

# READING AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

## COMMITTEE MEETING 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### MINUTES

- 1) Attendees- Andy Warlow, Steve Fleming, Dave Grey, Joe Dray, Ian McConnell
- 2) Apologies – Tim Jones
- 3) Approval of minutes – of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 – Approved at time of issue.
- 4) Outstanding actions – See attached Actions Log
- 5) Finance / Membership update.

Finance – Balance in operating account will fall to approximately £600 soon so there may be insufficient funds for mowing bill which is expected shortly.

It seems likely, also, that substantial costs will be incurred for solicitor's fees for licence review (see below). Amount currently estimated at £2500. Will need to use funds from reserves and will need approval of members as exceeds £1000.

#### Membership

To date 58 members have renewed (includes 1 junior)

9 members have stated that they will not be renewing

6 members are still being chased to renew and are likely to incur late renewal fee.

There are 5 prospective new members who will be contacted as soon as weather improves.

Steve to create list of members' names for JPD to send to Rachael at TVP to comply with condition of current licence. (Action 23001)

#### 6) Flying Field Matters

##### **Review of Accidents/Incident Forms**

Two 'fly away' incidents reported one arising from disconnection of battery in flight - cause has been addressed. The reporting of each incident helped, to some extent, with the eventual reuniting of planes with their owners.

As both models were out of sight on arrival it is a legal requirement to report to the CAA. CAA did not appear to know what to do with the information provided but nonetheless the operators have complied with the legislation.

#### TVP Licence

Limited progress however Andy has in the last few days received an email from the solicitor ( Laura Wilkinson) requesting a map of the site with revised location of the helipad. She also provided estimate of costs as mentioned in item 5 above.

Andy has contacted Rachael (TVP) and requested that, as there appears to be no indication of timescales, the club be allowed to revert to times previously agreed with TVP until the licence review process has been completed. No response received to date.

Andy continues to respond to members who request updates.

#### 7) Website/Google Group update

Steve has recently updated the google group. From 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023 will remove those who have not renewed.

Web site is up to date

#### 8) AOB

BMFA record attempt and distance challenge. Email from Andy Symons of BMFA. JPD not able to attend Zoom meeting as insufficient notice given. Committee decided that given limitations of site and club rules neither challenge is appropriate for the club so we will not participate

Copy of current site risk assessment and BMFA club insurance document have been sent to TVP in accordance with licence conditions.

When bill for licence review is received secretary to email members for approval.

#### 9) Meeting Dates for 2023

Agreed 3 committee meeting per annum plus AGM

- Meeting 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Meeting 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> October
- AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> December