

CRAWLEY AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

TURBULATOR

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CADMAC was founded in 1960, and is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association, which is the governing body for all aspects of model flying in Great Britain. The Turbulator newsletter has been produced since 1965, relying on regular reports and contributions from Club members. The Club website is at www.cadmac.org.uk.



New member Paul Eisner current F2A World Champion flying at The Grattons on 5th January with a vintage combat wing powered by a Parra T4.

Hazelwick.

Flying in the sports hall just before Christmas was good as the number of members was reduced to 7 or 8. The week following the festive season saw 15 members present, not all flying, but it was a bit crowded behind the flight line. Gary kept everybody in good order with his excellent slot timing system. Small helis seemed to be the most popular with the Free-flighters getting into the act; indeed some of us flew in every slot except the 3D, which seems to be the domain of Terry Adams and Robin Bennett. The 2D flyers are getting better at piloting their steeds around the hall with less collisions but still a lot of wall bashing! I have been training grandson Daniel in the art of RC flying and he is doing quite well at 13 years of age, although I often have to do a bit of repairing before the following Friday.

Despite the cold and snow, attendance was not much below normal with about 12 members present. Free-flighters were more prominent during the 3rd session in January as they prepare for the South East Area Indoor Championships in K2 on the 5th February.

A rather spectacular mid air collision between two helis resulted in minor damage, both flew again later.



This indoor SE5a was flown successfully after its second outing, this time with a bit more power and an experienced pilot!

Mind the Lines.

The cold weather did not deter our intrepid control liners. They were out in the Grattons in early January with a number of models, mostly stunt flying.

Dick James with his Weatherman models was trying a new engine (in the red model), a Fora 1.5cc diesel which on the ground got to 22000 revs. Phew! Could be a real racer at Bristol we will see, good luck Dick. Went very well today on its first start up and run. These AAC aluminium

pistons with 30% silicon and aluminium liners chromed with 5% silicon and push pull type combustion chambers are amazing this tiny engine pushes out .67 bhp at 22000, diesel version.



Holy Trinity.

The Committee has decided to combine the Wally Barnes competition and the Bring & Buy and hold them on the first Thursday session of the outdoor season, 6th April. If you have model you would like others to see, bring it along. It is good to show some of our handiwork even if some of us are a bit past balsa bashing at its best!

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CADMAC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on 15 Dec 2016 at Holy Trinity School, Gossops Green, Crawley.

Meeting commenced 19:30

Approx 23 people attending (of which 6 committee: Richard Ellis, Terry Adams, Terry Knight, Gary Easton, Tony Satchell, John Dart)

Terry Knight took the Chair due to Kev Dart's absence.

Richard Ellis was taking the minutes in Robin Bennett's absence.

Apologies for absence received on behalf of Kev Dart, Robin Bennett, Mic Clark, Pete Mortlock, Jack Darby, Roger Marples, Dave Leppard, Jim Ellis, Simon Ellis, John Bashford and Fred Reed. No matters arising from the minutes of the 2015 AGM. They were proposed by Barry Bartlett and seconded by Gordon White. No objections, all in favour.

Change to the Constitution.

As noted ahead of the meeting, the committee proposed a change to the constitution that given the modern tools at its disposal and demands on committee members' time, that committee meetings every 6 weeks can be reduced to 3 per annum plus the AGM plus any ad-hoc meetings as needs demand.

In relation to this Norman Robertshaw commented that communications from the committee have been reducing with a further, notable reduction over the last year. This was taken on board and the secretary is to distribute committee communications out to members and utilise the Turbulator to better effect for the same. The observation was followed by a question over the suitability of committee members being afforded free club membership given the apparent reduction in commitment. It was agreed this would be discussed under AOB.

Chairman's Report

Read out by Terry Knight in Kev Dart's absence

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for not being with you tonight, but it is due to work commitments out of my control. Terry has very kindly stepped in to deliver this report and chair the meeting. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and all members for their support over the last three years. It has helped make my time as Chairman a pleasurable one and I'd like to think that I leave this post with the club in a good position.

2016 has been yet another successful year for the club. At the beginning of the year we hosted the BMFA South East Championships at K2. In addition to this during the evening we hosted the RC Flying. This was very well attended and I have received many emails enquiring whether this will become an annual event.

Later in the year we had the barbecue at Dovers Green. The weather held out and we had another good attendance. Lots of flying and lots of food consumed!

After speaking to the competition secretary it seems that despite some unforeseen weather conditions we have still been able to get a few competitions completed.

New Fields

The committee and I have again this year been actively looking for new sites. As of yet we still haven't found the right field. There are, however, some new leads to be followed up in the New Year.

Drone Awareness

This year I have been involved in discussions with the BMFA regarding the public misuse of flying drones and the effect it is having on model flying. My personal thought on this subject is that we should leave it in the hands of the BMFA and CAA, who are working tirelessly to enable this to be done responsibly and safely and to ensure the future of model flying. Please keep an eye out for updates in the BMFA News.

As you know there are to be a few committee changes and additions to the committee for 2017. I hope that all members will be very welcoming and bear with the committee whilst they settle into their new roles. I'd like to wish them success in the coming year and look forward to attending upcoming events.

Once again I apologise for my absence.

Many thanks.

Kev Dart.

Treasurer's Report

Graham Sheppard and Simon Ellis have audited the accounts.

There is a £0.01 discrepancy between the gross check of final figures. I suspect this is due to a rounding error or the lone penny I found in the Treasurer's concertina storage!

We suffered 5 fraudulent direct debit transactions with the account at Barclays. These have all been recovered quickly and easily. While I requested that no further DDs are accepted against the CADMAC account and a note was placed on the account, it is not possible to avoid due to the automated means of setting DDs up. This is invariably an insurance scam and they recommend keeping an eye on the account activity. If more instances occur the only real course of action is to change the account over to a different number as it means the account details are known to the fraudsters. I will keep an eye on things more closely and see how it goes.

