

Alton Silent Fliers

The AGM took place on the 16th November 2021

- 1. In Attendance:** Terry Weeks; Terry Pelling; John Barrow; Bert Laan; Martin Gilbert; Tony Ridler; Phil Goldsmith; Glyn Chambers; Rick Watson and George Reynolds.
- 2. Apologies:** Arnold Paikin; Bill Cooke; Colin Hutchinson; Graham Griffiths and Mike Cope.
- 3.** Terry W presented the following report (previously agreed with Terry P) for the year to advise the membership of how the club has fared during this second trying year. Any suggestions following the meeting from the membership to be sent by email to Terry W, who will collate them and put to the membership as a whole at a subsequent meeting, any changes being made by majority decision acted on. The proposed changes to the subscription rates are based on the income for the last year exceeding our expenditure, even with the much-reduced income normally gained by running the Esoaring National competitions. This position has also been helped by the recent increases in the membership during 2021.

4. Secretaries Report:

Terry said his report this year would be much the same as last year everything having gone reasonably well with no contentious issues being raised.

As last year Terry and I very much look after the accounts together, Terry doing the vast majority of the legwork in banking cheques, sorting the BMFA memberships, these last two years having the added job created by arranging CAA registrations, I just assist with the bookkeeping. We are up and running on the new "Go Membership" system and I would urge you to join through the club if not through another club, as country members are all but extinct. Last year the CAA registration cost us £9.00 for Terry to pass on to the BMFA. We have to make it clear that by paying this extra fee you automatically give the club and the BMFA permission to pass on your details: Name, address, telephone number, email address and finally your date of birth. For 2021 /2022 we have yet to be advised of any changes so we will have to advise you when details are known. The accounts are presented in the same format as last year. We have shown all 2021 membership monies as being collected in 2021 even if actually paid early, this keeps our income and expenditure for the year tidy.

The proposed new subscription rates mentioned above are as follows:

Senior	£50.00 (new members joining after September 30th £25.00)
Juniors	£10.00
Senior + Junior	£58.00 (as above joining after September 30th £29.00)
Senior + Partner	£64.00 (as above joining after September 30th £32.00)
Senior + Partner +Junior	£72.00 (as above joining after September 30th £36.00)
Long Term members	£40.00 (from £43.00)
Joining Fee	£30.00

Generally, a good reduction but still maintaining an annual increase year on year.

The above was unanimously accepted by those in attendance.

The BMFA subscription rate has to be put to their AGM, but word is that it could rise by between £2.00 & £5.00. I find it difficult to understand how this can be justified, but we will have to wait and see, at least the club fee reduction will help subsidise whatever the final increase is agreed at.

The Final end of year balance is as shown £3948.14, an increase in funds over last year of £608.18 as mentioned above (This allows for an estimated cost for trophies of £60.00 but this could change. We are both prepared to continue as club administrators for 2022 if all agree.

5. Membership:

We estimate this will remain similar to the current level, currently totalling 25.

4. Club Night:

It is proposed to continue as the 3rd Tuesday of each month and return to “The Three Horseshoes”, now it has changed hands we think it is worth giving the new owners a chance. Having held the AGM at the venue and with the hospitality received, all agreed this to be a good move. We have therefore booked all future club nights for 2022 including the prizegiving and Christmas dinner for the January meeting.

5. Rulebook:

No changes proposed.

6. Website(s):

Again, this year has been maintained and organised by Tony who has done a great job in keeping us all up to date, Thanks Tony.

The site is now hosted by the BMFA and the address is: <https://altonsilentflyers.bmfa.club/> The Southern Area BMFA website is now up and running, again the area committee have adopted a BMFA HO hosted site, and muggings has for the time being continued to maintain it, have a look. – <https://southern.bmfa.uk/>

7. Calendar of events:

Terry has assembled a proposed 2022 calendar and to date all appear happy with it subject to COVID regulations disrupting their organisation. We assume all will be ok with this calendar as it basically mirrors last year’s. (Taking into account as usual the Wales trips)

8. A.O B:

a. Please ensure renewals are received by the December meeting date, as soon as the agreed new BMFA fees are agreed I will let you all know.

BACS details: Sort 40-09-18; Account 72081709 and use your surname as the reference.

b. For information Terry Pelling and Tony Ridler are confirmed as Club Examiners and Terry Weeks as an Area Chief Examiner all approved for Silent Flight for 2022.

c. An evening event was proposed as an additional fun competition. Suggestions are invited to be discussed at the February club night.

Calling notice: The 2021 / 2022 AGM will be on the 15th November 2022.

Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year if we do not see you before and enjoy your flying in for the rest of this year and in 2022. I hope to let the published competition calendar stand (It starts on 1st May) but this may have to be reviewed as things progress.

Terry Weeks – Club Secretary / Chairman & Terry Pelling – Club Treasurer & Membership Secretary.