



Minutes of 2016 DMHC Annual General Meeting

Attendees

N Logan

F Khatir

S Dean

D Evans

P Johnson

S Morris

T Roberts

I Stokes

R Adams

K Chandndler

A Denahay

L Pering

J Light

Apologies received

P Hedgeland

J MacKenzie

C Morris

Meeting started at 19:00

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (2016)

Thank you to you all for attending this year's AGM.

The field maintenance has not been trouble free this year due to some very wet periods which resulted in issues with entrance to field this was addressed eventually by filling and reinforcement of entrance to the field; we need to take to consideration that the flying field is an agricultural land and subject to EU and rural area zone rules. The club mower was positioned at the field during the year having required repair number of times however this has saved the club money last year, we have also purchase another smaller mower, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the few members that have so kindly gave up their time and helped out with repairs of the mower and cutting of the grass during 2016. Taking to consideration that when I took over as the club Chairman we had around 10 members, we have progressed well during this year to end up with 29 members which has been the highest since I joined the club We still do not have any BMFA examiners associated to DMHC however the club has continued to help members as much as possible regarding practice and taking 'A' and 'B' helicopter tests.

We had a very enjoyable and successful open day this year and I would like to thank all who contributed to organisation and running of the event, Specially Ross Adams and his family by running the BBQ so successfully which made the day special.

Adrian and Paul have continued to work this year with the running and development of our club website and the club forum which is working well and very important to the club.

My aim as the club chairman has always been to ensure that the club remains in financially sound situation and that we will retain the flying field by having a good relationship with the land agent whom managing the flying field on behalf of the owner and also to ensure that we do not disturb the neighbours and local community by keeping a low profile, to this end the club is financially sound at this time and we still have a very nice flying field.

Thank you for your support during 2016.

Farhad Khatir

Chairman

Secretaries Report

The club membership has grown over the year and now stands at 29. The mower has been a problem this year with several repairs being needed this resulted in us buying a smaller mower which has been very useful and has enabled us to keep the grass down. *I would like to thank all members who have helped with the upkeep of the field and the maintenance of the mower.*

Treasurer's Report

Financially the club remains in even better shape than last year of our aim to have a year's field rent in hand which has been surpassed with us now having two years rent in hand .The Balance sheet is below.

Stand down & Election of Committee

All of the existing committee were to stand down with all positions up for election. We would all like to thank Farhad and Ian for all their hard work over the past few years. The following persons were nominated, seconded and voted into the positions by all members at the meeting.

There being two members wishing to be Chairman a secret ballot was conducted and a Chairman voted in by majority.

The following committee members were seconded and voted in as follows

Chairman Stephen Morris

Secretary/Treasurer Neville Logan

Ross Adams

Paul Hedgeland

James Mackenzie

Membership Fees

It was agreed after much discussion that the membership fees for 2017 would decrease to £60 per year with reductions for joining later as shown below.

Joining between Jan 1 st to Mar 31 st	£60
April 1 st to June 30 th	£55
July 1 st to Sept 30 th	£50
Oct 1 st to Dec 31 st	£45

It was also agreed that the joining fee of £20 will still be payable by new members and by existing members whose membership has lapsed by more than one calendar month.

Membership renewals need to be returned no later than 31st Dec 2015. The DMHC and BMFA membership fees will be able to be paid online using online banking details will be posted on club website.

Flying Times

After much discussion around starting earlier or finishing later it was agreed the flying times remain the same.

Parking installation of hardstanding

Several suggestions of systems that we could easily remove were put forward however landlord permission would be needed. We will look into this and report back via the club forum when further information is available.

Website access extension till end of January

This was generally thought to be a good idea to enable members to pay new fees as we publish the club account details to send payments to.

Raise membership cap to 35

It was agreed that generally the numbers should stay at 30 however the committee should have some discretion up to 35 depending on numbers attending on flying days.

Guest day pass introduction for small fee

A guest day pass was suggested and agreed with the small fee of £5 payable. Please note that your guest must have insurance and must be able to show proof i.e. BMFA card.

Club fly-in and possible in house comps.

James was nominated to be our in house competition organiser and we look forward to see what he has in mind. It was agreed we would hold one open day with a date to be confirmed via the club forum.

A.O.B

An explanation of club rules (28 days flying) as we all know we are licenced to fly for 28 days per contracted period, we have been lucky that the land owner turns a blind eye, however we all agreed that we should not do anything that could put that arrangement under review.

Steve Morris (Chairman) addressed the meeting seeking a discussion of a 5 year plan for the club. I was thought to be good if we could develop the field if possible but would need landlord consent. Steve has agreed to introduce himself as the new Chairman to the landlord and land agent with the hope of starting the conversation towards this. It was also thought it may be good to find an alternative field and that we should all keep a look out for potential sites.

We agreed that we should give a small Christmas gift to the landlord and land agent by way of a thank you.

It was also decided that we would purchase a new lock for the gate when we change the combination for 2017.

A reminder to all to take all your litter home when leaving the field

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:30