



WALTHAM CHASE AEROMODELLERS MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15-12-2021

2000hrs

Zoom Call

1. Chairman's welcome to the attendees

Attendees;

Alan Walington
Andy Wright
Charles Grocott
Dave Durnford
Dave Small
David Reynolds
Dorian Millachip
Ernie Hampton
Graham Essery
Graham Gardner
James Dibben

Jason Fry
Jim Hall
Kevin Howard
Kevin Mcghee
Mark Ainsworth Smith
Matt Doel
Peter Happle
Richard Wright
Ryan Pratt
Tim Forcer
Tony Butterworth

2. Notification of apologies for non attendance at the 2021 AGM.

Derek Pratt
Dave Ellery
John Urwin
Les Exall
Matt Hampton

Peter Saunders
Rob Exall
Terry Elvidge
Terry Gardner

3. Review and corrections of minutes of the 2020 AGM.

Accepted by Dorian Millachip

4. Chairman's report

The year began with the country in lock-down and ends with something approaching normal operations for the Club, at least at the time of writing. Outdoor flying activities resumed in March on a small scale with severely limited

numbers and a booking system. We are grateful to Graham Gardner for running the bookings fairly and efficiently, thanks Graham. Later an increase in numbers became possible, reaching a point by mid-summer when we were able to accommodate our usual number of attendees at TVF, albeit with precautions still in place to minimise infection risk.

During the bleak months of winter when flying wasn't permitted, the strip at TVF was kept in excellent condition by a few members to whom the Club owes a large debt. When the resumption came we were able to take advantage of a strip kept up to its usual high standards by the efforts of Ernie Hampton, Pete Sanders, Matt Doel, Graham Gardner and Jim Hall amongst others. This small band of volunteers give up much of their time to cutting the strip, keeping the whole site in order and maintaining the machinery.

Indoor flying resumed during the course of the year with strict anti-infection protocols and limited numbers. Towards the end of summer a slight increase in participants became possible but still with measures in place to minimise risk of virus transmission. A fuller review of the situation appears in Alan Wallington's report.

The Committee has met regularly, always remotely via Zoom. Much of the Committee's business has been to do with response to the pandemic. Otherwise the Committee has dealt with the usual Club administration matters, with nothing exceptional to report this year. I would like to express my personal gratitude to the members of the Committee for the time they have given on behalf of the Club during the course of this year and for the spirit of friendly and constructive cooperation that has characterised Committee meetings.

Members who have been flying during the latter part of the year will have noticed and probably taken advantage of the upgraded battery charging equipment now installed at TVF. Our thanks go in particular to Matt Doel, Dave Reynolds, Richard Bristow and others who assisted for this very significant enhancement of our facilities.

Membership numbers have remained stable and close to the maximum. We have welcomed a few new members recently and hope they are by now feeling at home in our Club and enjoying their flying.

How the year ahead will unfold in respect of the pandemic seems a little unpredictable at the moment and I am not tempted to speculate. However, we will continue to try to afford members the opportunity to enjoy their membership privileges commensurate with government advice and regulation and the guidelines of our Association, with the safety of our members being the primary consideration.

I wish you all a joyful Christmas and very happy New Year.

Kevin McGhee

5. Vice Chairman's report

As I have not been able to get up to the flying field very often this year, I have not got a lot to report.

The only thing I would like to remind everyone of is that the speed limit on Tangier lane is 10 MPH. Now the lane has been resurfaced, it can be so easy to let your speed creep up, but as there are likely to be farm vehicles and walkers using the lane it is important to keep to the 10 MPH limit.

We do not want any accidents or complaints. So please watch your speed.

As things seem to have sealed down a bit for me, I hope to be able to get up to the flying field more often, and get some desperately needed stick time in. Have a good Christmas and a safe flying year.

Jim.

6. Honorary Secretary's report.

Mat Dole and Dave Reynolds have put a lot of effort and hours into creating the new large table with integral solar charging station. This is a great asset to the flying site. Many thanks to Mat and Dave. If you have any questions on the operation of the charging station please speak to Mat or Dave.

Mark Gregory has asked that the club equipment, trollies, BBQ, mowers etc, be moved from their current location in the barn adjacent to the field to one of the old cow sheds. When using this equipment please return it to this new location.

