

White Sheet Radio Flying Club 2021 AGM 27th November 7:00pm Unit 2, Handlemaker Road, Frome

Additional Virtual "Zoom" access, hosted by David Bradfield

Committee

David Bradfield	(DB)	Chairman
Mike Bleathman	(MB)	Vice Chairman
Andrew Beaven	(AB)	Secretary
lan D uff	(ID)	Treasurer
Den Larking	(DL)	Membership Secretary
Jess Nicholls	(JN)	Local Liaison Officer
Graeme Mahoney	(GM)	Competition Secretary

Apologies

Nigel Witchalls ...(NW)... (Competition Secretary)
Tim Brocklehurst
Julian Yelliah
Mike Tetley
Geoff Crew
Neville Brownlee

Peter Cushion Robin Saunders Richard Edmunds SteveTruckle Dave Scott

Members Present

Jim Emptage (JE) ... *Acting Scale Secretary

Members "Virtually" Present

Chris Williams ...(cw)... (Scale Secretary)
Jonathan Smith (JS)
Alan Brocklehurst + *(Tim's Vote)
Trevor Hewson
Alan Davidson

Proxies received

Steve Truckle
Pete Cushion
Geoff Crew
Dave Scott
Robin Saunders
Mike Tetley
Geoff Fricker

Richard Edmunds
*Tim Brocklehurst *(Alan Brocklehurst)
*William Fourie *(MB)

Chairmans Welcome

The Chairman Welcomes all to 2020 AGM

DB Welcome all, near and far. We have members joining us on Zoom. Jonathan is all the way from the USA. How are you Jonathan?

Conversation took place about the new African variant covid, and Jonathan now required to test and isolate on his return to the UK.

Jonathan quickly turns the conversation to the beautiful warm weather he is enjoying. His (too much fun) expeditions. Finishing off with the delicacies he has grilling on the BBQ. Followed by the big burger presentation.

All are suitably green with envy.

DB Well we have pizzas on the way but service isn't as good as it used to be. They've been in quality control for the last twenty minutes, and still nowhere to be seen.

Mike, you keeping an eye on the door?

MB Yes, I'll do that.

DB Coffee, Tea, water is all available and the loos are through there where that full length mirror is, on the wall...

ID Ahh..., yes, I was heading that way and noticed that devilishly handsome chap right in front of me...

All laugh.

DB Looks like we will have a wait for pizza, shall we crack on. Hows the numbers looking Andrew?

AB Yes, seven in the room, five on zoom and ten proxies received, all good to go.

ID Yes I agree, with recorded members. We pass the 15% rule.

AB Thats good, let's start with last years minutes. 2020 minutes have been available online throughout the year, but I have them here if anyone would like them read out?

From all, a resounding NO.

AB Okay, thats good, if everyone is happy let's start with the first proposal.

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PROPOSAL 1

Proposal that the 2020 AGM Minutes are a true and accurate account.

AB Proposed 2020 Minutes accepted

JE Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

Amendments

AB No Amendments

Reports

AB As all reports have been emailed to members prior to tonights meeting, I see no reason to repeat them here unless anyone would like us to?

Members all agree that reading the reports was unnecessary. The following are copies of those reports.

Chairman's Report

1/ The AGM

For the second year we are holding the AGM as a game of two halves – some members at a physical location, whilst others attend by zoom. Indeed we again are having to use proxies and voting forms. This is because of the continuing corona virus epidemic, but we hope to once again be able to hold the AGM in a pub in 2022. The available options were documented in Andrew Beaven's mail of 24/10/2021.

Membership

We continued to enjoy a strong membership base in 2021, albeit the pandemic significantly impacted our ability to get out and fly!

We were also able to renew our licence with the National Trust, again with considerable fuss due to covid causing many NT people to leave and/or not respond in a timely manner.

Funds

The Club continues to amass funds for which we struggle to find reasons to spend. We welcome any ideas that will help the club and members, and in the meantime are proposing a year's free membership in 2022 for those who were members at 1/12/2021

Events

Thanks to the Committee for managing to hold Scale, F3F and Open Slopes events in 2021, once again enduring the whole covid risk assessment work. They are a lot of fun and have led to some memorable moments and indeed the consideration of some interesting new awards categories, including "I forgot I was flying" and "Last minute Save of the Year". We took the decision late in the season to have the ability to run events on any weekend day –this in a successful move to dodge the unruly weather.

Chairman's Report (continued)

Education

A relatively new discipline on the committee - Jonathan Smith has been not only our examiner but also a sage head with all the evolutions of safety and other regulatory issues that our sport has to deal with. In addition, and due to exceptionally good eyesight - I believe he obtained the highest flight with a DLG on the NE slope.

Publicity

The club continues to receive much favourable press from John Treble and Chris Williams. Thanks Gents!

Charity

We have not made many sales of club merchandise this year due to covid and attendance although we propose to continue with our Donation to Air Ambulance, £130 for this year. We also propose to keep the Air Ambulance as our chosen Charity for next year.

