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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.00PM

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION
WITHIN THIS ISSUE

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Editors Ramblings

The End.

Well this is it, my last CMFC Newsletter. As you know I am standing down as editor at this years AGM which is Wednesday 15th. Unfortunately I will not be able to be there on the night as I have a Business Event in London. Editing the club newsletter over the last few years has been fun and a honour and I hope whoever takes it over will get as much pleasure as I.

I shall still be a member of CMFC and I'm hoping to actually start flying again this winter. If you would like to have a go at producing the newsletter please either give me a call or any committee member.

The AGM is coming up, so please find the minutes of the last AGM and the Agenda for this year in this newsletter. Also there is a very important note from Dave Anderson, CMFC Membership Secretary about membership fees etc.

As I'm standing down as at the time I compile this issue a new editor has not been assigned. So if you have any information that you would like in the next newsletter I suggest you forward your article/input to any committee member after the AGM.

All the best and Happy Flying

Colin

Committee Matters

AGM Agenda

CHESHAM MODEL FLYING CLUB LTD

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD AT THE WHITE HILL CENTRE CHESHAM
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2003
COMMENCING AT 8 PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM held at the White Hill Centre 16 October 2002
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Membership Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
Adoption of the accounts for the 2002/2003 season
Approval of the budget for the financial year 2003/2004
Adoption of Members' Subscriptions and Joining Fees for the 2003/2004 season
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Election of Officers
The Newsletter editor, Colin Forsey, and Treasurer, Geoff Walker, have both offered their resignations and will not seek re-election to these offices at the AGM.
- 9 Any other business

By order of the Committee and Directors

DM Turner (Hon Sec)

16 September 2003

AGM Minutes from 2002

CHESHAM MODEL FLYING CLUB LTD. **Minutes of the AGM held at White Hill Centre, Chesham, on Wednesday, 16 October 2002 at 20.00**

Apologies were received from John Barber, Martin Barber, Phil Camp, P Christie, Mark Christie, Pete Conway, Dave Gordon, Dave Hewitson, Bob Inwood, Peter Miller & Dick Myers

Minutes of the 2001 AGM were circulated in 'Flight Desk' prior to this AGM, taken as read, and approved.

Proposed: Bill Hockey

Seconded: Richard Johnson

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

1. Thanks to all those members, not forgetting their wives, who so ably helped to make the 24th International Model Exhibition at Halton such a success. Next year's event will be on 5th October.
2. Thanks to John Barber for organising Boxing Day Flying. John is now recovering after major surgery and the Club records its wish that he is able to make a speedy return to good flying health.
3. The committee unanimously elected Gordon Hancock to the position of Vice Chairman in recognition of all his work on behalf of the Club.
4. Bob Inwood had reluctantly resigned as Competition Secretary for personal reasons during the year. He sent his thanks, however, to those members who had provided him with support and friendship and confirmed his intention to remain a member. The Chairman offered his formal thanks to Bob for all his help to the Club.
5. Birse Rail offered to dig up the car park at NewGround at a cost of £1250. The offer was declined. The company later approached CMFC Ltd. with a view to gaining access to field. This was declined.
6. Set-aside income continues to flow to Club. Grass was topped and baled.
7. One of Railtrack's engineers made an illegal entry by at NewGround and removing the gate in the process.
8. Scalpings have been laid at both NewGround (44 tons) and Pednor (22 tons) to improve quality of paths. Thanks to those members who helped with the work.
9. Peg boards have been modified at both flying sites to reflect the extended frequency options (55-90 kcs).
10. Thanks to Bob Inwood for fixing some close mesh on to the railway sleepers at NewGround.
11. Problems with the organisation of membership records had led to the resignation of John Kidley as membership secretary. The committee were, however, fortunate in being able to welcome Dave Anderson to the post and all Club/BMFA records are now in order.
12. Club nights have not been well attended and competitions have been poorly supported this year.
13. Instruction continues successfully at Pednor thanks to the efforts of Al Spicer and his colleagues.
14. Reshaping main entrance, and laying scalpings by Thames Water has not been completed.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Dave Anderson reported that membership records are all now in order there being 105 members of whom 9 are associates; 13 juniors and 83 full members. There are currently 10 prospective members on the waiting list and 31% of members pay their BMFA subscriptions independently of the Club.

Treasurer's Report:

All members attending the AGM (25) receive summary accounts for scrutiny. Geoff Walker presented the meeting with the audited accounts to 31 August 2002 highlighting the basic P & L figures. In response to a question by Tony Jackson-Wynch regarding mortgage repayments for the NewGround field, Geoff advised that the payments had reduced in line with changes in interest. There are another six years to run before this commitment will terminate.

Members then approved the accounts.

