



# AGM MINUTES

2017

28 members were in attendance when the meeting commenced at 19:15.

**1. Apologies for Absence;**

Chris Gellion, Mike Pope, James Mitchell, David Wallace, Josh Spiers, Jack Partington, Mike Bird, Rick Swiffen, Richard Ray, Simon Jux, Giles Fowler, George Milner-Smith, David Rice, Mark Beacham, Steve Holland, John Thompson.

**2. Approval of 2016 AGM minutes;**

Proposal Chris Bale, seconded by Steve Briggs.

**3. Matters arising;**

No matters arising from the minutes.

**4. Chairman report;**

*Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 2017 AGM.*

*As you now know, we haven't got a Secretary this evening. This is due to a personal family matter; so on behalf of the committee we wish Mark Beacham all the best.*

*As this is the second year without a Secretary, Steve Thorne has kindly stepped into the boots for this evening to fill the gap.*

*Now on to the Chairmans report.*

*The year started cold, wet and windy, so flying was limited as per normal. The Blackdown RCFC hosted the usual Wessex Scale League and the BMFA scale event at the club site.*

*We also had our usual fly-ins. This year, one in June and one in August. Again, the weather wasn't on our side on both occasions. Needless to say, there was plenty of flying and plenty of banter. The BBQs were splendid as well, done by our own chef Brian Tee.*

*For those of you who do come to the Blackdown RCFC fly-ins, you know what to expect hospitality wise, and for those who don't, I would just like to say your loss, our gain. Very tasty, thank you very much.*

*The Blackdown RCFC also has invites to fly at other clubs during the year. These are advertised in the club calendar, but as normal it's the same people who attend these fly-ins, it would be nice to see others partake at these fly-ins.*

*There have been more car events this year. They mainly effect the Fridays and Saturdays, but flying as usual on Sundays. Lloyd Stevens has mentioned more possible dates for next year for more car events.*

*We also get the runway (our flying patch) swept by road sweepers, cost free to the club, as the car events pay for this service, very kind of them I must say.*

*The club has spent some money this year on the clubhouse. We have added an additional 3 more solar panels. The lighting has been upgraded, and there will be a battery charging area very soon thanks to Bob Hunt. Also, the clubhouse had a coat of paint, so a big thank you to all that helped and gave up their free time.*

*We have had a few incidents of models over flying the boundaries, mainly the Banger Stadium. Please note; Clubhouse, Banger Stadium and the hand glider end (when in use) are strictly no fly zones.*

*As normal there are those unsung heroes that clean the toilet, the kitchen area, bring water, supply tea bags, coffee, sugar and generally clean up behind others. So please think twice when you have finished using your cup. Clean it, take your left-over milk with you and half eaten food, as it is a clubhouse for all to enjoy. So, thanks to those who maintain and look after the clubhouse.*

*Also, a big thanks to Peter Minard for the alterations to the toilet in the clubhouse, and also making and fitting the cupboards and units for storage.*

*Still on the thank you side of things. I would like to say a big thank you to Pat Keogh for his Vice Chairman role. As you know, Pat is stepping down this evening. Pat has been a good ambassador to the club, strict but fair, bollockings where necessary and pat on the back and advice for many members new and old, who he has gone out of his way for. So, thank you Pat.*

*I would also like to thank the committee for their gallant efforts and time donated to the club this year.*

*So that's all for now, Happy 2018.*

## **5. Secretaries report;**

The Secretaries report not available due to personal issues previous mentioned. Louis Hawkins has handed over all the historical records for the club which go back as early as the 70s. Richard Milton is now the keeper of the club archives. Proposed Pat Keogh seconded Steve Briggs

## **6. Treasurers report;**

Howard Monks handed out copies of the finance report and explained current financial status. See Appendix A *Blackdown RCFC Receipts and Expenses account 2017* for reference

## **7. Auditors report;**

No outstanding issues. Reported the accounts are all in order.

## **8. Set subscriptions for 2018;**

It was proposed by Kyle Millett to remain at £58 without BMFA, £90 with BMFA including the £30 discount applied for rejoining before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Therefore, subscriptions are to stay the same for the 2018 season. All were in favour.

