**Alton Silent Fliers**

**Minutes of the AGM that took place on the 17th of December 2024**

1. **In Attendance:**

Martin Gilbert, John Barrow, Terry Pelling, Glyn Chambers, Nigel Valvona, Guy Warren,

Phil Goldsmith and Terry Weeks.

**Apologies:**

Jim Hathaway, Arnold Paikin, George Reynolds, Simon Davey-Evans and Mike Fanthom.

A great attendance, thank you all.

1. **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.

As usual should anyone have any suggestions following the meeting please send them by email to me, and I will collate them and put to the membership as a whole at the next meeting, any changes being made by majority decision will be acted on.

We propose no changes to the subscription rates for 2025 following the reductions made over the past 3 years. It must go without saying that if membership should drop the subscription rates for future year may increase 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 continue to be up and running on the “Go Membership” system (currently 30 Members), 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 £10.00 for Terry to pass on to the BMFA, this has been increased to **£11.13** until the 1st of April 2025. Terry proposed a vote of thanks to Terry for all his work on this.

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. The accounts are presented in the same format as last year. We have shown all 2024 membership monies as being collected in 2024 even if actually paid early, this keeps our income and expenditure for the year tidy. We will do the same for 2025.

The subscription rates mentioned above remain as follows:

Senior **£35.00** (new members joining after September 30th £25.00)

Juniors **£10.00**

Senior + Junior **£43.00** (as above joining after September 30th £22.00)

Senior + Partner **£49.00** (as above joining after September 30th £25.00)

Senior + Partner +Junior **£59.00** (as above joining after September 30th £30.00)

Joining Fee to remain at **£30.00.**

**The above was unanimously accepted by those in attendance.** The **BMFA** subscription rate proposal has been put to their AGM, and the final decision is that it will rise by another £2.00 to **£49.00**. I continue to find it difficult to understand how these annual increases can be justified, but it is obviously out of our control.

The **CAA** Remains at **£11.13** until April, the new rate after that yet to be announced

Our final end of year balance is as shown **£6881.36**, an increase in funds over last year of **£248.20**.

1. **Election of officers:** Terry Weeks & Terry Pelling are willing to stand again if there are no other proposals.

**No proposals were made:** So, both continue for another year.

1. **Membership:**

We estimate this will remain similar to the current level.

1. **Club Night:** It is proposed to amend this to the 3rd Tuesday of each month at “The Swan in Alton”, Terry has advised of the details regarding parking previously. We have therefore booked all future club nights for 2025 including the prizegiving and Christmas dinner for the January meeting. (21st of January.) **Proposal: A £10.00 subsidy be made to those attending?** This was accepted unanimously.
2. **Rulebook:** Two proposals were received.
3. That alternative models be allowed in the “Foamy” competition.

Following a discussion this proposal failed – 8 against and 2 for (both not present).

1. That the Open rules change to height limiters being set to 150 metres.

Again, following a discussion this proposal also failed – 7 against and 1 for (not present).

**7.** **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 and hopefully is willing to continue as Web-Master for 2025 as stated above, Thanks Tony. **Please send Tony any items of interest to add to the website**. The site continues to be hosted by the BMFA address is: <https://altonsilentflyers.bmfa.club/> The Southern Area BMFA website is also hosted by the BMFA <https://southern.bmfa.uk/> .

**8.** **Calendar of events:** Terry has yet to assemble the 2025 calendar, he asked was anyone willing to take this on and a willing volunteer in Nigel came forward, Terry thanked him and said he would forward the draft and notes.

**9.** **A.O B: a.** Please ensure renewals are received as soon as possible, now that the BMFA and CAA rates are known. As before you may choose to pay for the BMFA & CAA through the club or direct. **b.** Please ensure you **pay your fees using the Metro Bank as in previous years**. **c.** Following a recent club-night suggestion, Terry has looked into the possibility of a club visit to the Lasham Heritage Gliding centre. Following several visits when passing, the new clubhouse at Lasham is now open, so will be an ideal meeting place. Terry has spoken to the organiser of the LHGC and established that a group such as ours can arrange a visit for c£5.00 a head, the club would pay this. Please respond to the separate email that I will send out to confirm your attendance or otherwise, pre-booking is mandatory to confirm numbers. **d.** I would like to propose that David Durnford and Tony Ridler be re-ratified as a Club Examiners. Terry Weeks remains an Area Chief Examiner all approved for Silent Flight for 2024. **e.** C D’s for Competitions: Phil Goldsmith – Foamy; John Barrow – Open League & Terry Weeks and Terry Pelling – Annual Open

**Calling notice:** The 2025 / 2026 AGM will be on the 18th of November 2025 at the Swan. 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 2025. **Terry Weeks – Club Chairman / Secretary.**