

South Warwickshire Electric Flyers

Minutes of AGM 16th October 2024

(19:00 Bowling Green Southam)

1)Introduction

Jonathan Saunders the club Chairman opened the meeting at 19:10 welcoming the members and introducing the current officers

David Lydford as Vice Chairman

Austin Wade as Treasurer

Laura Mucklow as Secretary.

Members in attendance: Paul Hannell, Robin Child, Bob Temple, Isaac Wilkinson, David Wilkinson, Paul Spalding, Sam Hitchman, Mike Chew

2)Apologies for Absence:

Paul Williams, Pedro De Oliveira, Steve Goodman, Mick Thwaite, Bill Kent, David Fearon, Mick Lions, Rupert White, Jim Springate.

3)Minutes of 2023 AGM and matters Arising

The previous minutes were discussed and accepted as a true record all achievements were highlighted. Copy Made available on Club noticeboard.

Proposed by Jonathan Saunders, Seconded - Paul H

4)Officers Reports: Treasurer

Copies of the accounts were provided for members present and the figures explained, the accounts show a surplus balance for the year, A copy of the accounts will be available on the noticeboard in the club house. (final Balance to date £5,680.04)

Question raised about Rent and projection for the future what's expected and how fees might change, this was acknowledged by all club members who attended on the evening.

5)Officers Reports: Chairman

Summary of last 12 Months

Continued work on club Facilities- (Updated on new mower, Toilet, Proposed Container next to the clubhouse for member aircraft storage; Plans on battery replacement after 4 years, come March 25 post renewal) Thanks to all involved for providing good enhancements SWEFEST- Success despite weather, continues to be a worthwhile weekend. **N.B. Reminder of caution on battery charging – looking to provide outside battery charging and sacrificial charging area to prevent any repeat action. Please do not leave battery's un-attended on charge (especially if out searching for a lost/downed plane)**

No rolling runway this year- New mower maintaining surface (good condition new) New Mower selected and purchased by Keith and David (thanks given) Old mower prepped Sold by David on behalf of club.

New Mower serviced and been running most of the season still on 1st tank of diesel

Membership rebate to members on mowing rota.

Club trainer, buddy Box & helicopter to still be available.

Purchase of 2nd toilet, still plans to relocate 1st one next to it and update area by container there.

Rent increase after several years of static rent – Farmer positive about probate completion and has plans to update site to ensure continued diversity and success of the model railway, flyers and care racing clubs. Rent escalation of approx. 15% per year requested for 3yrs to make “credible”- counter is that we can’t increase membership size significantly to avoid infeasible traffic and access & recognition that we won’t increase subscriptions significantly. Maintain current sustainable position and confirm outlook when probate completed.

6) Election of Officers to the committee

Jonathan Saunders: standing Chair

Proposed – Chair Seconded – All – **Noted that members felt Club was running Smoothly with Jonathan at Helm.**

David Lydford Standing Vice chair

Proposed – Chair Seconded – All (10)

Austin Wade: Standing Treasurer

Proposed – Chair Seconded – All (10)

Laura Mucklow: standing Club secretary – Stands down due to commitments and Health

Chris Mucklow offers to be Secretary

Proposed – Chair Seconded – All (10)

Open Positions: None- Any Volunteers Welcomed to assist or take over in coming year.

7) Proposals for next year

Events:

- SWEFEST to continue agreed – (Keith W volunteered to liaise with farmer to secure dates)
- Family day one weekend – bring in friends and family New Members?
- Agreed to set aside SWEFEST nomination- as unofficial family orientated weekends in June, July, August- **Extremely successful over summer this year with many camping.**
- GoCardless and email comms for membership – reminder to have details updated.
- BMFA insurance – continue & request BMFA member numbers (check coverage including CAA registration)
- Maintain membership rates increase this year to £75 (Feb 24) and review following rent/probate status in 2025

- Vote on membership size – current numbers acknowledged and questioned are we open to modest increase? Currently accepting new members as they come in.
- Maintain Mower
- Still need website and comms updates, committee role info-(Bradley and Pedro to liaise with Paul H with this matter)
- Club Membership – advertise on BMFA classifieds, Magazine? Or online suggestion of schools or clubs as taster days? Contact info& potential member FAQ page? With information about (fees & mid fees, and information about what the club has to offer.)
No action to be taken but asked to think about ideas and suggestions in the future.
- Social media (Chris Mucklow and Isaac have offered to help create a Facebook Public page.
- The Club website is still in need of urgent maintenance as it's not really working properly (This will be perused, by the committee to find and propose an adequate solution (not solely Facebook group) Discussed that not everyone has social media or uses WhatsApp and Email should be primary communication for All AGM and notices and SWEFTEST etc.
Suggested Calendar of events – Read only.
- Club constitution needs update – Proposed draft on BMFA template for consultation – Propose 28-day Consultation and any updates to committee members. Following 28 days, if no objections raised committee to vote to adopt on behalf of members. Objections will trigger EGM to openly discuss and vote with membership. Include proper registration (including for terms of rental for insurance)
- Reminder on FPV and interaction with other flyers including Paragliding. (Chairman Jonathan Saunders discusses a paragliding interaction – no cause for follow up but awareness of other airspace users in the locale advised).

8)Any other Business

**9)Votes on actions
(recorded here)**

Topic	For	Against
Membership Size- Increase from 70 members to 80	10	0
Membership Rates – increase to £75 in Feb 2024	10	0

Close- Chairman Jonathan Saunders thanked everyone for attending Meeting Closed 20:43pm