## **9. Membership Secretary report;**

There were 90 members in total for 2016. We have 92 members to date this year, 10 of which were new members. The BMFA insurance is to increase by £1 to £34, which the club will absorb. 20 new keys are currently being cut. Subscription payments can be made by either PayPal, BACS or Cheque. If BACS payment is being made, please ensure you use first initial and surname as reference and email to let Kyle Millett know when payment has been made.

## **10. Election of officers;**

Brian Tee to take on Vice Chairman, as Pat Keogh is to step down in this role. Proposed by Gary Milton, Seconded by Pat Keogh, unanimous vote

James Mitchel to stand down as a committee member.

Tony Cooper has kindly volunteered to take on the Secretary position. proposed Pat Keogh seconded by Howard Monks, unanimous vote.

Graham Webb was proposed as a committee member by Chris Bale and seconded by Dave Gibbs.

Pat Keogh proposed as Safety Officer and committee member, Proposed by Brian Tee and seconded by Richard Milton. Unanimous vote.

Its was unanimously voted that all other officers would remain the same as 2017.

## **11. Election of auditor;**

There was a proposal for Lew Dawes to remain as the auditor. Proposed by Pat Keogh seconded by Graham Webb. Unanimous vote.

## **12. Election of webmaster;**

Kyle Millett said he was happy to stay on as Webmaster. Proposed by Dave Pape and seconded by Barry Edworthy.

## **13. Election of landlord liaison officer;**

Louis Hawkins has got closure dates for next year 37 days so far to date, dates are to be confirmed and there are 3 pending. Kyle Millett reported historic past airfield closures;

Year 2015 = 18

Year 2016 = 22

Year 2017 = 30

Year 2018 = 37 + 3. Proposed by Howard Monks and seconded Pat Keogh.  
Unanimous vote.

#### **14. Draft programme for 2018;**

List of events read out by Kyle Millett for the forthcoming calendar year. It was agreed that the BMFA scale event will be permitted again for 2018 and that food will be provide for this event. Proposed by Steve Thorne and seconded by Gary Milton. Unanimous vote.

#### **15. Membership of the Wessex Scale League;**

It was proposed that Blackdown RCFC will remain part of the Wessex Scale League will support the Ilminster MFC if they wish to hold their own round at Upottery Airfield. Proposed by Steve Thorne seconded by Kyle Millett. Unanimous vote.

#### **16. Any Other Business;**

Kyle Millett reported that the dung heap has been reduced to a ¼ of its original size and there are potential plans to reduce this further.

In 2017 an active airfield application was made by other users of the airfield without the knowledge of the landlord. When checking NOTAMs for full size activities it was highlighted to the club that the NOTAM showed the airfield depicted as active. An application had been made for permanent active use. Fortunately, this was nipped in the bud, it has been removed from all electronic chart devices. However, new charts will need to be checked when they are issued to ensure removal of the symbol.

We carried out a trial last year by issuing a new style membership card. Brian Tee proposed we continue with the new card, seconded by Kyle Millett. Unanimous vote. Majority voted not to purchase a printing machine but to continue using the third party.

The meeting concluded at 21:46

## Appendix A

### BLACKDOWN RCFC RECEIPTS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS AS @ 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 (c/w 2016 amounts) in brackets

	<b>Year 2017</b>	<b>Year 2016</b>
Subscriptions for 2017	£5365.90	(£5504.64)
[LESS] Expenses for 2017	[£4359.43]	(£3312.80)
Refunded subs***	£33	
Surplus for 2017	£1006.47	(£2191.84)
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ADD surplus from 2016 accounts	£7235.71	(5044.67)
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>£8275.18</u></b>	<b><u>(£7236.51)</u></b>

### Approximate breakdown of expenses fro 2017

	<b>Year 2017</b>	<b>Year 2016</b>
BMFA Insurance	£1598	(£1565)
Airfield Rent	£1250	(£1200)
Social Events*	£138	(£475)
Admin Expenses	£22	(£27)
Club Hut	£1319	(£46)
Club Improvements	--	(--)
Overpaid Subs	£33	(--)

\*Bring & Show, Swapmeets, Club Competition, Scale Day, AGM, WSL, Build & Fly, Fly-in, Indoor flying and promotional items, etc.

\*\*\*Cheque not yet presented