



Minutes of A.G.M. 1st November 2022

40 Members attended.

Meeting commenced at 8.00 pm

1. Minutes of last years AGM were agreed as correct.
2. Chairman's report: see separate section at the end.
3. Treasurer's report. Accounts were circulated for all to see & comment on. We had a surplus of £804.23 BUT we still have to pay 'Air ambulance' £100, September strip mowing & council mowing, together approx. £700, leaving us with a break even sum. Thanks to Paul for his work.
4. Committee proposed to leave subs as they are, but charge a £5 joining fee for new members to cover cost of keys etc. - All agreed.
5. Models over 7.5 kg. when flown at a club event, & the pilot does not hold a 'B' cert - a club member with a 'B' cert. must stand with pilot to comply with our club rules.
6. Committee proposed that new members must attain a 'BCC' within 3 months of joining the club, & would prefer all members to hold a 'BCC' - All agreed.
7. Election of committee. All existing committee members were willing to stand for another year. No other nominations were received. Existing committee were therefore elected.

Chairman's report

Welcome to the PANDAS 2022 AGM.

First of all, thank you to everyone who has made the effort to attend the meeting night.

I have been the chairman at PANDAS for 4 years now. It sometimes feels longer at times. I hope that the club is in a much better place than when I took over.

One thing you may hear me say at times, is that with over 160 members, you cannot please everyone all the time, but hopefully we can please the majority most of the time.

The Last 12 Months

The last 12 months have been busy after hopefully the last of any Covid restrictions.

Grass Cutting & Field Maintenance

We have continued to use a combination of the council and private contractor to cut the grass. We plan to continue in this way unless anyone has any other practical suggestions that would work.

We hired a roller for the first time this year to roll the main flying area. Some think it helped and some don't think it made any difference. Personally I think it helped and I would look to hire a heavier roller if we do it again next year.

I think most people agree the flying surface is much better than it used to be. I have had many favourable comments when we have held events at the field, with visitors commenting on what brilliant flying site and flying surface we have.

I would like to thank committee member Graham Worfolk for his continued work overseeing the field maintenance and Terry Lee for maintaining contact and arranging things with the council.

Article 16

The new flying legislation came into force 2 years ago and we have all had to adapt to the new rules. I have continued to deal with many phone calls and emails on this subject from both PANDAS members and from other clubs.

It is what it is and we will just have to continue to adapt to what we do, to ensure we fly lawfully. The competency arrangements and what is required continue to cause confusion with people unsure what they need to do.

I would like every PANDAS member to hold a current BMFA RCC as proof of competency under the BMFA Article 16 agreement. I realise some members who hold old achievement scheme qualifications do not like this idea. The reality is, if you have genuinely read and understood Article 16, it should not be problem to take and pass this test, as it is based on BMFA Article 16 agreement.

If you have just ticked the box on the BMFA membership portal and have never read Article 16 and do not understand it, you are flying unlawfully and risk invalidating your 3rd party insurance cover, should an unfortunate incident occur leading to a potential claim.

Flying Site Fly Above 400 Feet Permit

I successfully renewed the BMFA flying site permit under Article to allow over 7.5kgs aircraft to fly above 400 feet and up to 1500 feet at our field. This involved more paperwork, risk assessments, maps & NOTAM applications but we got there in the end.

The prospect of transponders on our aircraft or at flying sites is something the CAA are looking at and it may or may not happen.

In an attempt to making recognised flying sites more visible to other air traffic, the BMFA have engaged with Altitude Angel an airspace management company with a mobile online app. I have communicated with the company and PANDAS is now registered on Altitude Angel. It is hoped going forward that the CAA may accept this platform and negate the need for transponders on our aircraft or at flying sites, when you are flying from a recognised site. We will just have to see what happens.

Club Field Events

These included a BMFA scale competition, 2 day 'Flight Fest' event, 2 BMFA achievement scheme events, Electric Fly In / Single Channel & Retro weekend, club scale event, fun fly day and 1 or 2 more.

Chairmans Fun Fly Day. This was a first and the weather proved favourable which helped. I invited members from other clubs and provided Pie and Peas. I guess during the day there were nearly 100 attendees. I hope to hold the event again next year.

We held the 10th Single Channel & Retro weekend which again proved popular. The weather forecast was not perfect and in the end the weather turned out better than expected.

In general all the events were well received with many compliments about the PANDAS club, field and facilities.

We are already planning for next year with another BMFA 'Flight Fest' weekend event planned for 20th & 21st May.

We had charity collections at most of these events and have **raised over £800.00** for the '**Yorkshire Air Ambulance**'.

Club Nights

Let's hope we can continue with these next year and if you have any ideas please let us know.

We held a SWAPMEET, bring a model night, talks, demonstrations and 1 or 2 more.

Committee

The current committee have all indicated they will continue for another year if that what the membership wishes to happen. We are not overwhelmed with people wanting to join the committee and I think we have a stable and balanced set up at the moment.

I would like to thank the current committee for their time and support over that last 12 months. A lot of work goes on in the back ground and it is not an easy job at times.

Training

I believe offering training is an important role and is one of the main ways to attract new members.

I would like to thank Allan Marshall and Graham Worfolk specifically for running the training, assisted by a number of others, including the club BMFA Examiners.

We have continued to hold the dedicated training day on a Wednesday whenever we could.

If I am elected as chairman again, I have no plans to change this and see it as a great asset to the club.

I would like to extend the training if we can, to include a regular evening in the summer and offer some training on Saturdays & Sundays. We can only do this with more helpers. To that end I am planning to try and call a meeting with all the club examiners and instructors early next year to see what we can do.

Communication

Website, Email, Facebook and WhatsApp. Hope it has made club communications easier.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped and assisted me to run the club for the last year.

Let's all hope that things continue to improve and the club continues to thrive.

Thank You.

Martin Lynn.