

Minutes of the 35th SAM35 AGM meeting held at Old Warden Aerodrome On Saturday, 25th July 2015

- 1) **Present:** Brian Lever (President), Ian Lever (Chairman), Kevin Richards, Andrew Housden, Andy Brough, Steve Betney, Colin Hutchinson, Tony Goodger, Dick Roberts, Bill Longley, Alex Phinn, and 34 Members

The meeting opened at 13:00 hours

The President, Brian Lever, welcomed members to the meeting. A short silence was observed for those members no longer with us.

- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Dick Hardwick, John Wingate, Peter Fox and Dave Stapleton

- 3) **The Minutes** of the 34th Meeting, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Brian Lever and seconded by Andy Brough

- 4) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

- 5) **Reports** were received from the Committee Members and read out at the meeting

Appendix (a) Treasurers/Membership Secretaries Report (Kevin Richards)

Appendix (b) Chairman's Report (Ian Lever)

Appendix (c) Editor's Report (Colin Hutchinson)

Appendix (d) R/C Secretary's Report (Bill Longley)

In the absence of Peter Fox, Brian Lever ran through some of the many control line events such as Rascal, Voetsak, vintage stunt, scale, Weatherman, and Phantom events that had been successfully run during the year. Additionally, a new class for profile Weatherman had been created with coverage in Aeromodeller and the production of laser-cut kits for the design to encourage new entrants.

John Wingate had agreed to act as FF Secretary for 1 year after the last AGM, but now found the poor health precluded his attendance at the AGM to present a report; in his absence, Ian Lever briefly outlined some of the FF events that had taken place during the year, including competitions at the FF Nationals, indoor scale, the Masefield competition, etc and said that he felt the FF scene was holding its own.

- 6) **Membership Subscriptions** The Treasurer proposed that the membership subscription rates for the year beginning 1st January 2016 be raised to £27.50 for UK members and £48.50 for those abroad. This was agreed by a show of hands.

7) **Election of Examiner for Accounts:** It was proposed the H.W. Renwick & Co continue as Examiner. The proposal was supported by a show of hands.

8) Election/Re-election of Officers:

- a) *Vice Chairman* – No nominations
- b) *PRO* – Alistair Simpson volunteered to fill this vacancy for a period of 1 year. Accordingly he was nominated by Roger Gedge and seconded by Andy Brough
- c) *FF Secretary* – No nominations
- d) *Webmaster* – Nick Zotov volunteered to fill this post for 1 year. Accordingly he was nominated by Ian Lever and seconded by Andy Brough.

9) Declaration and Election of 2014 Committee: All other officers were willing to continue for a further year. The meeting approved this by a show of hands

10) Life Membership: There are no vacancies for life members

11) Yearbook 15: Kevin Richards reported that for the year ended 30 September 2014 the income from sales of Yearbook 15 had generated an income of £419.00 (this is covered in the accounts). The production of the next Yearbook is currently under consideration.

12) Event Reports and Events for 2016: These are covered in the Chairman's Report, and in response to a question it was agreed that the cooperation with SAM1066 should be broadened in view of the increasing difficulties experience over the availability of flying sites.

13) Any Other Business:

- 1) Ian Russell had raised a question relating the scaling of vintage speed designs but discussions prior to the AGM had resolved the issue.

14) Date and Venue for the 37th AGM. To be advised, but the use of Old Warden on a Modelair flying day was deemed to be a success and should be repeated.

15) General Discussion of items not covered by the AGM:

- 1) Bob Close asked if anyone knew of the whereabouts of the Keil Trophy and what it was awarded for. Andy Brough explained that it was awarded annually for a power model that caught the judge's eye at the Festival of Flight, Old Warden, in September.
- 2) Roger Gedge enquired about the whereabouts of the Lancastrian Trophy for vintage speed. Andy Brough agreed to investigate.

- 3) The sale of a deceased members' modelling effects had raised £250.00, and a cheque for this amount was presented to the President as a donation to the Society.

16) Close of Meeting: The President thanked all of the Committee for their work, and the meeting was closed at 14:15 PM.