

Raydon & District Model Aircraft Club

Annual General Meeting
Held at the club hut on
10.00am Sunday 4th December 2016

Minutes

1. Attendance and Apologies for absence

There were 28 members in attendance.

Apologies : Lee Marshall, Gerry Pilling, Ian McFadyen, Dennis Norman, Paul Jefferies, Brian Dicks, Clive Joseph, John Kinsey, Don Judge, Roger Emms, John Hancock

2. Agreement of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on November 22nd 2015

Proposed : David Jowers

Seconded : Trevor Williams

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

RADMAC's CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM 2016

In this report I have purposely included the names of those who have volunteered to do a little extra this year. Before that though, I must thank the committee who have managed the ongoing essential tasks of the club and without whom nothing would function.

The first thing to mention is that we have four new members as of this year and who have all been active throughout the year. I am sure that you have met them all already and I am sure have made them welcome. They are Dean Coxon, Ian Macfadyen, Barry Underwood and Marc Osborne.

After the "Free for All" new years day fun- fly, where we all paddled around in the mud as usual, the first item in 2016 was to host the "8th in the East" archaeology group in January where we again allow them the use of our club-house.

I learned that Raydon was actually built as a bomber base and they were exploring the bomb dump which was in the woods over to the North. Our own room was, in fact built as a secure Norden bomb-sight store – (this device was secret when introduced) - hence its steel reinforced walls etc.

On a similar subject we allowed one of the local aviation historians to photograph that piece of aircraft on the back wall, which turns out to be part of a P47 Thunderbolt fuselage from an aircraft which crashed at Hintlesham Great wood late in the war, after a collision with a Mustang. Both pilots were killed.

With the exception of the mid-summer's eve "Fly of Fun", some of our main events this year have suffered from "slightly challenging" weather- nevertheless, helpers and members have turned out to support these, for which thanks to our main organizer, Dave Wilde, + Dick Mathias, Helen and Chris Bush, Steve Hart, Mike Croke – I am sure there are others that I have missed out – my apologies!

We also had a couple of really good new events; the NPOD (New Pilot Open Day) Chris participated and helped with the labour of the event. We may be repeating similar things next year. Thanks to Paul Jeffries and others who did some time-keeping
Also the training visit by the “model group” children from Kesgrave school organized by Keith Garnett – thanks to all who came along and flew + particularly grateful to Paul Jeffries and Robin Bannister who brought along models with Buddy boxes and spent their time training the kids.

A word of thanks too to Paul Keeble for the visit to Tony Ditheridge at Hawker restorations, where we treated to lots of classic racing cars and then got up close and personal with some Hurricanes and an original SE5 in rebuild.

Fire extinguishers – Some of you may have noticed that we have bought some new kit to upgrade our fire-fighting ability. We now have some more water extinguishers thanks to Dick Mathias and we have bought two new “Water Mist” units which are highly effective on all fires. Looking around the club, I doubt that many of us can run too far with one of these, so Chris Bush has donated some golf trolleys and Tony Waters is modifying them to suit.

Also our thanks to those without whom we would not have a club at all; our field maintenance team who have had a very busy year. These are Brian Dicks, Rob Jardine and Dave Brain who keep our field, buildings and furniture looking as they do + maintaining and improving our equipment together with help from Tony Waters.

And thanks to those who turned out for the working party to fill in all the holes along the edge of the concrete. Likewise thanks to Mark Allum who re-built the door frame through which you have just entered and to Rob who painted it!

To John Ranson who copes with the naughty fairies in the computer and to Lee Marshall who manages the web-site.

On the cultural side thanks to Steve and Roger Emms for donating the fine painting over there and if clothing is “culture” thanks to Geoff Hodson for collating and ordering the various items of club adornment.

Finally to Trevor Williams who keeps many of these worthy gentlemen going, by buying us all donuts on a regular basis, not to mention the small matter of auditing the club’s annual accounts.

Lastly – my thanks to you for electing me – I cannot say that I had quite expected regular saluting from certain members and it is certainly the first time in my life that I have been addressed as “Your Lemon Lovliness”. I guess that I shall just have to get used to it.

Nigel Banham
November 2016

5. Safety Officers report

Generally another good year for safety from the members point of view. Some reservations regarding events but this is further discussed below.

Proposed : David Jowers
Seconded : Ethan Bush

6. Treasurers Report

Treasurer's Report to 2016 AGM – Alan Jackson

Thank you to Trevor Williams for auditing the accounts and for being very thorough.

I would like to thank the following members who have provided figures for the club accounts:

- Chris Bush the club Secretary providing membership and BMFA payments including postal expenses.
- Mike Havard continues to run the bar and has ensured plenty of provisions for the club events and for members.
- Brian Dicks has managed the Groundsman funds covering work on the grounds and buildings.
- Dave Wilde organised the club events including the barbecue
- Lee Marshall and John Ranson maintain the web site and club weather station.

The accounts show that the barbecue at the club events made £165 profit which includes the free Member's Night barbecue and excludes the cost of the Calor gas for the gas barbecue.

The bar accounts this year will be carrying a £5.81 deficit over to 2017.

Mike H has observed a decline in bar sales and profits over the past years.

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
£80.27	£138.72	£150 estimated	£114.60	£43.58	-£5.81

Note: 2013 amount estimated due to details lost by a computer failure

Losses were incurred from stock exceeding their best by date due to low sales.

