

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of IVC MAC

held at 8.00pm on Thursday 28th. November 2019

Venue: IVC Sports Centre Conference Room.

Main Club Officers present.

Chairman: Mr. John Wynn.

Secretary: Mr. John Copsey.

Treasurer: Mrs. Ann Parker.

Membership Secretary: Mr. John Clarke.

Safety & Welfare Officer: Mr. Peter Cunnison.

Opening address.

Chairman John Wynn welcomed everybody to the AGM and declared the meeting open.

Apologies for absence. Margret Staples, Mick Sumpter, Roger Rooke, Chris Constant, David Hooper, Tony Harper, Michael Batty,

Signing of previous minutes.

Copies of the previous minutes (2018) had previously been distributed and those minutes were examined by the membership. John Wynn asked if there were any matters arising from the 2018 minutes. There being no matters arising, the minutes were duly signed off.

Main Committee Reports.

Chairman. John Wynn stated that 2019 was a good year for the club. The only exception was the coach trip to RAF Museum Hendon where only 20 tickets were sold and eventually, only 16 members and guests actually travelled. Those that did go had a very good day out but a considerable loss was incurred. It will probably be some time before the club organises any more trips of that type.

Secretary. John Copsey stated that it had been a very busy year for the Secretary with all of the new drone (model aircraft) legislation etc. He stated that bookings for the Sports Hall are up to date. The Spring Open Meeting is booked for the 15th. March 2020, and he was about to book the summer Birthday Bash and barbeque for the middle of June. The Conference room is already booked for the AGM and the Christmas Party 2020.

Treasurer. Ann Parker made available to the meeting a financial statement which showed the club made a loss of £516 in the year 2018/2019. £300 pounds of that was due to the financially disastrous coach trip but most of the remainder of the loss came from the Saturday sports hall sessions and especially the free flight (mixed) ones. It was agreed that

the charge would be increased to £4.00 per person. Ann is currently investigating why the building society has frozen our account. This does not cause us any difficulty at the moment but still needs to be resolved.

Membership Secretary. John Clarke stated that there has been a net increase in membership this year with the number rising from 84 to 97 in total. He also stated that there was an increase in the number of juniors with quite a wide age range. Whilst this is a good thing it has also given rise to a problem with the rules and constitution concerning older juniors (14 years and over). See AOB item.

Safety and Welfare Officer Peter Cunnison stated that he had not had a lot to do this year on the safety front, although he did have to speak to a couple of drone operators who were operating drones without prop blade shields. Also Peter said that he no longer wished to be considered for the Welfare part of his duties because it was becoming very difficult to handle with all the new legislation now in operation.

Reports from other committee members.

Free Flight (indoor). Bruce Lindsey stated that he wished to relinquish the role of Free Flight Rep (Indoor) and that Hugh Stevenson was willing to take his place. In fact Hugh had already successfully organised a couple of competitions and the arrangement was working well with the other free flight flyers.

Free Flight (Outdoor). Michael Marshall said that free flight flying on the field was still at about the usual level but he still found it hard to get members to enter club outdoor competitions.

Control Line. Steve Mynott said that control Line flying within the club was doing well. A successful Ray Malmstrom Cup Open Aerobatics competition was held at Girton in early June and we now have several members competing in competitions at Old Warden and elsewhere. .

Election of Officers. Chairman John Wynn requested that members present carry out a vote to elect Club Officers and committee members for 2018/2019. All previous holders agreed to stand for re-election except for Peter Cunnison who has decided to step down after a long and illustrious record as Safety and Welfare Officer. Stuart Marsden has agreed to stand for election in Peter's place.

John Copsey thanked Peter for his long service to the club and asked the membership for a round of applause, to which the membership eagerly responded. Stuart Marsden agreed to stand as Welfare & Safety Officer.

The voting proceeded as follows:-

| Club Officers, | Candidate | For | Against |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| Chairman | John Wynn | U | Nil |
| Secretary | John Copsey | U | Nil |
| Membership | John Clarke | U | Nil |
| Treasurer | Ann Parker | U | Nil |
| Safety and welfare Officer | Stuart Marsden | U | Nil |
| Committee Members | Candidate | For | Against |
| FF Rep (indoor) | Hugh Stevenson | U | Nil |
| FF rep (Outdoor) | Michael Marshall | U | Nil |
| CL Rep | Steve Mynott | U | Nil |
| RC Rep | Tony Neal | U | Nil |
| Webmaster | Alan Paul | U | Nil |
| Newsletter Editor | Alan Paul | U | Nil |

Club Subscriptions for 2018 and BMFA fee. John Clarke stated that the BMFA membership fee for 2020 would remain at the 2019 rate of £38.00 for Seniors, £17.00 for Juniors, £25.00 for Family Members and £13.00 for Family Juniors. The membership needs to decide whether the Club membership remains at £28.00 for Seniors and £0.00 for Juniors.

Any Other Business

- 1. JVA policy and Club Constitution.** We currently have an encouraging number of junior members, some of whom are into their teenage years. Whilst this is good news, the committee has become aware that the club rules and Constitution require looking at in a way that we haven't had to worry about for some years. This especially applies to how older juniors are supervised. John Copsey stated that this matter was described, and a proposed solution offered, to the recent committee meeting (14th. November 2019). This proposal suggests an immediate change to the JVA policy but is subject to ratification by the membership at the AGM. The proposal also suggested that a review of the constitution is required to eliminate duplications, improve wording and to incorporate paragraphs dealing with new legislation not active when the constitution was last revised some years ago. (also see minutes of committee meeting 14/11/2019 and proposal memo).

2. This problem has been looked into by a group selected by the committee and they reported to the whole committee at a meeting held on 14th. November 2019. They noted:-

- i) That the current policy is virtually unworkable, in its present form, with regards to older juniors and in any case the club is not adhering to those rules as they are currently laid down.
- ii) It was felt that there was conflict between the Constitution and the JVA policy and this was partly due to the fact that the Constitution repeats aspects of JVA policy but with different wording to the policy document.
- iii) Some aspects of the constitution have become outdated and there are also aspects of current national rules/guidelines which are not addressed at all by the constitution as it is currently worded.

Members attending the AGM were asked to vote on 2 items:-

- i) To agree to a change to the JVA Policy wording to allow any Junior member who has reached their 14th. birthday to attend club meetings without parental supervision. This on a concessionary basis and subject to a closely monitored disciplinary system where failure to comply with club rules results in the concession being removed.
- ii) To agree that a selected team of 4 would review, amend and add to the current constitution as previously described. Formal adoption of any changes taking place at the next AGM, if agreed by the membership.

Both items were agreed by attending members without dissent.

Meeting close. There being no further business, Chairman John Wynn thanked everyone and declared the meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Secretary John Copsey.

Minutes accepted and signed off

Dated