



Raydon & District Model Aircraft Club

Annual General Meeting

Held at the club hut at
10.00am Sunday 30th November 2025

Minutes

Nigel Banham opened the meeting and confirmed that he had sent out the minutes from last year's AGM along with the reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Safety Officer for this AGM and had asked everyone to read these before this meeting as he did not intend to read through these at the meeting. Also copies of the proposed changes to the Operating Instructions and Constitution for discussion.

The meeting then continued to the agenda items.

1. Attendance and Apologies for absence

There were 25 members in attendance.

Apologies received from: David Jowers, Trevor Beckett, Mike Havard, Darren Rogers, Geoff Hodson, Rob Jardine & Kevin Bennett.

2. Agreement of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 1st December 2024

Proposed – Patrick Kelly

Seconded – Steve Hart

Vote: Carried unanimously

3. Matters Arising

None

4. AGM 2025 Chairman's Report:

Produced by Nigel Banham

5. AGM 2025 Safety Officers Report:

Produced by Richard Mathias

6. Treasurers Report to 2025 AGM:

Produced by Nigel Banham

Nigel added his thanks to Alan Jackson for auditing the Treasures accounts this year, which he had omitted from then report he had sent out.

All Three Reports (sections 4, 5 & 6) as already advised were sent out in advance and were then subject to same group vote.

Proposed – Trevor Williams

Seconded – Trevor Jipson

Vote: Carried unanimously

7. Subscriptions for 2025

Nigel explained that due to the work of Chris Bush and the temporary suspension of the £100 joining fee last year we actually got our membership numbers up to the full 65, and as explained in his Treasurers report this means the club finances are in a good position compared to previous years. Nigel therefore proposed that the club fees for RADMAC remain unchanged for next year. He also advised that we did have a couple of prospective new members on our waiting list, so could offset any possible leavers this year.

Nigel also explained that following on from last year's temporary suspension of the joining fee we propose to reduce the joining fee from £100 to £50. Tony also explained the logic to this including how in previous years we had had new members that had been selected to join, but pulled out once they were told of the £100 joining fee on top of the membership fee.

Proposed – Steve Hart

Seconded – Chris Bush

Vote: Carried unanimously

8. Notified Business

• Amendments to Constitution.

Tony explained that this document had been updated as there were some problems with what documents had been used to make previous agreed amendments. Therefore the committee had withdrawn the latest version and propose to replace with this new document correcting the errors. The committee also wished to make some new amendments that reflected the changes to the committee members, joining fee,

payment method, and duties of the committee members. The section on the disciplinary procedure has not changed but has been moved to the end of the document as appendix 2.

This document had been sent out in advance by Nigel, and all the changes as explained were typed in red font then highlighted in yellow to allow the membership to review in advance of the meeting, so they were able to ask any questions at the meeting. Tony went through each of the proposed changes and explained the reason and answered any questions.

Proposed – Terry Robertson

Seconded – Chris Bush

Vote: Carried unanimously

(The document to be reissued as December 2025 with the agreed changes shown in red)

- **Amendments to Operating Instructions.**

Tony explained that this document had been updated to clarify items raised through Nigel and Tony carrying out the new member induction briefings, and to reflect changes needed for the safe operation of the club.

Tony explained that this did not need membership authorisation at the AGM, but felt as we are all together, it would be beneficial to go through the changes as we and explain the reasons.

Nigel had sent this out with the rest of the documents with the changes shown in red font. Therefore Tony went through the changes as follows.

Due to an email question to Nigel regarding “Flying Times” he had sent out an email to the membership giving the club position on the start times for Electric and Silent flight. This has now been formally included in these operating instruction for clarity.

Some minor changes are added to the “Frequency Control for 27/35MHz” to make it clear that the pilot needs to supply his own peg with his name on it for use on the frequency board.

The section referencing to the Model Turbine size restriction, has had the explanation for the reasons for introducing this now removed. The restrictions remain unchanged as stated in the document (100N).

A new section 11 has been added to the end of the document formally banning charging of any type of aircraft batteries inside the main club house. Members must use the “charging facility” in the “lean to” part of the building on the left hand side of the club house.

