

# Raydon & District Model Aircraft Club

**Annual General Meeting**  
Held at the club hut on  
10.00am Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

## *Minutes*

### **1. Attendance and Apologies for absence**

There were 27 members in attendance.

Apologies : Gerry Pilling, Don Judge, Trevor Beckett, John Hancock, David King, Geoff Hodson, Eric Bull, Paul Keeble, Richard and Irene Mathias, Mike Havard, Tom Havard

### **2. Agreement of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Agreed by vote

### **3. Matters Arising**

None

### **4. AGM 2018 Chairman's Report**

Continuing on from the momentous events mentioned earlier, most of the rest will be an anti-climax.

In the absence of our safety officer, who is away in Germany, I will incorporate any safety issues within my report.

As you know, the issue of the club constitution was raised. The committee asked for and were granted permission by the club to revise and update this. This was later carried out and an EGM was held in April to give all of you a chance to revise as you wished and covered the process of that revision and the institution of the new operating procedure on the flying operations with safety as the key driver.

On this subject, as you know, one of the safety officers, Tony Waters stood down early in the year for health reasons but before he went he put in a lot of work on this revision and broadly, it seems to be working well. From what I see, the standard of flying safety at our site is very high.

You are range checking your models

You are flying with a spotter for the traffic. (But if you are standing next to John Ranson then keep quiet except for the traffic warnings)

You are mostly keeping to the flying area! (Overflying the Fleet car park is still sometimes a problem)

You are mainly avoiding overflying the pits

You are limiting the number of aircraft in the air to 3 – more usually it is one at a time!

You are not taxi-ing in and out of the pit area

So thank you all for taking all of this on board.

As I have said before you are all safety officers and if you see something not done correctly please go and politely point it out to the person. They ought to be pleased to be told, although they will probably not be!

One of the items discussed in the past was the erection of permanent warning signs to drivers at both ends of our field – this has now been done – Thanks to Tony and Rob. These were approved by our landlord.

Incidentally, one of the issues from the past was poor “flight” behaviour by visitors to our events. The scale day did not happen this year but on the jet day, admittedly with a reduced turnout because the forecast was poor, Dave Wilde and I ran the flight line and the standard of flying was excellent. We briefed all of the pilots before the event and flying discipline was noticeably of a very high order, so perhaps the naughty boys had not turned up, and my thanks to all those who flew that day.

Early last year we were offered the services of Si Cockerell’s partner Bea (Hangar 53), who asked if we would like a painting to replace the one that we used to have here. As you may know, during the run up to D day in 1944, the commanders knew that it was important to reduce the effectiveness of the Luftwaffe’s ability to attack the invasion forces so the American escort fighters were given free rein to attack enemy airfields to bomb and strafe any aircraft. Pure fighter attack missions were flown by men who had previously been tied to bomber escorts.

This painting depicts the 353<sup>rd</sup> FG aircraft on just such a mission. We are grateful for the gift of this to brighten our meeting room.

Also thanks to Rob for the recent donation of the two “fighter” jigsaws now displayed here.

Some of you may also have noticed that we have bought some new picnic benches and some chairs – I believe that Rob actioned that and I believe that Al Foreman kindly transported them?

### New Members this year

Jake Doombos  
Patrick Kelly  
Tony Ditheridge  
Eric Bull  
Harry Drummond  
Jeremy Drummond Jr  
Matt Clements Jr  
Irene Mathias  
Nick Skinner

### Events This Year

New Years Day – fun fly (Food Dave Wilde and Helen Bush)  
Mid Summer Fly for fun 20<sup>th</sup> June (Dave Wilde)  
Vintage Eve 18<sup>th</sup> July (Paul Jeffries)  
Warbird/Scale 12<sup>th</sup> Aug (Chris Bush) Washout – cancelled  
Jet Day 14<sup>th</sup> Oct (Dave Wilde)  
Thanks to each of you for running and catering those events

5<sup>th</sup> Sept Graham Cross talk on the history of the 353<sup>rd</sup> FG at Raydon  
at Greshams and shared with the Ipswich club

8<sup>th</sup> Sept - Hosted BMFA fixed wing examiners workshop at Raydon

Now to a big bunch of “Thank-You’s” for all the work done around here.  
This club can only function with the aid of a great many volunteers who, year  
round, give their own time and effort to us.

