

# South Warwickshire Electric Flyers - Minutes of AGM 23rd September 2018

## 1. Introduction

Peter Holden the Vice Chairman started the meeting by welcoming everyone & introduced the current officers for 2018, including:

Peter Holden as Chairman	Rob Savin as Vice Chairman
Jamie Hall as Treasurer	Paul Hannell as Club Secretary

### Additional Attendees:

Chris Leadbeater	Stuart Markham	James Bilas
Keith Walpole	Simon Eastham	Roy Markham
Rupert White	Steve Goodman	Bill Kent
Nigel Bentley Beard	Will Freeman	

## 2. Apologies for Absence

John Neale	Noel Cross
Dick Blenkinsop	Andrew Shayler

## 3. Minutes 2017 AGM - Matters arising

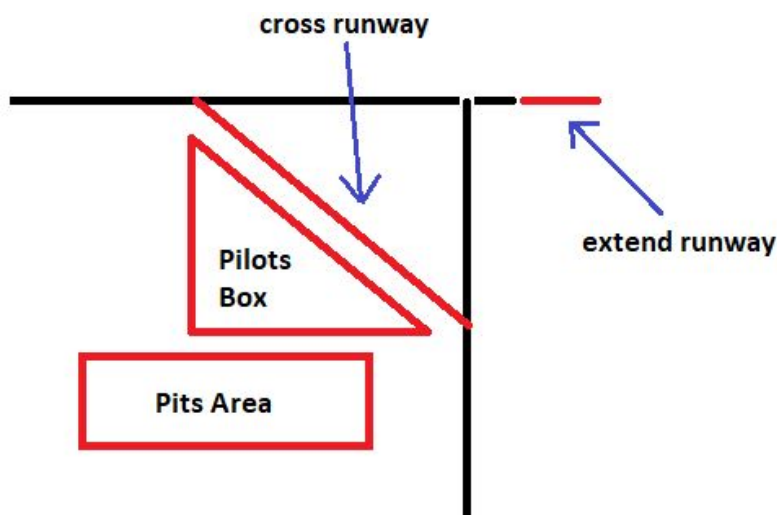
Flying etiquette - no further issues or concerns raised.  
Revisions to the constitution - see 6 below

## 4. Officers Report - Secretary, Treasurer

Secretary - the total number of members has increased by another 7 members to 49. Please note we are switching to direct debit to minimise admin & simplify renewals. Also see 9. subscriptions.  
Treasurer - provided copies of the clubs accounts for 2018 & walked through the details - a copy of this is held on the notice board in the caravan

## 5. Runway Alterations

We discussed the request to alter the runway so that we can take-off land when the wind crosses between the 2 existing runways & also extension to one of the runways longer for easier landings. The proposal was approved (subject to confirmation by the landlord) & we agreed to remove the existing roped barriers & mark a new edge to the pilots box on the ground instead to avoid any collisions with the barriers.  
I've tried to represent this in the diagram below - it's just a guide !



We agreed that the mowing team would handle the runway changes & Rupert would mark the new edge on the ground.

## **6. Mowing**

Rob's donated push petrol mower is located in the caravan & is proving very useful for a quick trim & also reduces the demand on the main mower. We do have a volunteer mowing team - but if you see the runways need a trim, then please help out & use the mower in the caravan.

## **7. Clubhouse**

We agreed that a clubhouse would be a great addition; particularly in generating more interest, involvement & social activity in the club. Next steps are to arrange a separate meeting to discuss & agree the best solution, location and seek approval of club funds from the committee, as well as re-confirming approval from the landlord.

## **8. Toilet**

Jamie organised for the toilet to be serviced & Keith has been adding some water, as it is better to be used & topped up, than left unused - as it will dry out. We will keep it topped up with chemicals.

## **9. Fixing of Subscriptions for 2017.**

Subscriptions remain at £50 per annum.

As mentioned in the Secretary's report - we are switching payment to direct debit only. Once signed up you can cancel it anytime (either with us or via your bank) and if for any reason your renewal is paid when you meant to cancel, and you inform us within a reasonable period of time (no more than 30 days), then we will refund you.

**NOTE:** the BMFA is also switching to payment online, meaning members will need to renew their BMFA subscriptions themselves & identify association to the club by entering our club no. 2579

Instructions on where to sign up for SWEF & BMFA will be sent out by email.

## **10. Ratify the Club Constitution 2018**

As agreed in the 2017 AGM, the executive committee reviewed the constitution and made a couple of minor amendments, as follows:

- 19. Requirement to be 'A' cert standard before flying, amended to - requirement to demonstrate can fly safely as determined one of the clubs appointed instructors (also see 14 below).
- 24. No requirement for committee member nominations to be in writing.

## **11. Election of Officers for the Committee 2018**

- Pete has decided to step down as chairman & we all thank him for his contributions.
- Rob Savin was nominated to take the role of chairman - this was duly proposed and seconded.
- Stuart Markham was nominated to take the role of Vice Chairman - this was duly proposed and seconded.
- Jamie Hall to continue as Treasurer
- Paul Hannell to continue as Secretary

We also agreed to appoint a Safety Officer - so if anyone would like to volunteer for this role, please let us know.

## **12. Website**

We have a new website [SWEF.BMFA.ORG](http://SWEF.BMFA.ORG) which is hosted by the BMFA for free. We will look to redirect the existing [swef.co.uk](http://swef.co.uk) over to the new website.

It was also suggested to have a forum/post for all members to use (eg: who's flying, stuff for sale/swap, etc.), as the current facebook page is useful, but recognised that not everyone uses facebook.

## **13. Support for the L&WMRS Model Show**

We were invited to take a stand this year at the L&WMRS model show (for free), but were unable to get enough commitment to support it (& it was cancelled in the end due to bad weather). We did agree that it would be positive to make use of this offer, although it was felt we needed to generate more club interest & involvement in order to improve support for such activities - ie: see 7. Clubhouse.

#### **14. 'A' Cert & Visiting other clubs**

John Neale advised (by email) that it is looking likely that we will all require a minimum of 'A' cert standard to fly solo after November 2020 due to tightening regulations.

We also get invitations from other clubs to attend events, and they have all required 'A' cert to fly solo.

We agreed to arrange some practice sessions & ask Noel if he can give us some assessment/guidance, and also act as examiner for the 'A' cert test.

#### **15. Any other business.**

- Simon requested & we agreed that due to his health considerations, he can drive up to the pits area, so he can get his planes out, before returning his car to the car park (ground permitting).  
nb: Albeit very unlikely to happen, Simon has agreed to accept any additional risk posed by this.  
Rupert agreed to mark out the parking space beside the path, as a disabled persons reserved space - so that Simon can park there.
- John Neale asked (by email) if we could use a proper flagpole for the windsock, to make the wind direction clearer for all. Paul Hannell to source/obtain a flagpole.
- Pete Holden suggested we arrange a visit to the BMFA National Centre, so please let us know if you are interested, when is best for you; and we will share some date options.