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9. Election of Committee Members for 2026

When Nigel sent out the documents for the AGM, he had included the “election of committee members” and Tony had asked for any member wishing to be nominated for any of the club roles, especially the role of Treasurer as Nigel had been covering this role in addition to his Chairman role. There were no responses for the Treasurer but we have received a new submission for a member’s rep role.

The nominations for the 2026 committee are as follows.

- The existing committee members were all willing to stand in their current posts

<i>Committee Post</i>	<i>Candidate</i>
Chairman	Nigel Banham
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Safety Officer	Richard Mathias
Groundsman	Patrick Kelly
Assistant Groundsman	Trevor Jipson
Welfare Officer	Chris Bush
Member's Rep	Mike Havard
Member's Rep	Paul Jefferies
Member's Rep	Tom Havard
Member's Rep	

It was proposed to have a group vote for these positions

Proposed – Steve Hart

Seconded – John Ranson

Vote: Carried unanimously

Tony has been covering the role of Secretary since September by being Co opted into the role from his member's rep position. It is proposed to formally go through the nominations for this position for next year therefore we have a nomination for Tony Waters to the role off Secretary.

Proposed by Nigel Banham

Seconded by Patrick Kelly

Vote: Carried unanimously

The nomination received for the vacant Members Rep is for Roger Etherden

Proposed by Tony Waters

Seconded by Nigel Banham

Vote: Carried unanimously

The committee for 2026 is therefore.

Committee Post	Candidate
Chairman	Nigel Banham
Secretary	Tony Waters
Treasurer	(Vacant)
Safety Officer	Richard Mathias
Groundsman	Patrick Kelly
Assistant Groundsman	Trevor Jipson
Welfare Officer	Chris Bush
Member's Rep	Mike Havard
Member's Rep	Paul Jefferies
Member's Rep	Tom Havard
Member's Rep	Roger Etherden

Tony asked that members consider volunteering for the Treasurer's role and to speak to other members not present at the AGM regarding this position. He explained that although Nigel is willing to continue covering this role, this cannot continue beyond this year and if we don't get a member willing to take on this role, the club will have to be dissolved.

10. Proposed events for 2026

Tony led a discussion about the needs and rules relating to governance of "open" and "closed" events in accordance with the BMFA handbook on event management, risk assessments, separation and Involved / uninvolved persons, along with the resultant requirements for "A" or "B" certificate flyers.

Tony explained that the area BMFA are asking and encouraging clubs to hold interclub events to boost / promote cooperation. This type of event would be classed as "closed" for the purpose of management. However although it is not impossible to have an "open" event, the work for the management and organisation would not be worth it for the committee to undertake.

From this the "Suffolk Motorcycle" event would not be hosted by RADMAC this year.

A discussion was had to nominate what events will be taken forward for 2026.

- a. New Year's Day gathering and Fun Fly New Year's Day fly in; as previous years with food. Members only. Please feel free to bring communal food. (Breakfast - Irene & Dick)

- b. Mid-summer fly in; as previous years with a complimentary barbecue. To be held as close as possible to the longest day. Members only. (BBQ - Irene & Dick)
- c. Vintage; to be arranged by Paul at a date to be arranged. Barbecue to be incorporated if possible and, again, Members only.
- d. A discussion regarding the scale / warbird day was held, Tony has volunteered to lead the organisation of the event, Steve Hart has put himself forward to undertake a role and he will ask Mark Allum if he would like to help. There will still need to be 4 other helpers that Tony will need for this event and will establish who going forward. This will be discussed in detail at a later date and will be held in August/September. Nigel will speak with Ipswich and Colchester clubs to find any suitable dates that avoid clashes of those club events.

Proposed Steve Hart
Seconded John Ranson.

Vote: Carried unanimously

This concluded the business for the 2025 AGM. So Tony / Nigel thanked everyone for their help and involvement and closed the AGM at 10:45

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Following on from the official AGM business a general discussion was held by all.

- **Club person of the Year**

Tony explained that as everyone knows this award of the “Spitfire Clock” donated by Gary Western of “Galaxy Models” is given not just for a builder of fine models or for great flying skills, but also for anyone who has made exceptional commitment and contributions to the running and existence of this club.

Therefore this year the committee has decided this year to honour our Chairman Nigel with this award.

