

Clear Dope

Minutes of the committee meeting 03/12/07 - from Toni Reynaud (Hon. Secretary/Social Secretary)

Members Present Tony Chant, Harry Walton, Morris Campbell, Ray Beadle, Keith Wood, Bruce Smith, Allen Miller, Mick Blundell, Ray Andrews, Ken Knox.

(Members Observing) Ron Breach

Apologies for absence. Toni Reynaud, Gavin Bidwell

Matters arising from previous minutes. No Matters Arising

Correspondence. Ray Andrews had received an email from Aldershot gliding club regarding the reciprocation of flying sites. They would consider the matter next year. Tony Chant had received an email from Ex Chairman, Peter Sackman, notifying committee of the sad death of ex member Terry Howell. Tony and possibly Mick would attend the Funeral service.

Tony Chant had had a number of communications with Lee Hacket (webmaster) regarding the Cadmac.co.uk domain. Payment may be required.

Treasurer and Membership Secretaries finance and membership report. Two applications for membership, all interviewed by one or more committee members at last meeting - approved. This takes membership to 151 (143 this time last year). Keith presented a Draft Statement of Accounts, in preparation for the AGM, which were discussed and accepted.

Social Secretaries report. In Toni's absence, Bruce reported that the catering sub-committee of Toni and Annette, Harry and Linzi and Christine and Bruce had met and produced a purchasing list for a good sized, two course buffet for members for a cost in the region of £110, a great deal of the spawdework having already been prepared by Toni and Annette. It was then discovered that FSC could not allow external catering under the terms of their new license. (May 07) Bruce then arranged a meeting with Philipa (catering manageress) and was advised that the cost of in house catering for the AGM would be in excess of £300. (Finger buffet menu £8 per head!) The committee discussed the problem at length and finally resolved that they could not spend that amount of ALL members' money on about one third of the membership. Sadly it was only practicable to inform members via the website, of this decision.

Thorney Island representative report. Harry Walton reported that Thorney had been used very little in the last few weeks as a result of the poor weather. There were no issues. Thorney non member application forms. None Thorney Island general use. (update section). No Issues

BMFA representative's report. Ken Knox reported that BMFA were holding a discussion at the Southampton Hall of Aviation on the topic of, 'What does the BMFA do for us?' in January or February. It was felt that, as the largest club in the area, CADMAC should send delegates. Ken reported on the recent 'Balsa Brain' competition where CADMAC had sported a team of: Ken Knox, Mick Blundell, Steve Skinner, John Riall and Tony Chant. The team had not won but had enjoyed an excellent evening, helped considerably by the refreshments. Tony has plagiarised the sequence of Qs and As for use as a possible 'Pub Quiz' on one of our Club Nights.

Safety Officer's General report and site accident report Morris Campbell reported that he hadn't been on any of the flying fields during the last month because of the bad weather. He hadn't received any reports of mishaps or near misses but cautioned 'be aware' when flying resumes.

Porthole Farm representative report. Mick Blundell said the bad weather had been useful, in as much as it had shown up the few remaining holes in site and driveway. These were not sufficiently serious for a major working party. Flying and behaviour had been pretty good. Porthole non member application forms. None Porthole general use. (update section). New measures were required to get rid of the moles.

Editor's progress on production of November Clear Dope. Bruce reported that December CD had been completed, largely from his own resources and with the aid of Indoor Flying pictures from Allen Miller. He had lately received Balsa Brain picture from Ken. Two Black toner cartridges had been ordered and he currently had three of the four toner carts in stock.

Trundle hill representative report.

Ray Andrews informed the meeting that he had designed new Trundle Hill notices and that they had been printed and laminated by Bruce. Ray would position them when the weather was more amenable. There have been plenty of South West winds lately but they had proved too strong for flying.

Indoor Flying representative report, finance and member lists. Allen reported that over the last two years, the indoor flying meetings had raised about £220. This year there will have been seven meetings, come Christmas, with about £110 in takings – although we'd lost about £72 at the Six Villages meeting. The last two meetings at Seaford had been cancelled at very short notice because of floor problems in the hall. This had caused Allen great difficulties contacting prospective supporters. He was trying to produce an updated list of phone numbers for non-CADMAC indoor flyers. Allen will be organising competitions at the 15th December meeting in a variety of formats. He would also provide light refreshments.

Competitions Program. Ray beadle reported that everything was sorted for the AGM. All the trophies were in hand and the engraving completed. A list of certificates had been forwarded to Bruce Smith for printing.

