



Minutes of 2017 DMHC Annual General Meeting

Attendees

N Logan

S Dean

D Evans

S Morris

I Stokes

K Chandler

S Thomas

N Hunt

A Denahay

Apologies received

P Hedgeland

J MacKenzie

C Morris

F Khatir

P Johnson

C Barrows

Meeting started at 20:00

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (2017)

When I joined the club in 2014 it was a revisit to flying helicopters after some years of flying fixed wing aircraft. I passed the B test in 1994 for both on the same day using a shuttle and WOT 4, interesting times.

He reason for putting my name forward was I felt that there needed to be some new faces on the committee and there was some poor communication and decision making in the club.

So I would like to thank all of you for voting me in as chairman although it was on top secret paper? One other thing that worried me was the use of the field which I asked about when I joined, that also seemed to be top secret as well!

As we all know within hours of sitting in the chair we had a problem with our planning permission and the use of the field. The licence agreement was also only for 28 days a year. So on the 31st May 2017 after a lot of hard work the planning permission for change of use wad given to the club. I would like to thank all of the members and the committee for their support and Help. A big thanks to Neville for coordinating all of the paperwork.

OK on to happy times now! The open day on 19th August 2017 was a good day lots of new faces delicious food and a lively atmosphere which is what a club is all about.

The field looked good too! The grass cut short with plenty of parking space and even a toilet on site. We raised £226.24 for charity (supporting bereaved children). Big thanks to everyone for all the help this year. I hope I hope I have created a more open atmosphere in the club.

Yours Steve (The Boss)

Chairman

Secretaries Report

The club membership has grown over the year and now stands at 30. The mower has again been a problem with several repairs. We have purchased further equipment to keep grass down and enable us to cut the whole field . *I would like to thank all members who have helped with the upkeep of the field and the maintenance of the mower. This has resulted in new members and several good comments at the open day of how good the field was. This has also resulted in for the first time we have had to turn away new members as we have reached our agreed membership level.*

Treasurer's Report

Financially the club remains in good shape than last year of our aim to have a year's field rent in hand which has been achieved although we have spent on planning permission (£385) and new grass cutting equipment and repairs (£689.98) .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. With only Derek putting himself forward and Stuart not standing this year the committee for 2018 will be as follows.

Chairman Stephen Morris

Secretary/Treasurer Neville Logan

Ross Adams

Paul Hedgeland

Derek Evans

We would all like to thank Stuart for all his efforts this year especially with the grass cutting equipment and for his support in getting planning.

Increase of membership numbers

With the club membership for 2017 being full it was agreed by all at the meeting that the maximum membership for 2018 would be set at 35.

Plans for next year (Storage container, New mower and toilet)

The idea for getting a storage container for the grass cutting equipment has been talked about both by the committee and by members at the field for sometime this year and we have asked Purbeck Council for guidance regarding planning, unfortunately we have been told that full planning will be required. All decided that we should apply and see where we go forward from there. Should we get permission we purposed that we look into getting a new mower that would be able to cut the whole field. Also we hope to be able to site a portable toilet the committee will look into the cost and report via the forum when costs have been worked out. All were in favour of these and were supportive and thought they would be a good step for the future of the club.

Membership Fees

It was agreed after much discussion that the membership fees for 2018 would increase to £70 per year with reductions for joining later as shown below.

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| Joining between Jan 1 st to Mar 31 st | £70 |
| April 1 st to June 30 th | £65 |
| July 1 st to Sept 30 th | £60 |
| Oct 1 st to Dec 31 st | £55 |

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 2017. The DMHC and BMFA membership fees will be able to be paid online using online banking details will be posted on club website. Please remember that you will not be able to fly until membership and BMFA fees are paid in full.

Advanced Membership offer

To enable the club to bring the new items above it had been suggested that if some members were able to pay for their membership in advance so the club could benefit from the increased funds instead of waiting for the funds to become available over time. This caused a lot of discussion with support from everyone and it was decided that would as for 10 members to commit to paying in advance for 4 years. It was agreed that these members would only have to pay more should the club fees increase within that 4 year period.

2018 Fly-in

With the success of the fly-in this year we decided that the 2018 fly-in would be again in August with the date to be confirmed. We also agreed to run an auction and a raffle. We also would like suggestions of a local charity to support this year.

Training for mower / grass cutting equipment

We again have had to rely on very few members cutting the grass so have decided that we should give everyone the chance to assist. With that in mind we will give a quick training session on how to use the equipment in the hope that more members will do their bit after all the equipment belongs to us all and all of us pay the same fees. So please lend a hand.

A.O.B

Club clothing. Ian has again agreed to sort out any orders for clothing, he is waiting on an updated price list and will post this up on the forum when available.

Members contact list. We would like to put up a contact list on the forum so that members can contact each other more easily. Should you not want your phone number published on the list please let the committee know. Please know that the forum will only be seen by other members.

2018 membership applications, Please complete a 2018 membership application form so that we have up to date contact information this can be done via email and the forms will be available from the club website shortly.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21:35