



Newbury and District Model aircraft Society

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON**

**23rd November 2011 – Chieveley Village Hall**

**The meeting was opened at 19.50, and the Chairman welcomed 18 members (including the committee) to the meeting.**

**1. Apologies were received from:**

Giles Beale (moved to Bury st Edmunds)  
Paul & Sharon Lewis (moved to Londonderry)

**2. Minute of last A.G.M.**

The minutes of the last AGM (2010), having been circulated previously, were accepted as read and duly signed by the chairman.

**3. Chairman's Report**

There was no report ready for the membership to view before the AGM documents were sent out, so the chairman read out his report – a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

**4. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer presented a summary of the accounts for the year.  
The key points being the income of £5215.50 ( £5099.50 ) less various outgoings including £1174.00 (£1134.000) to the BMFA leading to an end-of-year balance of £3910.84 (£3406.27) as at October 2011.  
A copy of these accounts is attached to these minutes.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report.**

In 2010 we had a membership of 51. In January of 2010 ...6 existing members did not rejoin but we now have 55 members and 4 on the waiting list.

**6. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary read out an email received from Paul & Sharon Lewis which summarised their feelings about having to leave the club and thanking the club for the gift of 2 whisky half tumblers and miniatures.

The secretary informed the meeting of the BMFA fees for 2012

Members £31.00, juniors £16.00, Family member £20.00, Family Junior £12.00

**7. Safety Officer's Report.**

The Safety Officer thanked the membership as we had again had a very good year for safety.  
He had hoped to undertake some noise testing but was unable to do so due to the windy conditions prevailing for most days

**8. Training Co-ordinators Report**

The Training Coordinator said that at present we have 8 novices under training. There have been no "A" or "B" certificate passes this year. As Joe Gabris is stepping down from the role due to family and work commitments the Chairman thanked him and looked forward to several "A" cert passes next year as a result of his efforts

**9. Events Co-ordinator's Report.**

**The events co-ordinator's position is vacant.**

PILOT of the YEAR..... Graham Castle said he had made 2 changes to the format ... the spot landing was now a dead stick spot landing and he had introduced the egg flight experience which everybody found difficult except Malcolm Beard who not only completed the three tasks of the contest then went on to complete a roll with the egg still on board and intact!!!

Malcolm Beard won the competition overall with 40 points  
Peter Wood was second with 27 points  
Rod Brown was third with 26 points

(Rod Brown`s humour and encouragement during the competition was greatly appreciated)  
Graham felt that it helped to improve flying skills and will be organising it again next year.

INDOOR FLYING.....We held a 2 hour trial at St Barts last weekend which all agreed was a success, We will book 18<sup>th</sup> December,15<sup>th</sup> January & 12<sup>th</sup> February for 3 hours each and charge £6.00 per person .. This will mean we will be subsidising the sessions depending on the numbers attending.

**10. Any Other Business**

None

**11. Award of Prizes**

The Chairman presented the awards to the membership who attended the A.G.M.  
Pilot of the Year .....Malcolm Beard  
Best Newcomer .....Andrew Holmes  
Most Persistent Trier / Flyer against All Odds..... Steve Thame  
Most Outstanding Model ..... Graham Castle (Hurricane)  
Most Improved Flyer ..... Rob Jepson  
Chairman`s Award ..... Graham Castle

## 12. Election of Officers

The Chairman conducted this part of the meeting and as each post was announced the secretary read out the details of nomination forms received in advance of the meeting. As no nominations were received during this meeting the committee for 2012 was elected as follows.

Joe Gabris stood down as training co-ordinator.

No nominations were received for the post of Events co-ordinator neither were there any volunteers, so this position remains vacant.

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman *	Derek Brown	Steve Wilson	Brian Belcher
Secretary *	Rob Jepson	Joe Gabris	Brian Belcher
Treasurer *	Brian Belcher	Joe Gabris	Chris White
Membership Secretary *	Steve Wilson	Brian Belcher	Joe Gabris
Safety Officer	Graham Castle	Steve Wilson	Derek Brown
Training Coordinator	Malcolm Beard	Eric Edwards	Steve Thame
Website	Chris White	Rob Jepson	Joe Gabris
Events	---- P o s i t i o n	V a c a n t-----	-----
Welfare	Steve Wilson	Chris White	Brian Belcher

\* Constitutional Committee Requirement

## 13. Close of Meeting

Mark Dixon from the floor suggested that as we have no events co-ordinator we keep events to an "opportunistic" and informal. Peter Wood suggested that we ask neighbouring clubs to keep us informed of their club talks etc (he enjoyed White Horse club's talk on jets). The Secretary said this had already been requested of both White Horse and North Berks.

Malcolm Beard proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for the last year.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30.

(After a short break and outside the context of the AGM Malcolm Beard gave a presentation relating his experiences in Kenya filming vultures with his full scale camera carrying model vulture.

He followed this with some air to air / air to ground video taken at Stanmore and Beacon Hill)