Monthly Meetings and Social Events Calendar The Social Secretary should check that the hall has been booked for

the AGM.

Junior Members representative report.

In Gavin's absence no report was received.

Web Site Update - Progress report.

Tony Chant is currently re-formatting the website. H&S comments were forthcoming viz. use of protective eye ware prior to logging on! Tony is only working on the site as a stop-gap measure and we should wait and see what happens as a result of the AGM.

Any other business

Mick Blundell proposed the purchase of a £25 Book Token for Porthole Farm owner Raiff Shrub. This was agreed unanimously.

Date of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday evening 8th January 2008. It should be noted that January's General Club Meeting will take place two days later on 10th January 2008.

Supplementary Note

Prior to the meeting, two members reported that they had been approached by someone purporting to be Junior Rep, Gavin Bidwell and offering a trial flight on Bruce's scale P-51D 'Twilight Tear.'

Two days after the committee meeting, BMFA Rep. Ken Knox was also contacted by a male, purporting to be our Indoor Rep. Allen Miller, and again offering the opportunity to fly Twilight Tear. Ken's caller tried to bluff his identity out to begin with but on being challenged a second time, he hung up. Ken's attempts to trace the caller were thwarted by BT's caller confidentiality system.

Ken's feelings are that this was not a practical joke and possibly formed the basis of some kind of illegal scam.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM 13/12/07 - from Toni Reynaud (Hon. Secretary/Social Secretary)

Committee Present Tony Chant, Toni Reynaud, Bruce Smith, Keith Wood, Mick Blundell, Ken Knox, Ray Andrews, Ray Beadle, Harry Walton, Allen Miller, Gavin Bidwell. 55 Members present.

Chairman's opening statement

Tony Chant informed the assembled members that Terry Howells had passed away, and that he had attended the funeral as a club representative. He then requested that members refresh their memories of the 2006 AGM Minutes from the copies around the hall, and we would discuss matters arising and vote on accepting them later in the meeting.

Apologies

Morris Campbell, Adrian Childs, Neil Macaulay.

Chairman's Report from Tony Chant

Welcome, everyone, to CADMAC 2007 AGM, and thank you for attending. Apologies for no buffet, but there have been changes to the Fishbourne Club Catering facilities that we were not aware of until the last minute so that we could not arrange our own buffet, but the cost suggested by them to do it was far more than we liked, so we decided not to spend a load of Club money on food for just a few. (Cheers from the floor!)

An overview of the years activities - Thanks to John and Pauline Hook for attending and selling equipment. Club evening events such as skittles, out-door electric and control line flying in the field, and Club auctions have been well attended. Outings to such events as Wings and Wheels, Hastings and Hop farm were also set into the club's agenda to provide accessibility to the shows around the country. I would like to thank all those who have arranged these events and in most cases driven the bus for us to enjoy.

Competitions ranging from bomb dropping, electric glider, scale, loops rolls and spins were also attended by many members this year; a final presentation will be held a bit later this evening by Ray. Indoor events at Seaford College have been successful with just a couple of dates cancelled in the later part of the year because of the gym floor being refurbished at short notice, unknown to ourselves until the last moment. This weekends session runs from 2 o'clock to 5.

Members of our club also represented CADMAC, displaying our skills at such events as the Royal Victoria Park and the Romsey Show this year, along with a team entering the Balsa Brain competition for the first in some years. Please note - we didn't come last in this event! Thank you to those who attended.

Training was once again led by our Chief Area Examiner John Riall and volunteers within the club, who put their flying time to one side to help forward those who needed it to achieve their A certificates. I wish to thank John and all the helpers within the Club for putting their time and experience into helping others. John Fowler was once again allocated the job of Membership Secretary at the beginning of the year when our full time man disappeared on holiday. Thanks John for stepping in.

Thorney Licence renewal - You will be pleased to know that once again we have negotiated the licence, and this year there has been no increase in licence fees. I am waiting for the relevant paper work to be issued. This will include updating the membership listing which will take time to progress to the gate, but at least they will have the list.

Porthole issues - This year, members and committee put a lot of work in repairing the access road in time for the Gala Day, which was sadly put off due to the weather, but again I thank everyone who put their time and efforts for free into carrying out this task. Flying over the Sewage Works - there has been correspondence between the Club and the Water Authority. There has been additional equipment installed at the Sewage Works which carries a slightly higher risk of damage if hit by a crashing model plane - do not fly over the Poo Farm at all, ever.