Viz: Tony’s work on the operating procedure and tidying the constitution up.  
Brian Dicks, Rob Jardine, Dave Brain and Ian MacFadyen for the grass  
management and all the other maintenance stuff done here, such as painting the  
benches, maintaining the mowers etc.

Slab laying was led by Trevor Williams with many of the others helping including  
Steve Hart. Filling holes by the concrete edge done by some of the same guys +  
Bob Rhodes, Kevin Bennett and Patrick Kelly.

“Willing Cooking” at our events – Dick and Irene Mathias

A thank-you is also due to those who helped at other events. Keith and Neil  
Garnett with the Kesgrave school tutorial day.

Likewise thanks to Steve Hart for his regular “model finding” service and to Geoff  
Hodgson who orders the clothing that covers our modesty!.

Our thanks too to those who refrained from flying jets during the dry weather.

Our loyal electrician, Rob Eley has been working to fit lighting into the mower  
shed this year so that the boys can work on the mowers in the Winter and our  
equally loyal carpenter, Mark Alum has been getting the materials together to  
replace the club-house door, which is showing its age. You may recall that he

has already replaced the frame. Thanks to you both. To Lee Marshall who is our webmaster; to John Ranson who sorts out our reluctant field cam and to Trevor Williams who audits the books – again, thank-you!

So there you have it! Aside from drone legislation, data protection legislation and a rotten Sunday at the Nationals it remains for me to thank our committee, without which not a lot would happen at all here. Alan Jackson, Paul Jeffries, Chris Bush, Dick Mathias, Dave Brain, Dave Wilde, Rob Jardine, Brian Dicks, John Kinsey and Mike Havard.

Particularly to mention Dave Brain, who is standing down this year for personal reasons - our thanks to you for your service to the club and all of the mowing/strimming that you have done.

Noted – some of our members do not appear to have received the revised constitution and the operating procedure after the EGM in April. This will therefore be re-sent soon.

The Chairman asked for and received a vote of thanks to David Brain for the work that he has put in over the years for the Committee and for the club in general.

## **5. Treasurers Report to 2018 AGM – Alan Jackson**

I would like to thank Trevor Williams for auditing the accounts and for being very thorough. Being a previous club Treasurer, Trevor is very well qualified to scrutinize the accounts and I value the time Trevor spends to ensure the accounts are accurate.

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

- Chris Bush the club Secretary providing membership and BMFA payments including postal expenses.
- Mike Havard manages the bar stock and has ensured plenty of provisions for the club events and for members. The bar made a small loss of £1.79. Mike has suggested the club considers the continuation of the bar. Mike is happy to continue as Bar Member and consider reducing the levels of stock to avoid out of date items.  
Options for the members at the AGM to consider:
  - Continue with the bar as it is and stock at lower levels to avoid out of date stock.

- Only stock bar with drinks (no crisps) for the Open Days and club events. Members can buy the drinks remaining from the events
- Mike is happy to continue as Bar Member but is happy if someone else wants to take on the task.
- Dispense with the bar in view of the very low sales of items
- Brian Dicks has managed the Groundsman funds covering work on the grounds and buildings. All expenses are listed in a detailed accounts spreadsheet with receipts.
- Dave Wilde organised the club events including the barbecues assisted by Irene Mathais. The barbecues made a loss of £44.63 which includes the free Member's Evening barbecue and the two cancelled Open Day's due to the weather.

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 £85 contribution towards the power and broadband.

Income	7298.68
Expenditure	6728.82
<b>Net gain</b>	<b>569.86</b>

Overall the club value has increased from £16,102 in 2017 to £16,692 in 2018, a modest increase of £669 which includes the bar stock and Building Society account in the club values. This increase can be attributed to the seven new members joining fee (7x£100) so in reality we were over budget by £30 if we exclude the joining fees.

There have been no major expenditures this year on unexpected items. Just the usual spends on rents for buildings & flying strip and fuel/servicing for the ground maintenance. The accumulative small spends on buildings & site maintenance and web site came to £700 which I had not allowed for in the 2018 membership fees. Fortunately the seven new members 'Joining fees' covered this.

