

TEESSIDE MODEL FLYING CLUB

AGM 25TH NOVEMBER 2021

APOLOGIES: Ian McCormick, Graham Tungatt, Adrian Parker, Michael Swales and Ian Ellington.

The Meeting was attended by 43 out of the 102 members plus 1 guest.

AGENDA

- **Chairman's Welcome.**
- **Treasurer's report.**
- **Secretary's report.**
- **Safety officers report.**
- **Chairman's report.**
- **Proposals.**

a) Scrap Airshow.

b) changes to constitution.

c) Rule changes.

d) Trial pitting.

- **Election of committee.**
- **Close of meeting.**

After The Meeting Feel Free To Spend A Little Time Socialising If You Wish.

Chairman's report:

As Chairman, I have assisted both the treasurer and the secretary in their roles when needed, I try to keep the TMFC web site and Facebook pages as current as possible and time allows. I have tried keep all the members updated on the relevant matters. I have answered countless queries that come from the website and Facebook pages from members, ex-members and the public, all decisions are always agreed with the committee, either by email or within a meeting, most of our meetings have been via Zoom a social media platform which allow us to discuss issues without having to meet up. Some of the committee have struggled a little with the technology, but it has generally worked well, and allows more frequent meetings if required.

I have always tried to run the club efficiently, and I think the raise in club funds from 2016 where at one point we thought we would have to dip into the Contingency reserve to pay some of the club bills, to now having a healthy £30,000 + balance in the TMFC accounts, reflect that fact. Despite expenditure on the purchase of the grass cutter at Redmarshall, purchasing a compressor and generator, the pit extension and adding extra security on the Redmarshall gates and our fees are about 30% lower than they were in 2014/15.

This last 2 year have been particularly challenging with Covid-19 and all its guidance and regulations all mixed up and I hope you'll all agree, that the committee have done a great job in working through this. I know several members were aggrieved that we had the fields closed, but we felt that was the most practical situation at times, or were following the guidance issued. Even though the flying site were closed the committee were constantly meeting via zoom and email to try and get the best resolve, and stay lawful, and keep the fields open as much as we legally could.

It's sad to see the demise of our annual Airshow, I believe our first Airshow was in 2002, and we have watched it grow in stature and peak. However, with internet buying becoming more prevalent our trade presence has dwindled. Also, since no

one has volunteered to run the show, it looks like its fate is sealed, I won't dwell on this topic anymore as a proposal latter this evening will see how you, the membership feel.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and small group of members who have committed time on the working days and helped maintain our flying sites, and of course our Grass cutting team including Michael Boulton who has also done the repairs to the machines.

We have talked about drainage at Redmarshall for about 20 years and finally we have made a little progress Jeff Staines, Ian McCormick & Ian Jones have looked into this for us.

Jeff Staines gave a presentation on the current drainage situation at the Redmarshall field and the 3 option that he believes are available to us:

1. Explore the current drainage ditch with a view to feeding into it
2. Dig a second pond.
3. Dig a drainage ditch all around the field.

COMMITTEES PROPOSAL:

That we increase the Club fees to £46 + £40 BMFA + £9 CAA which makes a round figure of £95 with a caveat that if the BMFA fee increases next year we absorb the cost so long as the funds allow.

Eric Riddle made a counter proposed and was seconded by Dave Conway that we reduce the fees for 2022 to a total of £65, **this was rejected by 35 votes to 8.**

The initial proposal for the slight increase in fees was carried by the members.

TREASURERS REPORT

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT - CATEGORIES

	Petty cash		Current account		Balance
	In	out	In	out	
Membership	£1,765.90		£2,952.00	-£100.00	£4,617.90
* BMFA	£3,310.00			-£3,336.00	-£26.00
**CAA	£580.00			-£589.00	-£9.00
Training	£154.00		£75.00	-£201.24	£27.76
Redmarshall		-£330.00		-£338.00	-£668.00
Castlelevington				-£332.20	-£332.20
Fuel, ink, paper etc		-£1.00	£41.90	-£225.64	-£184.74

* BMFA agreed to refund their errors.

** CAA fee from last year

ACCOUNTS TMFC account balances

	Oct-20	Oct-21	Dif
Current	£961	£3,998	£3,037
Savings	£10,851	£10,854	£3
Contingency	£15,000	£15,000	£0
Cash	£28	£416	£388
	£26,840	£30,268	£3,428

In the absence of Ian McCormick, Tom answered any questions and explained a little.

