

# Alton Silent Fliers

## Minutes of the AGM that took place on the 15th November 2022

**1. In Attendance:** Terry Weeks; Terry Pelling; John Barrow; Martin Gilbert; Tony Ridler; Phil Goldsmith; Rick Watson; Arnold Parkin, David Durnford, David West, Mike Fantham and George Reynolds.

**Apologies:** Glyn Chambers; Jim Hathaway & Graham Griffiths.

A great attendance, thank you all.

### **2. General Report:**

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 the past year and look to the future following the trying COVID Years.

Should anyone have any suggestions following the meeting please send them 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 will be 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 2022 and a donation from Steve Cope following the sad loss of Mike. As you all know we were given all of Mike's models to sell and the Club's portion of this income from this amounted to £1510.00.

It must go without saying that if membership should drop the reduction in subscriptions may be reversed to maintain a reasonable balance.

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 few years having the added job created by arranging CAA registrations, I just assist with the bookkeeping. We are up and running on the "Go Membership" system and I would urge you to join through the club if not through another club, as country members remain 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 2022 /2023 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 2022 membership monies as being collected in 2022 even if actually paid early, this keeps our income and expenditure for the year tidy. We will do the same for 2023.

The proposed new subscription rates mentioned above are as follows:

Senior	£45.00 (new members joining after September 30th £25.00)
Juniors	£10.00
Senior + Junior	£53.00 (as above joining after September 30th £26.00)
Senior + Partner	£59.00 (as above joining after September 30th £30.00)
Senior + Partner +Junior	£67.00 (as above joining after September 30th £34.00)
Long Term members	£35.00

Joining Fee to remain at £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 will rise by £2.00.

I continue to 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 more than pay for this increase.

The Final end of year balance is as shown £6315.47, an increase in funds over last year of £2306.40 as mentioned above, giving us the ability to reduce subscriptions.

Terry and I are both prepared to continue as club administrators for 2022 if all agree.

Proposed: David Durnford. Seconded: David West.

### 3. Membership:

We estimate this will remain similar to the current level, currently totalling 30.

### 4. Club Night:

It is proposed to continue as the 3rd Tuesday of each month at "The Three Horseshoes", the new owners having looked after us. We propose continuing throughout 2023. We have therefore booked all future club nights for 2023 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. **Please send Tony any items of interest to add to the website.**

The site continues to be hosted by the BMFA and the address is: <https://altonsilentflyers.bmfa.club/>

The Southern Area BMFA website is also hosted by the BMFA – <https://southern.bmfa.uk/>, I am no longer the prime Webmaster for this as mentioned above.

### 7. Calendar of events:

Terry will assemble the proposed 2023 calendar following this meeting, hopefully COVID will not raise its ugly head and disrupt their organisation. We assume all will be ok with this calendar as it will 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.

b. Please ensure you **pay your fees using the Metro Bank** NOT HSBC as this account is now closed.

c. 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 2023.

d. C D's for Competitions: Phil Goldsmith – Foamy; John Barrow – Open League & Terry Weeks and Terry Pelling – Annual Open

**Calling notice:** The 2023 / 2024 AGM will be on the 15th November 2023.

Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year, if we do not see you before enjoy your flying for the rest of this year and in 2023.

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