Mark Gregory has also asked that we park our cars in the bottom yard so as to leave the yard nearest the field free for use by the Vehicle transport trucks.

Mark has also noted that some members seem to exceed the 10MPH speed limit on the lane and through the yard. Please respect that the lane and yard are used by his family (including children), farm vehicles, CJ vehicle transport and walkers. Speed must be kept to 10MPH on the lane and walking pace through the yard.

Finally, congratulations to Dave Reynold on passing his Heli A Cert. If you would like to take an A or B cert test or have any questions, please speak to me.

7. Honorary Treasurer's report and recommendations for WCA Club subscription fees for 2022.

Having taken on the role of Hon. Treasurer at the last AGM, it was not possible for me to actively take over the duties from Kevin McGhee until August. Kevin very kindly looked after the affiliation process, as this spanned the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. Unfortunately, the change of signatory process failed, and HSBC were so uncooperative with our attempts to carry this out that the committee decided to change banks. We now have a Barclays Community account, which gives free banking, and also on-line and mobile banking and electronic payment from our account. We also have a debit card linked to our account, which means that we can pay for items directly if required.

I was only able to actively operate the bank account from the beginning of August, as all correspondence from HSBC went directly to Kevin. Please note that the bank details which you used last year for affiliation are no longer valid, so when renewing your club membership, you must use the details provided on the membership form which will be circulated to all members after this meeting. If you pay by cheque please do not use "WCA" as the payee on your cheque, as this will be refused by the bank – only "Waltham Chase Aeromodellers" is acceptable. This year we admitted four new members to the club, and we do have offers open to two more candidates. It would appear that next year we will be able to admit more new members.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the committee for their assistance during the last year.

A.J.Wallington

Refer to attached financial report.
The financial report was accepted
Proposed Jim Hall
2nd Dave Reynolds

Proposed club subscription fees for 2022, Snr £55, Jnr Free
Proposed Dorian Millachip
2nd Mark Ainsworth Smith

8. PRO's report.

Once again we have endured a somewhat restricted level of activity this year. Coronavirus has continued to affect everyone's life this year, resulting in lower levels of attendance and activity at the flying site.

My PRO activities this year have been limited to receiving an I/C trainer, with 35MHz radio gear and field box from the parents of a junior member of the club from 10 years or so ago. The Irvine 40 needs a strip down and clean out, and the model needs a thorough clean and check for airworthiness, but once these tasks are complete the club should have an I/C club trainer for use with new members and beginners.

In line with government guidance and regulations we have been running indoor events (R/C and F/F) at Wickham every Thursday since the opening up of indoor venues in May. We have just held our third indoor R/C event at Havant, and people seem to be slowly moving back to enjoy indoor flying again. We will have to see how things develop over the next few weeks to see if we will be back to lockdown again.

Thanks go to all my colleagues on the committee. Hopefully we will be able to go back to our usual level of activity next year. Finally, I look forward to seeing all club members at the flying site next year.

A.J.Wallington

9. Event Co-ordinators report.

Once again, due to the Covid restrictions events have not been held at TVF. We look forward to returning with an Open class glider comp and STOL comp.

10. Web Masters Report.

The web site is due for some updates next year with flying days and times to be shown. While some log in problems persist these are to be addressed. Login is no longer needed to view the flying times.

11. Election of the Committee for 2022.

The proposed 2022 committee is as below;

- 1) Chair – Kevin McGhee

- 2) Vice Chair – Jim Hall;
- 3) Secretary – Richard Bristow
- 4) Treasurer – Alan Wallington
- 5) Events Officer – Jason Fry
- 6) PRO – Alan Wallington
- 7) Web Master – Dorian Millachip

Proposed Mark Ainsworth Smith
2nd Ernie Hampton

12. Ratification of club examiner for 2022.

Current BMFA examiners are:
Richard Bristow, Club examiner
David Durnford, Club examiner

Proposed, Alan Wallington
2nd Dave Small

13. To set a provisional date and venue for the 2022 WCA AGM

Wednesday 7th December Zoom

Vote of thanks to the Committee led by Kevin Howard