



AGM MINUTES

2018

29 members were in attendance when the meeting commenced at 19:20.

1. Apologies for Absence;

Dave Pape, Lew Dawes, Richard Milton, Dave Gibbs, Kevin Weaver- Pope, Ron Treasure, Peter White, Andy Patterson, Dave Cutcliffe, Ken Tolley, Dave Wallace, Will Gillam, Mike Bird, George Milner-Smith, Chris Bale, Grant Taylor, Paul Lawrence.

2. Approval of 2017 AGM minutes;

Proposal Pat Keogh, seconded by Gary Milton. Carried unanimously.

3. Matters arising;

No matters arising from the minutes.

4. Chairman report;

Gary Milton paid tribute to the members (Terry Jones, Mike Pope, and Harry Timms) who died during the year, and who will be sadly missed.

The fly-ins in June and August were well attended, as were the Wessex League and the BMFA Scale meeting. The most memorable event was the Anniversary of D Day event, when a Dakota flew out of the airfield on Friday and returned on Saturday; next year promises to be even better, hopefully with 6 Dakotas involved.

5. 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 2018* for reference

6. Auditors report;

Lew Dawes was unfortunately not available for this meeting, and the report will follow in due course.

7. Set subscriptions for 2019;

It was proposed by Kyle Millett to increase to £62 without BMFA, £100 with BMFA including the £20 discount applied for rejoining before 31st January 2018. The justification for this is the continually increasing cost of BMFA fees which has not been passed on to members for the last 6 years; since 55 of our members currently pay their BMFA fees through the club, this will equate to a club loss of around £550 for the next year if nothing is done.

Louis Hawkins questioned the need to increase fees when the bank balance is healthy and not earning much interest; also what the additional income would be used for. Steve Thorne commented that our future remains uncertain (as many other clubs have discovered) and it may be necessary to use this balance. He also

suggested that future subscriptions should be the sum of the BMFA fee (which may increase each year) plus the club fee (which should remain relatively stable). Giles Fowler suggested that we should apply to the BMFA Area Committee for funding towards any events open to all BMFA members. After some discussion, it was proposed that the subscription for 2019 should be £38 for BMFA fees plus £62 for club fees giving a total of £100 for all members rejoining before 31st January 2019. This was passed almost unanimously.

8. Membership Secretary report;

There were 86 members in total for 2018, 14 of which were new members.

9. Election of officers;

The current Committee Members all volunteered to serve for another year, and it was unanimously voted that all officers would remain the same as 2018.

10. Election of auditor;

Brian Tee volunteered to replace Lew Dawes as auditor, since Lew will probably not renew his membership for next year. Proposed by Kyle Millett seconded by Howard Monks. Unanimous vote.

11. Election of webmaster;

Kyle Millett said he was happy to stay on as Webmaster. Proposed by Tony Cooper and seconded by Howard Monks. Unanimous vote.

12. Election of landlord liaison officer;

Louis Hawkins advised the meeting that he was happy to continue in this role provided that he was the sole contact with the landlord; after some discussion it was agreed that there would be no email communication with Lloyd, but that all details of future events would be passed to Louis and he would then phone Lloyd to discuss. It was agreed that details of all future airfield events could be featured on the external notice board on the club house.

Proposed by Howard Monks and seconded Tony Cooper. Unanimous vote.

13. Draft programme for 2019;

A list of possible events for the forthcoming year was read out by Kyle Millett, and each one was discussed to judge the level of support. It was agreed that the Swapmeet, Bring and show (with invitation extended to neighbouring clubs to participate), Club Competition, Fly-ins in June and September, and a BMFA Scale meeting should all be held.

14. Membership of the Wessex Scale League;

Louis Hawkins suggested that it was good promotion for the club to remain part of the Wessex Scale League, and that between 8 and 12 participants was typical. It

was agreed to continue with this.

Any Other Business;

Josh Spiers asked about the minimum number of BMFA membership renewals through the club if members started to renew direct online with the BMFA. He was advised that this was not a problem provided, as a minimum, all Committee Members renewed through the club.

The issue of helicopters flying at the same time as fixed wing models was discussed, and it was agreed that all pilots should use the pilot's box and communicate with each other to ensure safe flying. The sole exception to this was for helicopters hovering only, a short distance away upwind from the pilot's box.

The meeting concluded at 20.30

Appendix A

BLACKDOWN RCFC RECEIPTS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS AS @ 16TH NOVEMBER 2018 (c/w 2017 amounts) in brackets

	Year 2018	Year 2017
Subscriptions* for 2018	£5419.96	(£5365.90)
[LESS] Expenses for 2018	[£3836.44]	(£4359.43)
Surplus for 2018	£1583.52	(£1006.47)

ADD surplus from 2017 accounts	£8083.06	(£7235.71)
Returned subs		(£33)
Bank Balance	<u>£9666.58</u>	<u>(£8275.18)</u>

Approximate breakdown of expenses for 2018

	Year 2018	Year 2017
BMFA Insurance	£1862	(£1598)
Airfield Rent	£1250	(£1250)
Social Events**	£158	(£138)
Admin Expenses	£240	(£22)
Club Hut	£327	(£1319)

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

*Includes excess cash from catering for social events