Some of the reasons behind this (but not exclusively) are as follows:

Nigel even through his illness (Which is still ongoing BTW) has worked tirelessly in not only in fulfilling his role as Chairman, but has been covering the role of Treasurer to ensure the survival of the club throughout this year.

He has been totally committed and worked miracles to get the proposed pylon route diverted away from our main field and flying site. (No easy task)

He has personally undertaken the repair work to the blown bricks on this club house (which he had to learn the “how to” from his Son in order to do this)

Then there was the repairs to the Steel doors he sorted, the painting of both the building and of the doors.

Then there is his own generosity in providing his own personal finance to fund items to improve the club facilities for its members, as in the IC start-up benches, and the Christmas gift of the sprits to accompany the hamper for our landlord John Peacock.

This is to name but a few!

Tony handed the clock over to Nigel saying “This is for us all to say Thank You to Nigel for everything you do in keeping this club alive for us all to enjoy this fantastic facility”. This was followed by a round of applause from the members present, and Nigel thanked everyone.

- **Building Maintenance.**

Nigel advised that 2026 will need additional brick repairs on the main hut and painting of the two buildings. When the weather is suitable he will send out an email asking for volunteers to help with these items.

- **The Norwich to Tilbury Pylons.**

Nigel had this month sent out an email to the members explaining all what has happened so far and what has been achieved / agreed. The first stage of the planning permission has been applied for and Nigel had arranged for Chris Bush to attend the latest “Shareholders” meeting held by James Cartlidge to check that the submission had not changed from that we had previously agreed, (which it hadn’t) Nigel is registered as an Invested part “Shareholder” so will be kept advised as it proceeds.

Nigel advised that James has arranged to come to RADMAC site at 12:30 on Friday 12th December to meet with us again (Nigel Chris and Tony) but he has advised any member wishing to attend is very welcome.

Nigel invited any questions from the room.

Nigel explained that there will be some disruption to our flying whilst the cables are being laid in the proximity to our field, as we can’t obviously overfly the building site with workers there. But this will be in 2027 and we hope to be advised timescales and dates of exactly when this happens.

- **BMFA Safety Review Committee – Summary of Incident Reports for 2025**

Tony handed out a copy of this report. (Attached to these minutes) The BMFA had already asked the committee to send this out to our members which Nigel had done earlier this month.

Tony explained that the CAA were concerned regarding the number of “Flyaways” incidents which suggest the fail safe for the motor/engine are not being set up or tested

as required by the BMFA. Also the number of incidents (reported) that are down to pilot error is of a concern and that the BMFA pre-flight and pre take off checks are not being used routinely.

Tony handed out an extract from the BMFA handbook (attached to these minutes) Section 13.2 which is regarding “Safer Flying Field and You” where it details “Think” S.W.E.E.T.S.

Section 13.4 “Pre flying Session model Checks”

Section 13.5 “Checks before each flight” Which includes... Be S.M.A.R.T.

And section 13.6 “Checks after each flight”

The BMFA have asked us to remind all members of these requirements, which we are doing to aid the BMFA in ensuring the CAA of the membership compliance with these best practices. Some clubs are intending to carry out spot checks on members over the fields, we do not intend to go down this route but do ask you to ensure your fail-safe is set correctly for the motor type in use and to check its operation on every visit to the flying site before you fly. Please remember what S.W.E.E.T. and S.M.A.R.T. are for and take a moment when you arrive at the flying field to consider them.

Nigel also suggested that modellers need to be careful to get their eye site checked regularly to avoid problems with distance sighting of models.

- **CAA operator / flyer ID**

Tony advised everyone that from the 1st December 2025 (tomorrow) anyone who obtained these ID's using the “Grandfather” rights offered by the “A” or “B” test, their ID's will no longer be valid unless they had since completed the CAA DRES test or the BMFA RCC test. In the case of the RCC test you also need to upload the test result to your achievements in your profile on the BMFA web site.

Failure to have completed either of these tests will mean from tomorrow you can no longer legally fly in the UK and therefore at RADMAC.

The meeting was then called to a close

The meeting concluded at 11.20am

Thanks go to Irene and Dick for provide drinks and nibbles following the meeting.

Tony Waters
RADMAC Honorary Secretary