The Committee

My thanks go to everyone on the committee for all their hard work this year, it's been another unusual one because of Covid but we have managed to keep it running. Chris Williams has decided to stand down this year, and we all thank him for his input over many years at White Sheet, from Comp Sec through to Scale Sec. - an all round Top Man.

David Bradfield Chairman

Scale Secretaries Report

2021 Scale events...

This year has been a bit of curate's egg when it comes to the scale events. Three were held in all (not so dusty, then) but the last two were less that spectacularly well-attended due to the wobbly forecasts. June's event was well supported; not least by our friends from the Mendips, but the August event, set on the NE slope not so much, despite the conditions being good. The last event in October, set at the far end of Morgans, saw some of the best flying conditions yet, but maybe the choice of the Saturday had some negative effect on attendance. Spectacular near-miss medal of the season goes Graeme, who's aerial perambulations with his newly acquired Topaze caused much in way of bemusement...

Next year, Jim Emptage takes on the mantle of Scale Sec, and my advice would be to slip the forecasters a bit more this time than my measly tenner...!



Competition Secretaries Report

Competition Secretaries report - 2021

F3F competitions this year have been well supported for entries by both the White Sheet club and the wider F3F community, although not all have actually been able to take place. The club remains a key contributor to national competition flying, with a number of members regularly supporting competitions across the country. Nigel Witchalls and Graeme Mahoney run the Southern Winter League and the English Open F3F. Nigel recently joined the committee of the Great Britain Slope Racing Association (GBSRA), and acts as Slope Soaring representative on the BMFA Silent Flight Technical Committee (along with Jon Edison from North Yorkshire Moors club).

In 2020 the White Sheet Club committee supported the purchase of a set of up-todate timing equipment, which has served us well this year and can also act as a backup set for other F3f competitions. David Bradfield kindly donated a tablet to record the scores.

During the winter of 2020-21 three winter league comps were cancelled due to weather, and the remaining ones cancelled due to lockdown, so none were actually flown. This continued into the summer season with two White Sheet BMFA comps and the reserve date all being cancelled due to weather.

Finally, in August the English Open was able to go ahead. The Saturday was cancelled due to rain, but a good number of rounds were flown on the Sunday on Morgans in a WNW breeze and sunshine. There was a bit of lift variability to tease the 22 entrants, but everyone had a good time. The first five placings were Mark Treble, Graeme Mahoney, Mark Redsell, William Fourie and Ian Falconer.

So far this winter two competitions have been flown as planned, both with reasonable entries of around 15, and White Sheet club members making up about 50% of the numbers. All members are welcome to come along and give it a go!

Nigel Witchalls, Graeme Mahoney Competition organisers

Treasurers Report

WHITESHEET RADIO FLYING CLUB

Statement of Account Year Ending December 2021 - General Account

Opening Balances	2021	2020	2019
Deposit			
Current	£4,866.67	£5,586.76	£5706.25
Cash			
Total	£4,866.67	£5,586.76	£5,706.25

Closing Balances	2021	2020	2019
Deposit			
Current	£5,437.37	£4,851.67	£5,586.765
Cash	00.00	£ 15.00	£ 00.00
	£5,437.37	£4,866.67	£5,586.76

Income	2021	2020	Expenditure	2021	2020
Membership Fees	£1110.00	£1035.00	NT licence	£300.00	£250.00
			Committee Expenses	£104.00	£151.89
			GDPR	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
			Charity Donation	£128.00	£100.00
BMFA Subscriptions	£000.00	£000.00	Sundries (open slopes)	£ 53.50	£ 00.00
Transfer from Road Fund	£000.00	00.0003	Room Hire/Food	£000.00	£177.80
			Stickers/Posters (2021)	£ 91.80	£102.73
			Prize (open slopes 2020)	£ 00.00	00.00 £
			Gratuities	£ 27.00	£ 00.00
			Hoodies/ beanies	00.000£	£107.22
English Open 2021	£170.00	£000.000	Stickers (2021/22)	£000.00	£342.60

Treasurers Report (continued)

F3f contributions Beanies (sale)	£145.00 £000.00	£130.00	BMFA Subscriptions F3F timing gear	£000.00	£000.00 £344.86
Seames (Sale)	2000.00		English Open 2020 prize	£000.00	£122.99
			Contribution to Road repair	£000.00	£000.00
			BMFA 'A' certs - expenses	£ 00.00	£ 40.00
Additional Contributions	£ 0.00	£ 5.00	WSRFC Web Hosting 2019	£150.00	£150.00
Total Income	£1425.00	£1170.00	Total Expenditure	£ 854.30	£1890.09

2021 2020 2019 2018 2016 2015 Membership Analysis Senior members (paid) Senior members (committee) Junior member (free) 3. Senior members (free) Total

WHITESHEET RADIO FLYING CLUB

Statement of Account Year Ending December 2020 - Additional (Road Fund) Account

Opening Balances	2021 2020	2018
Deposit		
Current	£000.87 £000.87	£392.87
Cash Interest		
Total	£000.87 £000.87	£392.87

Treasurers Report (continued)

Closing Balances	2020	2019	2018
Deposit			
Current	£000.87	£000.87	£392.87
Cash Interest			
	£000.87	£000.87	£392.87

This annual accounts statement – General Account and Additional (Road Fund) Account - has been prepared by lan Duff (Treasurer WSRFC) as a report to the Annual General Meeting of the Whitesheet Radio Flying Club, scheduled to take place on 27th November 2021.

igned :	Date :24t	Nevember 2021
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Treasurers Report (continued)

Back to reality

Note "Live" continuation of treasurers report by Ian **D**uff, Treasurer.