I will now finish my report by thanking the Committee for all their efforts and support through out the year, and I will now hand you over to the committee for their reports.

Secretary/Social Secretary's Report from Toni Busuttil-Reynaud

It has been a slightly different sort of year for the Club. Club evenings have been reasonably well attended, and have included a couple of interesting talks on fibreglass repairs and scale detailing, and the skittles evening with a buffet. There have been two auction evenings, both of which proved popular and have added to the Club funds. The second was slightly differently organised, and we think it was an improvement. The monthly Name the Plane Game has also added to the funds, and brought a little extra spending money to a lucky few during the year. The use of the Fishbourne Social Club premises has continued to work well, but we should note that there are big changes afoot, and we should be prepared to help a little in these - we will get some advantage from the improvements - how about an indoor flying venue on the doorstep? So buy bricks and perhaps consider joining the 50-50 club - this is their version of the Plane Game, but with three winners each month, not one, and a larger kitty. Details on the leaflets delivered to

those of you who live within the Fishbourne catchment area, and more available from me this evening. There is also information on the notice boards round the Club.

The evening fly-ins during the summer were all well attended again and enjoyed by all. However, this did lead to a small lack of communication within the club, and to help improve this situation we are considering fortnightly Club meetings during the summer, so that we can have dedicated flying evenings and alternate evenings more slanted towards talks and demonstrations. Feedback from you, the members, about this idea would be welcome. Plenty of flying has also taken place at the Trundle, Porthole Farm, Thorney Island and indoor at Seaford, proving that we are still an active Model Aero club. There were outings arranged to modelling events at Hastings, Paddock Wood, Wings and Wheels and Hop Farm last year. The take-up on two was OK, on one was poor and the last was cancelled due to lack of interest. This next year I will again advertise and organise the trips, but only if there are requests for them to be laid on. Remember that there are advantages to letting someone else do the driving.

There have been other changes to the Fishbourne Club, notably in the Catering Department. This means that buffets have shot up in price, and the prices charged at the BBQs have also been unfavourably commented on. As self-help catering is now not allowed, we may not organise buffets or BBQs so often.

If there are any changes or additions to the way that the Club is run or operates, that you, the Members, would like to see, please let us know, or volunteer to join the committee and help directly.

Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report from Keith Wood

Copies of the Club accounts for the year were distributed to all members present and Keith Wood gave a brief explanation of all items on the accounts.

Question from Brian Churchill – What will the money in the Club Cash Assets be used for – is there a long-term plan?

Reply from Tony Chant – The amount has built up over a period of years, but there is no specific purpose for it as yet. We regard it as a contingency fund at present.

Question from Louis Louth-Davis – Could we have our own flying field. The Club funds could be used as a deposit and a debenture scheme used to fund the rest.

Reply from Tony Chant – Tony Chant and Harry Walton had spent some time driving round the countryside checking out possible flying sites, but it is very difficult to find anywhere which fulfils all criteria.

Answer from Ken Knox – We presently have the best flying field in the Southern Area in Thorney Island. Getting our own field is fraught with difficulty – Planning permission, Change of Use notices, Local Agreements etc. Local Councils are not much help. Although BMFA council has a member who is experienced in these procedures, he can only advise and will do nothing unless we get to a position of getting a field.

Ron Hemblade suggested that any Club member who knows of a possible site should bring it to the attention of the committee for consideration.

Tony Chant stated that he has a couple of sites in mind and is slowly investigating the possibility of gaining access or ownership.

Senior Training Officer's Report

There was no report for this year.

Safety Officer's Report

As Morris Campbell had sent his apologies there was no Safety Officer's report.

Competition Secretary's Report from Ray Beadle

Attendance at comps this year was the best for a long time. There were eight competitions and eight different winners, and all comps were enjoyed by those who attended. Next year the Electric Glider comp will be held on the same day as the Open Glider to encourage more entries and better running – more people to hold act as timers. Rules for electric gliders will be as this year.

Members voted for the winner of the Jerry Devenish Trophy. I hope that next year there will be more feed back from members through the year on models that they see flying to enable an earlier choice of winner to be made. Developing from the "Show and Tell" evening, it is planned to hold another similar event next year for scale models only to enable all members to see the standard and quality of work in the Club. The weather for the Slope Soaring Comp was rubbish, as it is so often, so next year the comp will be held earlier in the year to try to get better weather, probably in August. All the Club Trophies have now been allocated to an event – some are very old and relate to disciplines no longer followed, but it's a shame to leave them in the cupboard, so some lucky winners will get them for the year. Finally, please enter more comps next year – they are really good fun!