Proposed: Richard Ginger

Seconded: Tony Jackson-Wynch

The 2002/2003 budget was explained, identifying significant proposed changes:

1. Subscriptions to be kept at 2001/2002 levels entire:

Joining Fees for Veterans and Senior Members:	£100
Annual Subs for Veterans:	£32
Annual Subs for Seniors:	£47
Annual Subs for Students in full-time education, aged 18-22:	£26

Annual Subs for Junior Members: £18
Annual Subs for Associate members: £14

2. Field expenses to be reduced to £1000.
3. Field mortgage payments have reduced from £229.60 to £208.52 per month.
4. Newsletter and stationery costs to be increased to £700.
5. With these changes and assuming that the number of flying members reduces to 100, a balance of £2740 is anticipated at year-end.

Members then approved the budget for 2002-2003.

Proposed: Bill Hockey

Seconded: Frank Dalby-Smith

Appointment of Auditors:

It was proposed that Messrs Seymour Taylor & Co of High Wycombe be re-appointed auditors for the year 2002/2003. This was accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Richard Johnson

Seconded: Andy Fogg

Election of Officers:

Dave Humphrey thanked all members of the committee for their efforts during the past year and, advised the meeting that all were willing to serve the Club in the same capacity again. Colin Forsey had indicated again his wish to retire as editor of Flight Desk but as no one had offered to take on the post he was willing to stand once more. There being no other nominations from the membership, it was then proposed that all members of the outgoing committee be elected en bloc.

The committee for 2003/2003 will therefore be:

Chairman:	Dave Humphrey
Vice-chairman	Gordon Hancock
Secretary:	David Turner
Treasurer	Geoff Walker
Membership Secretary	Dave Anderson
Newsletter Editor	Colin Forsey
Chief Flying Instructor	Alan Spicer

Proposed: Frank Dalby-Smith

Seconded: Bill Hockey

Trophies:

Al Spicer reported that the training scheme had run remarkably well during the year and thanked those on the training rota for their help and assistance. The training scheme results were as follows:

'Solo' passes: Colin Hooper, Tony Jackson-Wynch, Barry Loakes & Ken Sangster. Al then went on to present the awards to the winners of the Allan Crook Scale and Open Glider competitions held during the year. The Diane Barber Memorial Trophy for Overall Achievement was presented to Tony Jackson-Wynch.

(A short break followed.)

Any other business:

In the absence of any items being notified to the committee, the Chairman opened a discussion two matters of concern to the AGM, namely Club Nights and Club Competitions. He asked the question of whether the Club has become uninteresting to members. Is the Club spirit declining as membership almost inevitably gets older? Should the club membership restriction to 100 be lifted? How many of those who gained 'Solo' flying status in the last year are still flying?

Al Spicer answered the last question immediately with a positive "all of them", advising the meeting that increased membership might pose problems for the instructors if it brought with it a significant increase in novices. After much discussion it was agreed that club membership should be allowed to increase AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE taking note specifically of advice from the Membership Secretary and Chief Flight Instructor.

On the more general concern about club meeting attendance Colin Forsey reminded the meeting that all members have previously been canvassed via Flight Desk (not least by the latest pre-AGM one that specifically asked about members' concerns/interests) with negligible response. It was agreed after much debate that the Club should consider a number of options:

1. Flight Desk should be concerted to a "slimmed down" Email format, which would bring the benefit of significantly reduced production time for Colin and allow him to produce colour pictures.
2. More silent flight evenings at Pendor during the months of June/July.
3. Indoor Flying evenings at venues such as Tring or more local to Chesham if equally suitable places could be identified. John Stroud undertook to explore possibilities at Tring.
4. There was little enthusiasm for increasing Club meetings at White Hill beyond the 5 currently arranged (June being customarily kept as a Pednor flying evening). Dave Wilshire offered to identify and arrange

some speakers. A video evening (of the model flying type!) was also suggested. Other local meeting venues should also be explored.

5. Dave Baverstock offered to coordinate a social programme – at least for a short period.
6. The Club Web site, which is relatively old and not particularly useful, should be updated and regularly maintained. Colin Hooper has offered to be webmaster.

The Chairman suggested that the Club should consider purchasing another mower for use at NewGround. The gang mower at Pednor made an excellent cut and we should try to offer the same quality at our own field. As a result of discussions the meeting agreed that:

1. The committee should identify and purchase a reliable mower for use at NewGround.
2. The committee should make arrangements to have the NewGround patch rolled, weeded and “feeded”.
3. Quotations should be obtained from individuals and/or garden companies for routine maintenance of our flying fields.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.30.

VERY IMPORTANT!

