

Minutes of the 38th SAM35 AGM meeting held at the BMFA Visitor Centre, Buckminster On Saturday, 16th June 2018

- 1) Present:** Brian Lever (President), Ian Lever (Chairman), Kevin Richards, Andrew Housden, Steve Betney, Bill Longley, Alex Phin, John Ashmole, Tony Goodger, Mike May and 14 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 Colin Hutchinson, Andy Green, Dick Roberts, Dave Roberts, Ian Russell, Roger Brown and Peter Fox.

- 3) The Minutes** of the 37th 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 Brian Lever

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

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

Appendix (a) Chairman's Report (Ian Lever)
Appendix (b) Membership Secretary (Kevin Richards)
Appendix (c) Treasurer (Kevin Richards)
Appendix (d) R/C Secretary (Bill Longley)
Appendix (e) FF Secretary (John Ashmole)
Appendix (f) CL Secretary
Appendix (g) Webmaster (Andy Green)

Andy Green was not able to attend the meeting so his report was presented by Ian Lever. Colin Hutchinson was also unable to attend, but the Committee placed on record his continuing success in raising the standard of "Speaks". Also, at the conclusion of the report by Bill Longley, Wesley Denton was presented with the Tasma Trophy by Ian Lever.

- 6) Membership Subscriptions:** The Treasurer proposed that the membership subscription rates for the year beginning 1st January 2019 remain at £27.50 (£30.00 if paying by Paypal) for UK members and £48.50 for those abroad. This suggestion was proposed for adoption by Andy Brough, seconded by Dave Cowburn, 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 Kevin Richards and seconded by Gareth Tilson, as well as a unanimous show of hands.

8) Election/Re-election of Officers: Andrew Housden briefly explained the three-year rule for tenure of a Committee member; John Ashmole, Andy Green, Bill Longley, Ian Lever, Steve Betney and Tony Goodger had been re-elected in 2016, Andrew Housden, Kevin Richards, Colin Hutchinson and Dick Roberts in 2107, with Brian Lever and Peter Fox due to be re-elected in 2018; however, Peter Fox tendered his resignation after the 2017 AGM and persuaded Mike May to take on the mantle of CL Secretary in his absence – also Andy Brough had volunteered to re-join the Committee. The appointment of Mike May was proposed by Brian Lever and seconded by Ian Lever while Andy Brough's wish to rejoin was supported by Steve Betney and seconded by Andrew Housden. Brian's position as President is not strictly subject to re-election, but he expressed his willingness to continue in post. All the appointments were supported by a unanimous show of hands.

9) Declaration and Election of 2019 Committee: All the Committee members have expressed a willingness to continue in service and the meeting accepted the proposal that they should do so by a unanimous show of hands.

10) Life Membership: Currently there are two vacancies for a life membership. It has been suggested that Geoff Stubbbs be offered one of these, and the meeting endorsed the proposal by a unanimous show of hands.

11) Yearbook: There are now very few copies of the existing Yearbook (15) in stock (Brian Lever has about 20). Mike May, who writes the excellent "Wind in the Wires" column in "Speaks", offered last year to take on the task of compiling Yearbook 16 and reported that he currently has 24 articles, each no longer than 13 pages, covering a wide range of subjects including engine design, tethered cars, early radio control, contest flying, military uses of RC, etc that total some 120 pages of A5; the Committee had felt that there should not be an over-emphasis on plans so the number of these will be restricted to a few that are fully informative. Two printers have been asked to quote for production, one of which is local to Mike, and it appears that the print cost will be around £5,000 for 1000 copies. A member asked if a contribution on indoor flying could be used, and in reply he was told yes provided the copy was received before mid-August as the target publication date is September, ideally in time for the Modelair Festival of Flight.

12) Data Protection: Kevin Richards explained what the Society needed to do so that it complied with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force in May 2018. These include minor changes to the membership application/renewal form and a continuance of our policy not to share data with third parties (including the BMFA) other than for the purpose of mailing Speaks. SAM35 does not have any Facebook pages, and the only personal data on the website was that of the Committee who give their permission for it to be there. In essence the Society must ensure the following:

- Any data that is held electronically must be password protected
- Hardcopy data must be securely kept
- Members must agree to SAM35 holding their details
- The constitution should be amended to state that the Society is GDPR compliant
- The website must be similarly GDPR compliant

Additionally, a compliance officer should be appointed. Initially this will be Kevin Richards with Andrew Housden as backup.

13 Tethered Cars Steve Betney proposed that a tethered cars special interest group be formed within SAM35, a suggestion that has been universally endorsed by the Committee. He briefly explained the historical background to tethered car racing in the UK and overseas with many famous aeromodellers such as John Oliver (J.A and J.S), Gerry Buck, D A Russell, Guy Rickards, Ken Bedford, etc becoming involved. Several SAM members are also members of the Retro Racing Club, but there is now only one track in the UK – that of Peter Hill at Great Carlton – and the RRC will soon produce its last newsletter, but plans for cars from the extensive RRC collection will still be obtainable from Peter Hill for at least the near future; ultimately, they may be transferred to Derrick Scott. A special interest group gives a stronger voice to the BMFA, which will help with insurance and, ongoing, the construction of a hard circle at Buckminster as part of the proposed control line team race facilities; to this end, Steve has offered to manufacture a pylon specific to cars and will coordinate the fundraising, aided by SAM35 having Tony Goodger on the BMFA coordinating committee. The proposal was endorsed by a unanimous show of hands.

14) Constitutional Changes Andrew Housden explained that the GDPR legislation requirements and the formation of a tethered car special interest group (or related modelling activities) need to be incorporated into the SAM35 Constitution. This was proposed by Brian Lever and seconded by Andy Brough; a unanimous show of hands ratified the changes. The Constitution will shortly be available to all via the Website.

15) Events for 2018/2019: Ian Lever explained that events currently held at Old Warden would continue into 2019, as would Vintage Power Duration and free flight competitions run under the aegis of Bill Longley and John Ashmole, but poor attendance at Buckminster was a worry. Some members commented that “word of mouth” recommendations would help with Buckminster but questioned if we were holding too many events there. John Ashmole said he would put emphasis on Buckminster in his BMFA News column, pointing out that the SAM events are open to all BMFA members, not just SAM. Another member said that two-day meetings may persuade more people to stay overnight with a promise of evening flying.

16) Any Other Business: A member explained that he had become involved with the BMFA Heritage Group, the long-term objective of which was the creation of an aeromodelling museum. Could any other SAM35 members help with support and advice?

17) Date and Venue for the 39th AGM: To be advised.

16) Close of Meeting: The President thanked all of the Committee for their work, and the meeting was closed at 14:30 PM.

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