There will be a £200 increase in the building rent and £50 increase for the grass strip for 2019 which I will cover when we discuss the 2019 subscriptions.

Proposed: John ransom  
 Seconded: Tony Waters

**This was then voted upon by all present and was carried.**

## 6. 2019 subscriptions

John Peacock (Landlord) has confirmed the grass flying site cost will increase by £50 to £850 for 2019. This is the first increase since 2012 and is still a good deal for the amount of land it covers and is ~1%/year over this period.

The buildings (units 45 & 67) are in a five year rent agreement which increases by £200 for the next three years.

The rent will increase in future years. I have estimated the RADMAC Senior membership fee will be as follows:

Year	Unit 45 rent & service charge	Unit 67 rent & service charge	Predicted Senior Membership fee
2018	£850	£850	£80
2019	£950	£950	£82
2020	£1050	£1050	£84
2021	£1150	£1150	£86
2022	£1150	£1150	£90

Note: there are other expenses that determine the membership fee not shown here e.g. mower servicing/fuel, building/site maintenance...

Predicted 2019 expenditure = £5289  
with 65 paying members = £82 / Senior member (£41 Non-flying member)

Proposed: John Kinsey  
Seconded: John Ransom

**This was then voted upon by all present and was carried.**

## 7. Notified Business

The future of the Club House Bar was discussed.

It has been noted that the Bar is no longer profitable (various reasons for this, but the club houses relation to the flying field is probably the main reason), so various options were discussed; to stay as is, to get rid of entirely or to only buy stock before an event and then to stock the Bar with any surplus and to sell that off.

It was decided and voted in favour for, the latter option; to only buy stock before an event and then to stock the Bar with any surplus and to sell that off.

## 8. Election of Committee Members for 2018

### Committee positions generally

Two new members had put themselves forward:

**Members Rep – Patrick Kelly**  
**Honourable Secretary – Tony Waters**

This resulted in the following restructured Committee for 2019 – they were unopposed

Nigel Banham	Chairman
Alan Jackson	Treasurer
Tony Waters	Secretary
Chris Bush	Welfare Officer
Richard Mathias	Safety Officer
Vacant	Safety Officer
Brian Dicks	Grounds Man
Robert Jardine	Grounds Man
David Wilde	Members Rep
Paul Jefferies	Members Rep
John Kinsey	Members Rep
Patrick Kelly	Members Rep
Mike Havard	Bar

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

Proposed: Trevor Williams

Seconded: Roger Emms

**The block vote from those in attendance was carried unanimously.**

#### 9. Clubman of the Year

The Clubman of the year trophy was then presented to Tony Waters for his sterling contributions over many years.

The meeting was then called to a close

The meeting concluded at 11.00am

Chris Bush  
RADMAC Honorary Secretary

## **Post AGM general discussion**

### Events

Discussed and decided to follow the same format as the current year; Committee to discuss crop timings with John Peacock with a view to holding the jet meeting a little earlier.

### Disabled Access and Child Protection

Club policies on these were outlined by the Chairman; members to assist disabled members to fly and we will allow access to the flight line by wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

With regard to vulnerable adult or child protection; the relevant phone contacts were highlighted and the membership was notified to contact the welfare officer, if they have any reason to suspect that there are any issues which could constitute a problem for a vulnerable adult or a child.

### “B” Test

Members agreed that they would like coaching and examination sessions to build skills to "B" qualification. Neil Garnett agreed to run these sessions at times convenient to him and to members. We call poll interested members by E mail.

### Remedial Work on Club House

We will look at the likely cost of maintenance work on the club-house meeting room with a view to prevention of further deterioration. It was considered that full remedial work was beyond the financial ability of the club. The Committee to investigate.

### Monday Meetings

Flying meetings on the first Monday of the month in summer have not been well supported. It was agreed to try Sunday Morning sessions after the BST date instead. Chairman to E mail the club to remind.

### New Members Morning

Combine with Sundays in summer as above

### Yellow Lines along the track

The Committee to approach John Peacock

### Modeler of the Year

In future years going forward, the club to be polled, by E mail before the AGM, as to their preferences for this award.