

Alton Silent Fliers

20th November 2018

Minutes of the 2018 / 2019 AGM of the Alton Silent Fliers.

1. Apologies: Bill Cooke. There were 12 in attendance and Terry thanked all for coming.

2. Secretaries Report:

Terry said his report this year would be brief as everything had gone reasonably well with no contentious issues being raised.

As in previous years Terry and I very much look after the accounts together, Terry doing the vast majority of the legwork in banking cheques, sorting the BMFA memberships, organising the trophies and the prize-giving evening, I just assist with the book keeping.

We are up and running on the new "Go Membership" system and I would urge you to join through the club if not through another club, as country members are treated by the BMFA as poor relations with few rights other than the basic membership.

The accounts are presented in the same format as last year but just extended for another year as we said we would last year. We will show all 2019 membership monies as collected in 2019 even if actually paid early.

Good news, we are proposing to make no changes to the subscription rates so they remain at the 2018 level of £55.00.

The BMFA subscription rate has been increased to £38.00 I had challenged the need for this excessive increase, but as usual what was proposed at the AGM was accepted.

It is worth mentioning that the National Opens we run have netted the club £249.03 this year so it is well worth the effort.

The Final end of year balance is as shown £2446.80, an increase in funds over last year of £351.93. All accounts details were accepted unanimously.

I am prepared to continue as club secretary for 2019 if all agree.

3. Treasurers Report:

Terry passed round a copy of the latest Bank statement that agreed with the above figures for all to see.

4. The Committee: Terry & Myself and the remainder of the membership.

All were happy and no changes proposed.

5. Membership:

We estimate this will be around 19 / 20 plus our junior Alex.

6. Club Night:

It is proposed to remain as the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Three Horseshoes adjacent the club site in East Worldham, subject to the new landlord from February 2019 agreeing that we continue.

7. Rulebook:

No changes but refer to the web-site for the up to date copy. However one possibility is that the height limiter setting for Esoaring competitions may be reduced to 175Mtrs, but this is subject to all areas agreeing the change, thus minimising the need to continually change settings dependant on where you fly. Following a discussion on various options proposed it was agreed that we adopt the change should it happen.

8. Website:

Again this year has been maintained and organised by Tony who has done a great job in keeping us all up to date, Thanks Tony. – www.altonsilentflyers.co.uk.

9. Calendar of events:

The draft was presented and following two changes it was confirmed tonight.

- a. National Esoaring dates already set as follows:
Sunday 26th May 2019; Sunday 16th June 2019; Sunday 21st July 2019 and Sunday 8th September 2019.
- b. Esoaring Club League: 6 rounds planned / best 4 to count.
- c. Esoaring Club Open: 4th August 2019 - 6 rounds with a discard if all rounds flown.
- d. Pete Cope Memorial Trophy / Foamy League: 6 rounds planned / best 4 to count.

The Calendar to be emailed to all now agreed.

Action Terry W.

10. A.O B:

a. Next meeting 18th December 2018, please ensure renewals are received at the meeting if not already paid in November.

As mentioned previously in these minutes even though the new “Go Membership” portal on the BMFA website allows direct payment for ease of control by Terry, please pay via the club by cheque or BACS. Terry will then do a block renewal to the BMFA. If you pay via another club follow whatever their preferred system requires. If you have been a “Country Member” please now join via the club. For information the new portal allows all clubs of which you are a member to be clearly seen, the club which you join through becomes your “Prime Club”.

BACS details: Sort 40-09-18; Account 72081709 and use your surname as the reference.

b. For information Terry Pelling and Tony Ridler are confirmed as Club Examiners and Terry Weeks as an Area Chief Examiner all approved for Silent Flight.

c. The meal arranged for 15th January: The full menu to be made available but your choices to be ordered in advance so we can all eat together.

The Menu is to be made available at the December meeting.

d. Mid-week competitions to be considered as replacements for those lost in 2019.

e. S. Area Gala, date to be confirmed, but will be bigger than last year with a separate gliding flight-line. I will as well as a fun-fly for all be running a 3 round Esoaring competition for which trophies will be awarded.

f. Roger proposed a vote of thanks be noted for the work Terry & I have done.

g. Jim proposed we set up a fun-fly and invite MVSA members and TVSF to join us at East Worldham, if all goes well further events may be considered possibly with a BBQ?

f. **Calling notice:** The 2018 / 2019 AGM will be on the 19th November 2019.