



Minutes of club AGM Nov 7th 2023

Meeting start at 8.00pm - 53 Members attending

1. Minutes of AGM 2022 were agreed correct.
2. Chairmans report (see below)
3. Treasurers report (see below)

As we had a loss of about £469 it was suggested that we could a) have less toilet cleaning in winter when it is not used as often, & b) reduce strip cutting when the grass does not grow so quickly. The members in charge of these projects said as these tasks are carried out on a regular basis, it would be difficult to re-arrange them. The committee would look into this during the coming year.

A new account has been found that would make us about £300 interest a year

4. The committee thinks that we should break even each year, so the subs for 2024 should rise to cover the shortfall. Athur Fletcher proposed a rise of £5.00 (to £35.00) for seniors, seconded by Steve Tate. All agreed. The £5.00 joining fee, which covers the cost of a key & membership card etc. will remain.
5. Over the last year we have had some comments (not complaints yet) regarding noise from the nearby housing estate. They are mainly in the weekend evenings when they are out in their gardens or having bbq's. We have a couple of options; either we ignore it and wait until they complain to the council, and risk being thrown off, or we do something now to try and placate the residents. A long debate took place on various times after which the committee therefore proposed a curtailment of flying noisy models i.e. i/c or turbine powered models early morning & evenings during Saturday & Sunday. Times proposed were before 10.00 am & after 5.00 pm on Saturdays, before 9.00 am & after 5.00 pm Sundays. Stephen Greenwood proposed an amendment of 6.00 evenings. This amendment was voted 12 for & more (not counted) against. The original proposal of 5.00 pm was voted 29 for & 12 against. The new rule will be - The flying of i/c or turbine models will be limited to 9.00 to 17.00 Saturdays, 10.00 to 17.00 Sundays, weekdays no change.
6. No changes to club rules or constitution were proposed.
7. Election of committee members: The existing committee were prepared to stand & no one else was proposed, so the committee remains the same:-

Chairman	Martin Lynn
Vice chairman	Chris Deane
Secretary	Terry Lee
Treasurer	Paul Larkman
Member	Allan Marshall
Member	Graham Worfolk
Member	Shaun Garrity

8. The date for the AGM next year would fall on November 5th. It was therefore suggested that we postpone the AGM to 12th November 2024.

Chairmans report

Article 16

The Article 16 flying legislation has been in force for some time now and still seems to be a cause of confusion for some.

Just keep it simple:

1. You have to pay just over £10.00 for a number and stick it on your aircraft.
2. You have to have something called competency (nothing to do with your flying ability) and either take an online test or hold an achievement qualification that you obtained before 31/12/2020.
3. Do not fly too close to people.

I would still like every PANDAS member to hold a BMFA RCC or CAA Flyer ID as proof of competency under the BMFA Article 16 agreement, rather than relying on an old achievement scheme qualification they obtained in the distant past. They then tick a box to say they have read and understood something when in many cases that is far from the truth.

Flying Site Fly Above 400 Feet Permit

I successfully renewed the BMFA flying site permit under Article 16 to allow over 7.5kgs aircraft to fly above 400 feet and up to 1500 feet at our field. This involves 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 still looking at and it may or may not happen. I think it is a good few year's off yet.

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 and fun fly day.

Chairmans Fun Fly Day. This was the 2nd chairman's fun fly day and the weather proved favourable which helped. I invited members from other clubs and provided Pie and Peas. The event was well attended and I hope to hold the event again next year.

We held the 11th Single Channel & Retro weekend. The weather was not good with strong winds and rain for most of the weekend. We still went ahead and those that were there enjoyed it.

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 and if you have any ideas as to what you want, please let us know.

We had charity collections at most of these events and raised £1035.00 for the 'Yorkshire Air Ambulance'.

Club Nights

Do we want them?

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

Committee

The current committee have all indicated they are prepared to stand for another year. As usual we are not overwhelmed with people wanting to join the committee and take on any of the key roles.

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 and Sheila Marshall, Terry Lee 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. We have also utilised Saturday afternoons when required too.

Perhaps an evening training session next year would prove popular. However, you need someone to take ownership of it and run it.

Noise

We have had a number of noise complaints in the last 18 months and noise is always going to be a potential problem especially with the large number of new houses being built in the area.

It is something going forward we are going to have to continually monitor.

The bottom line is, if we have to restrict the flying times for the more noisy aircraft then that is what will have to happen.

If it is not treated seriously and the complaints escalated, it has the potential to lose the flying site.

A model flying club with nowhere to fly is finished and will simply no longer exist.

Communication

One of my main targets when I took on the role of chairman was to ensure as far as possible members knew what was going on.

Website, Email, Facebook and WhatsApp, we have them all. I hope it has made things better and members know what is happening.

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

Let's hope that the club continues to thrive and we can reach that target of 200 members next year.

Thank You.

Martin Lynn.

Treasurers report

PANDAS Year End Accounts 14th September 2023
PANDAS Year 2022 - 2023

Item	Income	Expense	Comments
PANDAS 2023 Subscriptions	£ 5,016.00		
BMFA Subscription	£ 42.00	£ 84.00	Including Life Membership Cost
Charity Donations	£ 935.00	£ 1,035.00	Air Ambulance - £100 from last year
Grass Cutting		£ 2,767.08	Including Feed & Weed Treatment
Gate Locks and Keys		£ 145.00	
Petrol		£ 27.65	
Roller Hire		£ 140.00	
White Line Paint		£ 104.36	
Wakefield Council Event Licences		£ 47.00	
Bank Charges		£ 9.79	
Field Rental		£ 1,432.33	
Chemical Toilet Empty & Maintenance		£ 300.00	
Roundhill Club Meeting Room Hire and Committee Membership		£ 300.00	
Membership Cards		£ 60.00	
TOTALS	£ 5,993.00	£ 6,452.21	
Loss / Profit 2023	-£	459.21	Loss On Year £459.21
Balance Year On Year	2022	2023	
Cash In Hand	£ 134.58	£ 199.58	
Current Account	£ 22,873.48	£ 22,349.27	
TOTAL	£ 23,008.06	£ 22,548.85	

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Terry Lee (Sec.)