

AGM Motion to be voted on by members

A motion has been proposed by Dave Kay and seconded by David Stopher as follows -

"I feel strongly that IVCMAC should if possible have its own flying field, for the following reasons:

- 1. To make unhindered use of flying facilities during week days, weekends and evenings.*
- 2. For the additional safety of the public and for the safety and reputation of IVCMAC*

Regarding point 2, we appreciate there have been no accidents at the various public flying sites involving the public so far but we believe this is due to the diligence of the pilots who regularly curtail flying while the public go about their walks on our shared sites."

The committee wishes to get the views of members before approving any work on this complex issue. There are some background points that members may wish to consider -

1. The "unofficial" Cottenham site will probably close in a year or so for housing
2. Girton remains our only proper RC site but it's really only available during the week. It costs us a paltry £220pa.
3. Renting our own private flying site would require a dedicated committee member to volunteer to be responsible for the site and liaise with the landowner etc
4. Whilst an RC only site would just need a small 2 acre mown strip with flying possible over adjacent crops, the ideal solution of a site to cater for CL and FF as well would need at least 8 acres. By comparison Girton is 10 acres.
5. The club has about 80 members who pay £28 per year
6. The likely annual budget for a decent flying site could be in the region of £1,500pa (to include the mowing etc). We know from members that the Warboys (Ramsey club) pay about £3,500pa to the farmer for 9 acres and have to mow and maintain the site themselves.
7. This would require the club subs to increase potentially by £20 as it is unlikely we would want to make a long term commitment to use club savings to fund this
8. In addition to the annual budget, there may be some one off costs to get the field set up which would have to come from club funds
9. An alternative if we were unable to get our own private site might be to rent an existing grassed area such as the Oakington Car Boot site, however previous approaches to the owners have been rejected.

The question to be voted on is as follows (please vote by replying with a YES or NO to this e-mail. Feel free to make any comments as well)

1. Do you agree that the committee should set up a working group to investigate the options and potential costs for a new flying site for the club? YES / NO

If there is sufficient support for this proposal (a simple majority of those who vote), we would establish a working group to investigate without committing to anything and report back to members once there were any possible sites and costs identified. There would then be a further chance for members to comment and vote prior to any decision or expenditure.

If the vote is no, the committee will continue (as we do constantly anyway) to look for sites such as the Oakington Car Boot site where the costs are likely to be much lower and there will be no maintenance overheads.

This is likely to be a difficult and time consuming exercise and the committee thanks Dave Kay for volunteering to lead the investigation.

IVCMAC Committee
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