Thorney Representative's Report from Harry Walton

Once again I want to remind all members that Thorney Island is an MOD site and we are there as guests, and we must adhere to all MOD rules, any contravention of these rules and the ones in our rule book could have the club banned from the site. It is most important that members check the web site regularly which hopefully will have the latest information..... Sometimes the Army notify changes at short notice that affect our flying area and the web site is only way that this info maybe communicated to all members. We have had no horsey incidents that I know of..... neither any incidents involving the Army. Only the Parascending competition but we were not informed by anyone about that.

It would be nice to see some different faces down there flying, however I know some members object to the bad language used by a very small minority. It is unfortunate that this happens especially with young members around. I know it's hard to control and stamp it out but maybe a swear box attached to the Peg Board would help. I've no doubt that it may raise more money than the Auction.

Going on to pegs – we need to remember to replace the pegs on the frequency board after flying. A number have been replaced this year.

Recently 12 Regiment Royal Artillery (Anti Aircraft) have moved over from Germany onto Thorney Island this will increase the numbers of Army and civilian personnel and more than likely increase their activities. This may affect our access to the island as it will take time for the two regiments to harmonise with each other.

I have been Thorney Island rep for about 5 or 6 years now, but this is my last one. Thank you.

Porthole Rep's Report from Mick Blundell

To start my report this year I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who helped with the refurbishing of the track

from the road down to the farm. Firstly to Morris Campbell. for organising the scalping - 'Thank you Morris'! Secondly to Terry Burley and Ron Breach for the use of the trailer, and also the rest of the team who worked very hard with the loading and unloading of the rubble. Not forgetting, of course, Jean, Terry's wife, who supplied all 10 of us with a toasted cheese sandwich and coffee for lunch. I must say the hospitality at the Burley's is second to none! Thank you all! Having said that, the track from the trees to the parking area still needs attention, but this is an on-going thing and I will do this as and when I get some more rubble. Weather wise the year started pretty windy and not good for learning to fly model aircraft, but from September on we had a lot of dry windless days which enabled a couple of new faces to take full advantage of R/C flying. We have had no personal injuries as far as I know. I think the standard of flying is good, seeing that we have a high number of learners at Porthole and one needs to remember we were all learners at one time!

There has been much discussion on where the pits should be. All pit areas have good points and bad points but I strongly believe it should be in front of the barn, no matter what the wind direction. Surely the further away the take off area from the pits, the safer it is! The air space in which we fly is getting smaller because now we must not fly over Poo Farm, but this really should not be a problem! I shall be excusing myself from the committee as the Porthole Representative this year, but all the time my 'little hairy legs' are able to keep up with the mower, I will still carry on as Head Groundsman! I hope all who fly at Porthole will continue to give my successor the same respect you have given to me. AND finally I would like to send our best wishes to Raiph Shrubbs our host at Porthole

Slope Soaring Representative's Report from Ray Andrews

The Trundle has been well attended this year, thought this did tail off towards the end of the season. As reported, the competition was weathered off again, so next year it will be scheduled for August in the hope of getting better weather. We hope to arrange for some of the less able members to get from the car park to the top of the hill, so it would be nice to see some new faces up there. Come and take advantage of this good slope soaring site.

Editor's Report from Bruce Smith

As another year comes to an end I'd like to say a personal 'Thank you' to ALL CD's contributors over the last twelve months. Yet again we've had new first-time contributors along with the old die-hards. I must make a special mention of our Secretary, Toni Reynaud for his excellent minutes which keep us all informed so well and to Keith Wood our Treasurer and Membership Secretary not just for his frequent contributions to CD but for the constantly up-dated membership lists he sends me, to ensure an accurate CD Pick-up Sheet and mailing list.

A very special thanks must go to Colin Stevens. I don't think there's been a single issue published this year without at least one significant contribution from Colin, whether it be a full blown article, a pointer to interesting web sites or an hilarious idea for Tex and Rex under his "Cobbo" pseudonym. I'm going to miss the regularly emailed doses of his humour - much of which is not printable. (For National Security reasons - of course.) I must publicly express my gratitude to the CADMAC committee, not only for their work on our behalf throughout the year, but particularly for their support for the purchase of a really good laser printer - previously I'd literally had to put aside four days to print the 150 or so copies of CD - the new machine does the lot in a single day and has taken so much strain out of the job with its reliability.