On the subject of banks we have paid the remaining balance from the Lloyds account into the Barclays account. Graham Sheppard has kindly offered to write to Lloyds as a signatory on the account requesting it is now closed.

Actual analysis:

Subs are down slightly and outgoings to BMFA are up

K2 income was slightly down on 2015 but costs were back up to normal levels and we suffered close to £280 in losses

BBQ expenditure was down to around 2/3 on previous year and overall admin was reduced by around 30%

All other expenditure was pretty much on par (Hazelwick, Holy Trinity, Dovers Green and Web admin)

Grattons was slightly less this year due to mower being purchased in the previous year

Net effect is we are approximately £500 down on Net Worth compared to this time last year

Probably little need for alarm at this stage as we are reasonably cash rich but if the trend continues we may wish to revise membership fees to avoid continued bleeding. If we need to be tighter then next port of call will be to give proper attention to K2 entry and attendance fees.

Given the reduction in net worth, balance sheets were distributed for review by the members while the competition secretary delivered his report.

Competition Secretary's Report

“10 competitions managed this year despite the weather and thanks to my daughter for printing the certificates.”

Wally Barnes Trophy – 14th April 2016

Pos	Name	Model	Points
1 st	Dick Stepney	Wagtail C/L	12
2 nd	Pete Cameron	Sleek Streak	9
3 rd	Jack Darby	Mini Mini	7
3 rd	Robin Bennett	Mosquito	7
5 th	Dick James	Taurus C/L	5
6 th	Jack Darby	Mini	2

60" Bungee RC Glider

Pos	Name	min:sec
1 st	Andy Appleby	08:10
2 nd	John Dart	03:50

C/L Class I 1.5cc Diesel

Pos	Name	MPH
1 st	Ken Taylor	85.10
2 nd	Dick James	76.82
3 rd	Bob Taylor	65.43

C/L Class II Diesel or Glow Terry Bradley Cup

Pos	Name	MPH
1 st	Dick James	83.44
2 nd	Ken Taylor	82.98
3 rd	Tony Satchell	78.87

60" Electric

Pos	Name	min:sec
1 st	Graham Sheppard	43:53
2 nd	John Dart	25:08
3 rd	Andy Appleby	19:11

BMFA Dart – May 2016

Pos	Name
1 st	Ken Taylor
2 nd	Alex Cameron
3 rd	Tom Goodwin

Catapult/HLG – June 2016 (6 entries)

Pos	Name	Seconds
1 st	Ken Taylor	188
2 nd	Alex Cameron	180
3 rd	Pete Cameron	171

Rubber Duration Scale – July 2016 (9 entries)

Pos	Name	Model	Seconds
1 st	Pete Cameron	Jodel Bebe	117
1 st	Terry Knight	Lacey M10	117
3 rd	Ken Taylor	Aronea Champion	114

DLG

Pos	Name	
1 st	Andy Appleby	15.52
2 nd	Alex Cameron	13.54
3 rd	Terry Adams	10.23

Terry Knight led special thanks to John Dart for his 36 years of service in the role.

Returning to Finances...

The loss associated with K2 2016 (approx £275) was discussed and the arrangement with BMFA South-East is that they will cover any such losses on the grounds that CADMAC runs the event on its behalf. Richard Ellis is to discuss with Kev Dart to investigate recovering the balance. The accounts were proposed by Gordon White, seconded by Alex Cameron and carried unanimously.

Election of Committee

Thanks were expressed to Kev Dart who stood an extra year as chairman despite particularly demanding commitments elsewhere.

Chairman: Dick Stepney

Proposed by Pete Cameron, seconded by Kim Jones, unopposed.

(Dick was OK with Terry Knight completing the remainder of this meeting as Chair)

Safety Officer: vacant

Fred is no longer continuing in the role after many years of highly appreciated service. There were no offers to fill the position. The committee will put this to the wider membership after discussion at the next committee meeting.

Competition Secretary: Alex Cameron

Proposed by Graham Sheppard, seconded by Terry Adams, unopposed.

Helicopters: Gary Easton (re-elected)

Gary is happy to continue in the role beyond his initial 2 year term.

Proposed by Barry Bartlett, seconded by Gordon White, unopposed.

All others to remain the same.

Club Fees

Terry Adams advised that BMFA fees remain the same this year (£33 senior). Richard Ellis recommended club fees remain at £25 senior, £17 junior.

There were no proposals to change the club fees.

Any Other Business

Returning to the matter of concessionary membership for committee members, proposed by Norman Robertshaw and seconded by Graham Sheppard.

Tony Satchell submitted that far more work goes on between meetings and that the meetings themselves make up quite a small proportion of the effort put in by committee members.

There was also recognition that some non-committee club members contribute a considerable amount of time with tasks such as grass cutting and mower servicing. This does not go unappreciated and is accepted given that we are all members of a club.

Gordon White submitted that from his experience as Treasurer and Membership Secretary there are very many hours of work required that go on behind the scenes. If the concession is retracted then committee members should be compensated for mileage, lighting, heating,

communications and other costs incurred. The concession provides an easy consideration by way of approximation and gesture.

Kim Jones proposed we keep the existing arrangement.

A vote was taken for cessation of the membership fee waiver for committee members:

In favour = 2

Against = 21

The proposal was declined.

Terry Adams had forms with him for 2017 memberships (without the CADMAC membership fees noted as they had only just been agreed).

Graham Sheppard noted that we have not appointed auditors for the 2017 accounts. Simon Ellis and Gordon White were appointed.

Treasurer to provide balance sheets for AGM attendees next year.

Meeting closed.