1. I will hand out next year’s membership forms at the AGM, please be prepared to renew your membership at the meeting. Non attendees at the AGM will receive the forms in the post a few days after the 15th October.
2. Your membership will cease if I do not receive your **cheque for payment** together with your **completed membership renewal form(s)** by **Wednesday 12th November 2003**.
3. Failure to comply will mean your place being offered to those persons on the waiting list.
4. You will be asked for a **£100 joining fee** if you do not respond, but then wish to resume your membership - subject to a place being available.
5. **NO REMINDER NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED - I URGE YOU TO MAKE PAYMENT WITHOUT DELAY!**

DAVE ANDERSON --- CMFC MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

What’s Going On!

Forthcoming Events

THE AGM, WEDNESDAY THE 15TH AT THE WHITE HILL CENTRE

Diary Dates

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|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| October | 15th | AGM, 8.00pm at The White Hill Centre, Chesham |
| December | 17th | Club Night, 8.00pm at The White Hill Centre, |
| | 26th | Boxing Day flying at Pednor, Late morning /Early afternoon |

Instructors Corner

Hi everyone, It's seems a long time since I have written any articles for the mag so here goes.....firstly I have been away for almost a month, half of July and August for my hols in New Zealand to visit my brother and brother- in – law and their family's, we had a great time, actually went past a model flying site but could not find my way in, just as well really I suppose, they wouldn't want a moaning 'ole git like me there drumming in safety procedures to them.....!!!! Visited a few r/c model shops (like yer do) very interesting, the Japanese part of the market was extremely cheap but obviously the European was expensive.

An OS 40 LA was the equivalent in £'s Sterling £28.00 what a BARGAIN.....!! Pity I didn't have a spare suitcase.

Believe it or not I have just come back from another week away namely the legendary Brean Sands Model Makers festival down in the West Country. What a fantastic laugh, we tried just about every fixed wing exercise we could, from aero towing to slope soaring fun flying to scale, dropping a parachutist from the top wing of Dave Baverstock's plane to ariel photography. Dave and I had such a great laugh with 'Junior' the parachutist we were in stitches on the beach. I flew the 'tug' Dave controlled Junior, now I don't often break a prop but because I knew my 'ole mate Bav wouldn't mind I broke two out of two landings, wooden ones at that. I had to take a sharp intake of breath when I had to fork out fifteen quid for a new one.....!!!! Still I also made up for it another way and accompanied him in a duet at the karaoke that evening, we absolutely murdered Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison

I shared a chalet with Bill Hockey and Dave Hewitson, Bill (noisy chef) Hockey built a lovely little foam jet while we were there, but apparently when he kitted it out with the gear when he got back home he test flew it in the dining room, much to his wife Mary's surprise (slip of the 'ole thumb on the throttle stick.....) it shot off the worktop sheared the prop off, pulled the motor out and chopped off part of the tail plane. Never mind Bill that will keep you busy for a while, can't wait to see it fly (again!!)

Dave on the other hand was working on a much larger project, a fun fly model he bought from a bring and buy sale over a year ago AND he was still working on it a year later, Dave loves to savour his projects and make them last.....!!!! But I must admit it did look nice in the bright fluorescent orange covering when it was finished, the only problem was Bill and I had to wear bloody sunglasses the whole time whilst in the chalet. To make up for our sore eyes he let Bill and me have a flight, and very nicely it flew, obviously after Bill had sorted it 'properly' All in all we had a fantastic fun filled week. If any members would like any details about next year please give me a call or grab me at the AGM.

On the instructing and 'A' cert side of things we have these dedicated pilots who should have recognition, and they are:-

Solo Status

David & Chris Gordon
Ian Nichols
Jeremy Tabb
Ray Birdseye

'A' Certificates

Ken Sangster
John Hare

A very big Congratulations to you all and happy flying

Flying Times

Pednor

Power Monday, Thursday and Friday: - 9am to 1pm
Power (79dB(A) max) Saturday: - 9am to 2pm
Gliders/Electric Any daylight hours

Newground

Power Monday to Saturday: - 9am to 7pm
Sunday & Bank Holidays: - 10am to 6pm
Electric Any daylight hours

Pilot Tuition

Flying tuition is available to any junior or new members who have yet to achieve their 'solo' wings. A flying instructor will be available to attend the Pednor field each Saturday morning from 10.30am to 2.00pm weather and pupil attendance permitting. To avoid the possibility of wasting instructor's time attending an empty field please **Telephone the appropriate instructor on the Wednesday or Thursday evening** to confirm that you would like tuition on the Saturday.

The Instructor Rota

The rota for the next few months is as follows: -

October	11	Alan Spicer
	18	Frank Dalby-Smith
	25	Dave Anderson
November	1	Geoff Walker
	8	Alan Spicer
	15	Frank Dalby-Smith
	22	Dave Anderson
	29	Geoff Walker
December	6	Alan Spicer
	13	Frank Dalby-Smith
	20	Dave Anderson

Additional instruction is available at Newground on Saturday or Sunday afternoons with Robin Thwaites. Please telephone to arrange a mutually convenient time.

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