PROPOSALS:

Martin Phillips, seconded by Tom Jones proposed that we abandon the annual Airshow and replace it with more club activities. Any surplus Airshow equipment could then be sold off.

Adrian Grantham made a counter proposal, seconded by Don Lavelle that we *temporarily* abandon the Airshow and keep hold of the equipment with a view to possibly holding an Airshow in the future if conditions allow.

This Amendment was carried by 41 members, 0 against no abstention or unanimously

It was proposed that we make two slight amendments to the Constitution to now include the words 'Chairman' and 'Secretary' and increase to time scale for nominations to match that of Proposals.

- 'Any proposals from the membership must be seconded and submitted in writing to the Secretary and *Chairman* at least 28 days before the published date of the meeting' and,

- 'Nominations for Committee posts must be made in writing to the Chairman and *Secretary* at least 28 days before the date of an AGM'.

These were carried unanimously by the members.

It was also proposed that we change the rules in relationship to 'Membership *will be refused*, if the proposed member has been dismissed or left any model flying club due to disciplinary or proposed disciplinary proceedings'

Jeff Staines, seconded by Martin Phillips made a counter proposal that we change 'will be refused' to 'may be refused'.

This proposal was carried by 38 members. This was then voted by 11 members to have that paragraph completely removed completely from the rules. 25 members voted to have the amendment remain in the rules.

It was then proposed that we change all references in rules 2 and 7 that refer to 7.0KG aircraft weight to 7.5KG to reflect the changes in legislation.

This proposal was carried unanimously by the members.

It was proposed that we amend Rule 4 in relation to Membership cards being shown on the peg board, this is no longer required by members.

This proposal was carried by the members with 1 member voting against it

It was proposed that we amend Rule 13 in relation to Vehicular access, vehicles no longer have to be moved from the pits area once unloading/unloading has taken place.

This proposal was carried unanimously by the members

It was proposed that we amend Rule 17 in relation to guest members being invited to the club. The sentence that states: In addition, the potential host of any guest flier who has a previous disciplinary record at TMFC or other model flying club, should check with the Committee first before inviting the flier to the Club. to be removed.

This proposal was carried unanimously by the members

It was then proposed that we adopt the 'Trial Pitting Area' to the South West of the flying patch. This was discussed by the members

Colin Walsh then made a counter proposal that we adopt the 'Trial Pitting Area' as the 'Primary' pitting area. This was seconded by Jim Orr.

This Amendment was not carried by the members who voted 8 voted for and 35 votes against the counter proposal

The proposal in relation to adopting the 'Trial Pitting Area' was carried unanimously by the members

We then moved onto voting for positions on the Committee

Chairman's position

Tom Jones was re-standing for the position and was proposed and seconded by members of the Committee.

Eric Riddle proposed by Brian Cockerline and seconded by Peter Fishburn

Tom Jones was re-elected 26 votes to 11 votes. Several members had voted for both parties.

Vacant position of Vice Chairman

Keith Walker was proposed by Chris Scott and seconded by Dave Conway

Brian Cockerline was proposed by Eric Riddle and seconded by Peter Fishburn

Brian Cockerline withdrew his nomination in writing before the election. Keith Walker was unopposed and took up the position of Vice Chairman.

Vacant position of Treasurer

Craig Cowley was proposed by Tom Jones and seconded by Philip Milburn

Craig Cowley was unopposed and took up the position of Treasurer

Vacant position of Safety Officer

Chris Scott was proposed by Dave Conway and Seconded by Keith Walker.

Chris Scott was unopposed and took up the position of Safety Officer

Five members then put themselves forward for the four places on the Committee:

Brian Cockerline

Dave Conway

Ian Jones

Graham Tungatt

Vic Smith

Dave Conway, Ian Jones, Graham Tungatt and Vic Smith were voted onto the Committee by the members.

Immediately after the votes were announced for all the Committee positions Chris Scott resigned his position as Safety Officer and Dave Conway resigned from the Committee.

Keith Walker, who was not present for the vote, has subsequently contacted the Chairman and resigned his position as Vice Chairman.

Post meeting note

tmfc.bmfa.org has a list of contact details and copies of the rules and constitution on.