

MKMAA Annual General Meeting
Held @ The Swan Hotel, Fenny Stratford
28th January 2008

Committee Present:-

David Shaw (Treasurer)

Barry Stewart (Chairman & Club Secretary)

Apologies

Dean Bleser (Safety Officer)

This meeting was terminated due to the attendance of an expelled member. With the committee deciding that withdrawal was preferable to confrontation.

MKMAA Annual General Meeting (re-arranged)
Held @ 44 Lancaster Way, Northampton
29th February 2008

Committee Present:-

David Shaw (Treasurer)

Barry Stewart (Chairman & Club Secretary)

Dean Bleser (Safety Officer)

Apologies

None

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

These had been distributed by post prior to the meeting. The chairman asked if these were to be accepted as a true record and there were no objections.

2. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting to be carried forward.

3. **Written report from each member of the committee**

The Chairman & Club Secretary gave his report. A copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Treasurer gave a financial statement a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

4. **Review of the audited statement of the funds of MKMAA**

The matter of the current state of the finances of MKMAA was discussed and the opinion given by the treasurer was that although we carried a healthy surplus in the bank, in view of the current membership numbers, we would not be able to support another flying site should we be lucky enough to find one.

5. **Election of committee members**

The Chairman advised that, as no nominations for committee positions had been received, then they were in the position that rule 1.7 of the constitution would need to be invoked, whereby “the committee shall have the power to co-opt any eligible member”. As some members were not in agreement with this, the decision on the committee was deferred to “any other business”.

6. **Agree the annual subscription**

The Chairman & Club Secretary advise that as the time to set the fees was prior to this meeting, the committee had taken the decision to raise the fee by £2. No dissention to this raise was made. The Treasurer did apologise that meeting had been delayed from 2007, but this had been due to work and holiday commitments.

7. **Appointment of two independent auditors for the year 2008 to 2009**

The Chairman & Club Secretary asked whether any two persons present wished to be auditors for the coming year. No one required auditors to be appointed. A short discussion took place on the expenditure, which is in three main areas. Payment for field rental, repair service and petrol for the mowers and stamps. With all printing, photocopying and mail services being currently acquired free of charge.

8. **To vote on motions as listed on the agenda or any late safety motions**

None

Any other business

With the recent disturbance of the previous AGM, the members present wished to discuss the following matters.

Expulsion of a member

Prohibition of Jet flying

A long discussion then took place regarding the reason for expulsion of the member and the reasoning behind the committee decision to not allow jet model flying. The committee listened to all parties comments on the matters above and offered their own opinions as to why the decisions had been taken. The two matters kept becoming intertwined and at times requests were made to separate the discussions. The committee prior to the meeting had issued a document to all members explained the decisions they had made and how they had arrived at those decisions and had asked within that letter for written replies to be sent prior to the meeting. Only one response was received and that was in favour of the committee decision.

The committee explained that they had been voted for by the members to deal with all matters and the decisions that they had taken were in their opinion in the best interests of MKMAA and that should the members wish to go down the route of jet engines and re-instatement of the expelled member then they did not wish to represent them any more.

A member present suggested that a “vote of confidence” be taken regarding the committee on the matters above separately and this was carried out.

In the matter of the “*expulsion of a member*”. Nine for, five against with one abstention because of a declared interest.

Carried in favour of the committee’s decision.

In the matter of the “*Prohibition of Jet flying*”. Twelve for, two against with one abstention because of a declared interest.

Carried in favour of the committee’s decision.

The Chairman & Club Secretary then referred the members back to item 5 on the agenda and advised that in the absence of nominations (which can be made any time up to forty five days prior to the AGM) the current incumbent committee would be co-opted as per rule 1.7.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed and all members thanked for their attendance.

15 members were in attendance