

Thames Valley Silent Flyers

Annual General Meeting Agenda

Via ZOOM

7th December 2021

8.00pm – 10.00pm

Attendance=15

- 1) **Apologies:-** David Poole, Andrew Douglas
- 2) **Request for Any Other Business (AOB) -** None
- 3) **Minutes from the 2020 AGM**

The 2020 minutes report was emailed to the membership for approval, prior to this meeting, and to read and agree that it was an accurate record of what was said and happened, all agreed, and a vote was taken:-

Proposer- Colin Hutchinson

Seconded- Roger Critchley

For= 14 Against= 0 Abstained= 1

- 4) **Matters Arising -** None
- 5) **Committee Reports:**
- 6)

Secretary: Steve Elkin

During the year, I have managed to attend all 12 monthly Club meetings, and all 5 committee meetings. This is my 8rd year in the position as the club secretary, and it has been very much a normal year as far as secretary duties are concerned, with the routine minutes taking ,and writing up of the minutes reports, plus emailing out information to the club.

And finally, I am prepared to carry on in the position of club secretary for 2022.

Membership Secretary: Andrew Douglas – Absent from meeting

Newsletter Editor: Still Vacant

Comp. Sec. & Records Officer: Graham James

Unfortunately circumstance has had a major influence on this season's competition schedule. What with field availability and my own personal health situation, our ability to keep the programme running has been stretched. However, with sterling work from Graham Stallard and Peter Williams, the Miniglider series and Midweek Electric League did complete. It was particularly rewarding to note that moving the electric league to Thursdays had the desired effect of increasing the entry level.

Three Miniglider comps were run on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoon with this comp also counting as the one off. Inevitably, David Poole

won both the series and one off. David also had a successful season in the BMFA League finishing second overall and winning the NATS, taking the Finlay Trophy for Best National Performance by a TVSF member.

As I said earlier Electric Midweek League was well attended with 9 entries competing the series, all six rounds were run with the best four scores counting. Several pilots took wins on the day including Peter's Wood and Williams but the most consistent and overall series winner was Colin Hutchinson.

Other awards this year go to Peter Chance for the Photo Competition and William Blanchard, a new member as the Most Improved flyer.

Special thanks to Roger Stacey for running the Photo Competition as an online event, ably assisted by Steve Elkin.

I would also like to thank Trevor Hornby for his continued support in number crunching the leagues. With the limited number of competitions, the committee feel it inappropriate to award all-rounder trophies this year.

We hope to have a prize giving in some form for the January meeting.

I will be standing as Competition Secretary next season and hope we are in a good position to put on a full schedule of events.

Webmaster & Background Admin: Trevor Hornby

This year we have retired the old web site and Roger Stacey (with a little assistance from me) has created a free new one via the BMFA, which means maintenance and support of the software is now done by BMFA for us. The content is of course ours.

Most of the components of the old web have been repurposed into the new one with the exception of the forum which had fallen into disuse.

Roger has been the principle driver and maintainer of the content you see today. He has done a great job, thanks Roger

The club **contest results and awards** spreadsheet has been forwarded to Graham James (Comp Sec)

A draft **2021 Calendar** is been provided to the Comp Sec

The online **Handbook** was updated to cover the GDPR requirements.

I am standing down from the committee this year. As most of you are aware my health has suffered a little and other interests are also vying for my time... Sailing and Bowls.

Vice Chairman: Roger Stacy

I acted as the Vice Chairman to the Chairman and Committee. No safety issues were reported to me during the year.

Working with Trevor Hornby I created the club website on the BMFA web server.

I thank our Chairman, Graham Stallard, for all his work during the past year on behalf of the club.

I am willing to stand next year as Vice Chairman, Safety Officer and Webmaster.

Chairman: Graham Stallard

The constant in life is change and then lockdown! So, yet another challenging year with interruption in field use then no field at all. Still maybe it will work out for the better in the end. We did manage a few competitions, well done Peter, Electric Evening league. Some mini glider and a trial RES5x. We have also managed two trips to the Lleyn peninsular for some serious slope flying. A club day out slope soaring.

Our club member Davis Poole took top honours in the F3K. Colin Hutchinson has been out and about competing including at Buckminster. Roger Stacey has been busy with aero tow among other things. Richard Thornton has been very busy building. Steve Elkin has been busy supporting William Blanchard on his journey to solo and his A certificate. So, lots going on even without a field.

The committee has 'met' several times this year via Zoom. Using Zoom certainly makes getting 'together' easier although the beer is missing. These meetings have worked well. I know I have said it before but I am genuinely grateful to the other the committee members for what they do for the club. Its part of what makes it fun being in our club. Also thank you to Peter Williams for CDing the electric evening comp. So, gentlemen, please put your hands together to thank the guys.

2022 will be different again but some of the same. The main task is finding somewhere to fly. Preferable where we do not have to stop as the weather gets good for some crop. The Wales trips are on for 2022 together with the club day out sloping. And of course, we can continue with our club meetings on Zoom.

7) Treasurer's Report on Accounts: Richard Thornton

This year I really would like to say how wonderful and fulfilling the job as treasurer has been over the last nineteen years.....as I said, I would like to.

The accounts for the financial year presented here show a surplus on the year of £296.44

BMFA subscriptions for 2022 have increased to £40-00 and you need to register DRES preferably through the BMFA and pay the £9-00 fee, which they will pass to the CAA on your behalf.

The committee reviewed the club subscription and due to the current field situation are proposing the fee for 2022 remain at £30-00 but deferring £25-00 until the situation changes leaving £5-00 paid to keep a commitment and show support for the club.

We received the princely sum of £4.55 interest on the deposit account.

Given our current field situation it is prudent to keep our funds at the current level to enable a financial payment to be made immediately if needed to secure a new site.

In these strange times we have found ourselves in it was not possible to put on a free BBQ and as we could not have physical meetings the free raffle was cancelled for this year.

Thanks to Tony Morgan for examining these accounts.

Looking forward to some form of normality during 2022 both on and off a field.

Proposer-Trevor Hornby **Seconded**- Colin Hutchinson
For=14 Against=0 Abstained= 0

8) Elections of Officers for 2022

Proposer-Trevor Hornby **Seconded**-Vic Harris
For= 10 Against=0 Abstained= 0

9) Appoint Accounts Examiner for 2022

Trevor Hornby volunteered for the roll.

10) Subscription for 2022

It was explained to the membership that following the last committee meeting, it was agreed to put forward to the membership at the AGM, that the club fees for 2022 remain the same, at £30, but only £5 needs to be paid before the end of December, to remain a member of TVSF, the other £25 will only be payable when we have a field to fly on.

The reason for this is to see how many member are going to carry on being a member of TVSF and the fact that the club is not unable to offer full facilities to members.

The BMFA membership is still payable and required, as is the CAA registration fee.

Proposer-Colin Hutchinson **Seconded**-Roger Critchley
For= 14 Against= 0 Abstained= 0

11) Proposals/Motions

None

12) Date of Next AGM is 6th December 2022