

Minutes of the 37^h SAM35 AGM meeting held at Old Warden Aerodrome On Saturday, 22^d July 2017

- 1) Present:** Brian Lever (President), Ian Lever (Chairman), Kevin Richards, Andrew Housden, Steve Betney, Colin Hutchinson, Tony Goodger, Dick Roberts, Bill Longley, Alex Phinn, Alistair Simpson, Andy Green, Peter Fox, and 28 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 John Ashmole and Dave Hume
- 3) The Minutes** of the 36th Meeting, having been circulated on the website and summarised in Speaks, were agreed as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Andy Brough and seconded by Alex Phinn
- 4) Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising
- 5) Reports:** were received from the Committee Members and read out at the meeting

Appendix (a) Chairmans Report (Ian Lever)
Appendix (b) Membership Secretary (Kevin Richards)
Appendix (c) Treasurer (Kevin Richards)
Appendix (d) Editor (Colin Hutchinson)
Appendix (e) R/C Secretary (Bill Longley)
Appendix (f) FF Secretary (John Ashmole)
Appendix (g) Webmaster (Andy Green)

John Ashmole was not able to attend the AGM so in his absence his comprehensive report was read out by Ian Lever.

Peter Fox, Control Line Secretary, stated that he had not prepared a formal report as there was little for him to say. However, he noted that support for Speed had declined but thankfully Brian Lever continues to devise new and innovative fun-fly competitions that are popular and well supported; these include Beebug, Phantom authenticity, and control line scale, the latter creating a lot of new interest - there were 35 entries for this at Old warden in 2016. A member commented that the Barton club have speed events that could possibly be fostered, as they are open to all, but lack of sites having hard circles is an issue.

- 6) Membership Subscriptions:** The Treasurer proposed that the membership subscription rates for the year beginning 1st January 2018 remain at £27.50 for UK members and £48.50 for those abroad. This suggestion was proposed for adoption by Alistair Simpson and seconded by Andy Brough, and agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

7) Election of Examiner for Accounts: It was proposed that Lyons & Co continue as Examiner. The proposal was supported by Brian Waterland and seconded by Alistair Simpson, as well as a unanimous show of hands.

8) Election/Re-election of Officers: Alistair Simpson had previously volunteered to fill the position of PRO for a period of 1 year, but in the absence of any other nominees he agreed to stay in post to the best of his ability given the limited amount of time he has available. However, he is now unable to continue and Roger Brown has agreed to take over. Ian Lever gave a brief resume of Roger's background (he couldn't make the AGM) and his appointment was proposed by Andy Brough and seconded by Colin Hutchinson.

9) Declaration and Election of 2017 Committee: As noted last year a situation has arisen whereby the change to the AGM date plus the point at which previous committee members had resigned meant that some committee members were overdue for re-election and others would have stood for re-election in 2016 had the AGM been in November. All the committee members present stated that they were willing to continue in office. Article 7 of the constitution says that *"A candidate for election must be proposed and seconded by members in good standing and with his or her consent. Where a serving Officer wishes to stand for a further term, a proposer and seconder shall not be required provided there is no other candidate for the same post."* Additionally, *"To minimise disruption, one third of the Society's Officers shall stand down each year after having served their normal term and a general election for their posts shall be held at the Annual General Meeting"*. In view of the difficulty in attracting members to serve on the committee, and there being no nominations for any of the committee positions (with the exception of John Ashmole as FF Secretary and Andrew Green as Webmaster), it is suggested that one third of the committee should be notionally re-elected and their positions ratified at the 2016 AGM, these being those longest in post; accordingly, Bill Longley, Ian Lever, Steve Betney and Tony Goodger were re-elected. Andrew Housden, Kevin Richards, Colin Hutchinson and Dick Roberts were re-elected this 2017 AGM and Brian Lever and Peter Fox in 2018 assuming they are able and willing, at that date, to continue. The meeting accepted this proposal by a unanimous show of hands.

10) Life Membership: There is one vacancy for a life member, but no nominations were put forward.

11) Yearbook: There are now very few copies of the existing Yearbook (15) in stock. Mike May, who writes the excellent "Wind in the Wires" column in "Speaks", offered to take on the task of compiling Yearbook 16 and accordingly he will liaise with Colin Hutchinson, as well as Brian Lever and Brian Waterland who were responsible for coordinating the content of Yearbook 15.

12) Events for 2017/2018: Ian Lever gave details of the mid-week SAM fly-in at Buckminster Lodge 2-3 August, as well as a more competitive event planned for Sunday 1st October; both events are warmly welcomed by the BMFA who hope to make these permanent fixtures going forward into 2018,

and at present there is no financial risk to the Society. Additionally, the FF Nationals in May 2017 generated an income for us, and we continue to work closely with Modelair at Old Warden.

13) Plans Service via Derrick Scott: Steve Betney gave details of the Derrick Scott Plans Service (flyer21uk) that is operated from Morecombe. It is proposed that this become the official SAM35 source for plans with a notice to this effect in Speaks and a link to his service on our website. Derrick has some 500,000 plans available all of which are scaleable, and in this connection Andy Green offered to pass on what of the Terry MacDonald collection is not already available from flyer21uk. The suggestion was supported by Andy Brough and seconded by Colin Hutchinson; a unanimous show of hand adopted it.

14) Any Other Business: A member raised the possibility of paying subscriptions by bank transfer, a suggestion that Kevin Richards will assess. Finally, Ian Lever presented the Tasuma Trophy for Vintage Power Duration to Wesley Denton.

15) Date and Venue for the 38th AGM: To be advised, but the possible use of Buckminster Lodge was proposed by the Secretary who explained that the venue was more central, and potentially far cheaper and easier from an administration perspective that dealing with the “Events Team” at Shuttleworth. However, the date needs to coincide with a flying event and be at a weekend as some members will be working during the week. The opinion of the meeting was that Manny Williamson and his BMFA team had worked wonders in a short time at Buckminster Lodge to create a facility that more closely matched the need of the “ordinary” aeromodeller.

16) Close of Meeting: The President thanked all of the Committee for their work, and the meeting was closed at 14:45 PM.