joining fee and whatever BMFA fee applies at the time.*
- b. **Calling notice:** The 2016 AGM will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**12.** Finally the meeting closed at 9:15 pm.