

Alton Silent Fliers

19th November 2019

Minutes of the 2019 / 2020 AGM of the Alton Silent Fliers.

- 1. Apologies:** Phil Goldsmith & Guy Warren. Bert had to leave early due to a puncture being spotted on his car before we actually got going. (I hope you got home ok Bert.)

There were 11 in attendance and Terry thanked all for coming, especially James Gilbert who will be joining us again next year.

2. Secretaries Report:

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

As last year 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 bookkeeping. 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 all but extinct. This coming year we have the CAA registration to contend with so an extra £9.00 will be required for Terry to pass on to the BMFA. By paying this extra fee you will be automatically giving the club and the BMFA permission to pass on your details: Name, address, telephone number, email address and finally your date of birth.

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 2020 membership monies as collected in 2020 even if actually paid early, this keeps our income and expenditure for the year tidy. 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 also been confirmed to stay at £38.00 + the £9.00 mentioned earlier. Once again it is worth mentioning that the National Opens, we ran this year netted the club £231.00 so it is well worth the effort.

The Final end of year balance is as shown £3013.51, an increase in funds over last year of £566.71 largely thanks to our increased membership (22 including 2 juniors) and the above-mentioned income from the national opens. All accounts details were accepted unanimously. Terry suggested that if this trend continues and membership holds up a reduction in the 2021 year could be an option.

I am prepared to continue as club secretary for 2020 if all agree.

3. Treasurers Report:

Terry passed round a copy of the latest accounts that agreed with the above figures for all to see. These were proposed by Martin Gilbert and seconded by Bill Cooke and accepted unanimously.

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

All were happy and no changes proposed.

5. Membership:

We estimate this will remain similar to the current level.

6. Club Night:

It is proposed to continue as the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Three Horseshoes adjacent the club site in East Worldham.

7. Rulebook:

No changes except the agreed change to height limiter setting for Esoaring to 175mtrs. Please refer to the website for an up to date copy.

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.

A new Southern Area BMFA website is now up and running, due to cost restraints the area committee have adopted a BMFA HO hosted site, and muggings has for the time being volunteered to set it up and maintain it, have a look. – <https://southern.bmfa.uk/>

9. Calendar of events:

Terry went over the basic proposed layout, similar to last of year and acceptance was approved at the meeting.

- a. National Esoaring dates already set as follows:
Sunday 24th May 2020; Sunday 7th June 2020; Sunday 26th July 2020 and Sunday 6th September 2020.
- b. Esoaring Club League: 6 rounds planned / best 4 to count.
- c. Esoaring Club Open: 2nd August 2020 - 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 with these minutes.

Action Terry W.

10. A.O B:

a. Next meeting 17th December 2019, 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 on your profile, 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 21st January: The full menu to be made available at the December meeting, your choices to be ordered in advance so we can all eat together.

The Menu for those not at the meeting will be emailed to all.

d. The New regulations: Terry advised that once the new registration scheme is implemented you will all be given a CAA registration number, this must by law be displayed on each and every model you own, if a scale model it is permitted to add this inside the model but must be in an accessible place such as the back of the canopy or similar. I believe the fine for not doing so will be £10,000.00!! if caught. The good news is that if your model is under 7kg the exemption on height limitation is still in place.

And finally, if you have an “A” certificate you are also exempt from having to take the CAA on-line test.

e. Fees: Club: £55.00 club for Senior and £64.00 for family (1 Senior + 1 Junior).
BMFA: £38.00 Senior and £51.00 for family as above.
CAA: £ 9.00 for all.

Terry said the actual mechanics of paying the CAA registration have yet to be finalised but if you let Terry have the full amount on or before the December meeting, he will sort it.

Finally, CAA Qualification: You can register without proof of qualification but before you fly you must either have or achieve an “A” certificate or complete the on-line test direct with the CAA or through the BMFA.

Calling notice: The 2019 / 2020 AGM will be on the 17th November 2020.

The AGM closed at c 9:15 pm:

Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year if we do not see you before and enjoy your flying in 2020.

Terry Weeks – Club Secretary / Chairman & Terry Pelling – Club Treasurer.