

## **Minutes of the 39th SAM35 AGM held at the BMFA Visitor Centre, Buckminster On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

- 1) Present:** Brian Lever (President), Ian Lever (Chairman), Kevin Richards, Andrew Housden, Steve Betney, Bill Longley, Andy Brough, Alex Phin, John Ashmole, Tony Goodger, Colin Hutchinson, Mike May, Andy Green and 26 Members

The meeting opened at 16:30 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 Roger Brown and Nick Zotov.
- 3) The Minutes** of the 38th Meeting, having been circulated on the website and summarised in Speaks, 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) Chairman's Report (Ian Lever)  
Appendix (b) Treasurer (Kevin Richards)  
Appendix (c) Membership Secretary (Kevin Richards)  
Appendix (d) R/C Secretary (Bill Longley)  
Appendix (e) FF Secretary (John Ashmole)  
Appendix (f) CL Secretary (Mike May)  
Appendix (g) Webmaster (Andy Green)

At the conclusion of the report by Bill Longley, Wesley Denton was presented with the Tasuma Trophy by Ian Lever. Additionally, Ian showed members the Ray Malmstrom Award (in the form of a trophy) that had been presented to the SAM35 committee by the BMFA for services to model flying outside the framework of the Association.

Roger Brown was not able to attend the meeting so his report was presented by Ian Lever. In it he commented that the 2018/19 season saw good support from the major kit manufacturers such as Cambrian, Belair, Balsa Cabin, Nexus and the Vintage Model Company, all of whom had included a total of 15,000 SAM35 promotional leaflets in their kits. Ripmax have promised to include a link to SAM on their website but as Roger was uncertain about how to engineer this Andy Green offered to assist. Additionally, a free raffle was held at Old Warden using numbered leaflets with a Belair kit as the prize.

Colin Hutchinson did not present a formal report, but asked members to suggest new material that could be published in our excellent magazine to keep it fresh. An appeal to this effect will appear in "Speaks" in due course.

**6) Membership Subscriptions:** The Treasurer proposed that the membership subscription rates for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 remain at £27.50 (£29.00 if paying by Paypal) for UK members and £48.50 for those abroad. This suggestion was proposed for adoption by Brian Waterland, seconded by Colin Hutchinson, and agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

**7) Election of Examiner for Accounts:** It was proposed that Lyon & Co continue as Examiner. The proposal was supported by Brian Lever and seconded by Andy Brough, as well as a unanimous show of hands.

**8) Election/Re-election of Officers:** Andrew Housden briefly reiterated the three-year rule for tenure of a Committee member. Ian Lever, Bill Longley, Steve Betney, John Ashmole and Tony Goodger are eligible for election at this 2019 AGM; all had signalled their willingness to continue in office and the appointments were supported by a unanimous show of hands.

Brian's position as President is not strictly subject to re-election, and he has suggested that in future the position of President should be subject to election rather than the current arrangement whereby the President recommends a successor; however, he expressed his willingness to continue in post. This suggestion, along with the above appointments, was supported by a unanimous show of hands.

**9) Declaration and Election of 2019/20 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 is one vacancy for a life membership. Members were asked to give some consideration as to who might receive this award.

**11) Hard Circle at Buckminster:** Tony Goodger explained how extensive discussions regarding noise, safety and turbulence has led to a decision that there will be a hard circle for control line use constructed at the North East end of the Buckminster site. Contractors are being assessed, one having dropped out of contention; however this facility will not be available for tethered car use and so work is ongoing about the possibility of constructing a tethered car circle behind the Events Building. Brian Lever stressed that all the funds raised thus far for this car track had been ring-fenced, and Steve Betney commented that some £4,000 has been pledged for its construction. More money will be raised when a formal project plan is to hand, and it is hoped to complete the work by the end of this year with coordination undertaken by Ollie Monk and Steve; a project manager is being sought. At this point the enormous ongoing help and effort put into all the facilities at Buckminster by the Volunteers was stressed, because without them much of what is available now would not have happened; their work must not be underestimated.

**12) Any Other Business:** A member opined that the Accounts as presented did not truly represent the income for a financial year because subscription cheques received prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January were included in the income for the previous year rather than that following, thus slewing the true income figure. He explained that there is a simple ledger procedure to cover this, and it was

agreed that although the amount of money involved was relatively small, and that the perfectly legal practice had been followed for a number of years, the Accountants would be asked to comment. Also, the Accountants have been asked to make an approach to HMRC regarding the possible liability to Corporation Tax that might be incurred as a result of Yearbook and Engine sales; SAM engines have been sold only to Members thus far and so the surplus generated might be exempt from taxation. However, this situation would not continue as and when the SAM engines are made generally available.

**13) Date and Venue for the 40<sup>th</sup> AGM:** To be advised but probably BMFA Buckminster June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 when a VE-Day-themed weekend would be organised.

**14) Close of Meeting:** The President thanked all of the Committee for their work, and the meeting was closed at 18:15 PM.

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