As a result the bar did not make a profit this year. Mike H will try buying smaller stock quantities more often to alleviate stock exceeding the best by date.

Si Cockerills (Hangar 53) has generously allowed the club to continue to use his electricity, broadband and premises to host the weather station equipment. This year the club gave an £80 contribution towards the power and broadband.

John Peacock has confirmed that the buildings rent and grass flying site costs will remain the same in 2017.

Income	7505.18
Expenditure	8512.99
Net gain	-1007.81

Overall the club value has decreased from £16,279 in 2015 to £15,377 in 2016, a reduction of £902 which includes the bar stock in the club values.

The main reason for the reduction being the purchase of a new small mower costing £2,250. The small mower was an essential purchase to maintain the flying site.

Proposed : Robert Jardine

Seconded : Terry Robertson

7. Subscriptions for 2016

Proposal to maintain the annual subs at £70 was agreed by all.

Proposed : Tony Waters

Seconded : John Ransome

8. Notified Business

None

9. Election of Committee Members for 2016

Two new members had put themselves forward:

Members Rep – David Brain

Safety Officer – Tony Waters

The following Committee Members agreed to remain for 2017 – they were unopposed

Nigel Banham	Chairman
Alan Jackson	Treasurer
Chris Bush	Secretary/Welfare Officer
Dave Wilde	Members Rep
Dennis Norman	Members Rep
Paul Jefferies	Members Rep
Richard Mathias	Safety Officer
Brian Dicks	Grounds Man
Robert Jardine	Grounds Man
Mike Havard	Bar

All of the above were subject to a "Block" vote, after being proposed and Seconded:

Proposed : Trevor Williams

Seconded : Robert Jardine

The block vote from those in attendance was carried unanimously.

10. Clubman of the Year

The Clubman of the year trophy was then presented to Helen Bush for her efforts in support of the Club's Events.

The meeting was then called to a close

The meeting concluded at 11.00am

Chris Bush

RADMAC Honorary Secretary

The following was then generally discussed “Out of Meeting”

Notes on the AGM notified business from committee meeting discussion

Types of membership (changes)

It has been raised to us that John Peacock, Tony Ditheridge and John Anderson have all been Hon members in the past. Our records have now been amended to show that they continue to be so.

In addition, Helen Bush (and Irene George for this year) have also been added as hon members. They all belong to the club but should they wish to fly then they will need to buy insurance to do so. They have no voting rights. All ok with that?

Voted for and passed unanimously

Safety

A number of members have raised safety issues, mostly in connection with events. The number of incidents reported outside these is very small and the standard of flying by our own members is generally very good. It is now normal for pilots to move well down the field before take off, where they are able to see the full length of the road and wait for any traffic to clear. From this point, over-flying of the buildings, pits and the cars at the end is lessened. Our thanks to you all for the improvements made. We have had one recent noise complaint via a farming contactor that we know, from someone who lives on the Wenham road and it was the jets that she was complaining about. No date stated but it was after our jet day.

We will address the safety aspect for events a little later but please bear in mind that where safety is concerned you are all safety officers – deal with anything that worries you and report to us if necessary.

Events

The committee has discussed events for the coming season. Concerns have been raised by several members that some of our visitors sometimes fail to comply with the standards and flying safety rules that we have here. The main concerns are

1. That we would not wish to put our own site at any risk of local complaint.
2. We want no accidents at all....likewise.

Events are not run to make money but for the benefit and enjoyment of all. Rather than go into the happenings at any particular event we just need to make some slight adjustments to ensure that all is well in the future.

Part of the solution is that we need to apply our own organizational rules to ensure that the events are run safely and, **above all are adequately manned**, particularly the open ones. We have been running some of them with too few people and this we need to change....with your help! If we do not have enough people, then we don't run them.

A general discussion was had regarding the type of events and the following was chosen:

Open

Warbirds and scale

Jets

Closed – club only

Vintage – evening

Mid-Summer fun-fly

These were voted for and passed 12 for, 10 against.

Your committee works hard for the club but for the big events we do need some assistance from the wider club, so we need to establish a pool of people who are willing to be called on to help by the event organizer as needed. That way, everyone involved does something and all of us get a chance to actually fly on the day. A minimum of 6 people is required "on the day". The following was also put forward: check that our insurance covers open events, safety officers to wear florescent tabards at events and to clear Open events with the BMFA. Also it needs to be agreed with the BMFA whether a requirement for flyer's to hold B Certificates is required.

Volunteers were asked for and the following stepped up:

Paul Jefferies, Keith Garnett, Steve Hart, Mike Croke, Robin Bannister, Clive Scofield, Ray Matthias plus the usual suspects.

Furthermore Irene George and Helen Bush volunteered to run the barbecue.

BMFA to have access to the site for their workshops etc.

This was discussed and voted for, as long as this was not frequent.

This was voted for and passed 11 for, 8 against.

Constitution

In the interests of continuity a small change needed to be made to the Constitution.

"Membership Waiting List. The Chairman will maintain a waiting list of persons interested in joining RADMAC and, whenever a vacancy occurs, he will discuss suitability of applicants with the committee and a vote will be taken to select new members from the list."

The proposal would be to slightly change the wording of the first paragraph

"Membership Waiting List. The Secretary will maintain an annual renewed waiting list of persons interested in joining RADMAC."

This was discussed and mildly amended to the above wording, voted for and passed unanimously.

Proposed : Tony Waters

Seconded : Dave Wilde