I sincerely hope that one of you will pick up the gauntlet and take over the editorship of our little magazine who's readership reaches as far afield as Australia and South Africa, so I've been told. I have stated, in committee, that if no new editor is forth-coming at the AGM, I'll continue for a short while, to produce an information sheet in a greatly simplified format so that you continue to receive minutes of the committee meetings along with any important notices - but lets hope it doesn't come to that. If it does, however, members will still have an outlet for their projects and articles through (our BMFA Representative) Ken Knox's really excellent Southern Area Newsletter. Ken, I know is always delighted to receive photographs, copy or notices. If you don't already read it you're missing a treat. I've printed the web address on the editorial page of this months CD.

I'm going to miss my love-hate relationship with CD and I'm going to miss being that one face that new members recognise - but I'll enjoy the freedom to get on with a number of new projects I have in mind. Last year I told you about my desire for a big petrol engine. Look where that got me!

BMFA Representative's Report from Ken Knox

Roger Bedford died earlier this year - his is a very difficult act to follow, and his position as Southern Area Chairman has yet to be filled. CADMAC members took part in the Balsa Brain competition, and did not come last! We will have a similar quiz in the club during the year. We are the biggest club in the area by far, yet our members do not attend many of the BMFA sponsored meetings and comps in the area. Simple planes can be used, and they are usually a good day out. I think that the Club members should take more interest in the activities in the area. The Southern Area BMFA needs an Education officer and one or two other positions filling - consider this. The Royal Victoria Country Park show is going downhill rapidly, so the Romsey show will be attended in future.

Junior Representative's Report from Gavin Bidwell

There is not a lot to report this year. I have not done much flying due to pressure of work and career moves, and I will not be standing as Junior Rep for next year

Webmaster's report

Tony Chant reported that Lee Hackett is no longer the Webmaster, and that the site is presently being managed by him (Tony Chant). A volunteer to take on this task would be appreciated.

Minutes and Accounts

Proposed by Ron Hemblade, seconded by John Fowler, that the Accounts be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Bruce Smith, seconded by Ken Knox, that the minutes for the 2006 AGM be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Any other business

There was no Other Business proposed.

2007 Competition Winners Trophy Presentation

This was carried out by Ray and Tony, with Bruce taking Photos for the Clear Dope.

Election of 2007 Committee members

Tony Chant thanked Mick, Bruce and Harry for their help, time, and efforts over many years being on the Committee

who are now standing down from these positions for various reasons. He also thanked Kath Riall for doing the raffle and draw this during the drink break

Voting

As nine of the Committee members had volunteered to remain in their posts, Toni Reynaud suggested a block vote to confirm this. This was accepted by the members. The following Committee Members were duly voted back into their posts in one unanimous show of hands.

Chairman Tony Chant

Treasurer/Membership Secretary Keith Wood

Competition Secretary Ray Beadle

Safety Officer Morris Campbell

Secretary/Social secretary Toni Busuttil-Reynaud

Training Officer John Riall (Non Committee post)

Slope Representative Ray Andrews

BMFA Representative Ken Knox

Indoor Representative Allen Miller

Clear Dope Editor

There were no nominations. Bruce Smith is willing to produce a restricted edition for a short time, but a new editor is still required.

Thorney Island Representative

There were no nominations. The post is not filled.

Porthole Farm Representative

Nominations – Steve Skinner. Proposed by Terry Burley, seconded by Fred Minay. Unanimous vote for.

Junior Representative

Philip Roberts, proposed Tony Chant, seconded Gavin Bidwell. Unanimous vote for.

Committee 2008

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Seaford College Indoor Flying Dates 2008

All Saturdays from 2.00 pm to

5.00 pm

January 26th
February 23rd

March 22nd
April 26th

September 20th
October 25th

November 22nd
December 13th

Proposed Club-night Events in 2008 Month

All 2nd Thursday of the

14th February
13th March
10th April
8th May
12th June
10th July

Club Night
Auction
Indoor Comp
Skittle Night
Outdoor Flying
Outdoor Flying

14th August
11th September
9th October
13th November
11th December

Outdoor Flying
Auction
TBA
TBA
AGM

**N.B. Committee are looking into the prospect of additional
'outdoor flying' Club-nights during the summer.**



Competition Winners