- **ID** The pre AGM provided document is simply the accounts rather than the treasures report as I generally do not compose reports before the AGM, I report live.
- As you can see not very much has changed from last year.

 Any expenditure through the year has been to the direct benefit of members.

 With less going on there has been less expenditure as can be seen in the accounts and this means again the final balance has increased.

With this in mind I again see no need to increase membership fees, so again I recommend fee structures stay the same.

As to the idea of a free year for existing members, as Andrew laid out in the AGM notification. I see no reason why we shouldn't go ahead with the free year, this year. I do not see any call for funds other than the usual. A free year would work out £1000 max, so I do not believe it will have a significant impact, the clubs finances can easily take it. It will be of direct benefit of the members rather than the bank manager, so this would satisfy my annual call for reducing the amount we hold on account. So yes, I'd support a free year for members for 2022.

DB Thank you lan

Addition to Reports

GM I would like to add a little on behalf of competitions F3F.

DB Okay Graeme, come over to the hot seat in front of the camera, take centre stage...

GM I'd just like to say we haven't had a great year with very little in the way of competitions but what we did have, was very good, with many of the top finishers being White Sheet members. Mark Treble, William and Ian all did well. What I would like to see is more F3f entries from White Sheet members, I know there are many who could compete and it would be nice to see more of you there.

DB Thanks Graeme. I also know that Jonathan would like to add something. Jonathan?

Yes, Thanks David. We have done very well in highlighting the need to take the "A" tests and I believe there are some who could go on and do the "B" test too. What I do want to say is that I believe that the requirements for competency are going to change as we go forward and its good that the club has supported this inwardly and also to the wider community through the magazines. This is good and I believe we should continue to do this as we go forward. What I would like to see is more members coming forward for all BMFA achievement tests and that I am here and will continue to be available to help members achieve their certificates.

I would just like to call on more of you coming forward.

DB Thank you Jonathan

Complimentary membership

- **DB** Andrew what's next, I think you'd like to talk about your proposal?
- **AB** No, No, Not right this second, could you do it David?...

Secretary collects a glass of water as he struggles to cope with the wrong Pizza!...

DB Okay... Well, this is the proposal of a free year for those who are members as of 31st October 2021. It is a very simple way to give back to all our members who have continued to support the club through these trying times. Ian is confident that the accounts can take this and that we would not be at risk by doing so. A few members have raised concern about finance for track maintenance, but this is really not our responsibility as it is a registered highway and should, be maintained by Wiltshire Highways, I have submitted a case with them on the MyWilts app. I have emailed members in regard to this before and called on individual members to appeal to Wiltshire Highways for the maintenance of the final part of the track to WhiteSheet. As highways really should be doing this. I am guite happy to write again and repeat the instructions for members to contact Wiltshire Highways. Hopefully the more individuals appealing to highways the better chance we will have of them doing something about it. I know we have financed repairs or contributed to repairs before..., as we did again last year! I am just not happy that members funds are being spent wisely, if every year parts of the track are being maintained, financed by us, them promptly being washed away. It's simply washing members money down the hill. I am still happy for us to contribute to track maintenance but not for us to continually throw money at it every year, only to be facing the same in future years.

So yes I will write to members with instructions again.

As to the proposal of a free year, I think at this time it's the right call and I will be supporting Andrews proposal.

Andrew you okay?

AB Yes, I am now, thank you David. I seemed to have found something a bit spicy in my, non spicy Pizza.

MB Yes Andrew, I think you had mine, it was the extra hot and spicy Pizza...

AB That would explain it

Everyone laughed... Except the Secretary...

DB Okay, so we need to do the proposal...

AB Yes lets get back on track. We need to pass the accounts first.

Accounts

PROPOSAL 2

Propose that accounts presented by Ian Duff are accepted as true and correct.

ID Proposed accounts are accepted

DB Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

PROPOSAL 3

Propose membership fees stay unchanged, and as follows.

£10.00 for senior (Adult) membership £0.00 for junior membership £0.00 for committee members

ID Proposed membership fees are accepted

DH Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

Charitable Donation

PROPOSAL 4

Propose The Wiltshire Air Ambulance remains as chosen charity for 2022

DB Proposed Wiltshire Air Ambulance

CW Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

PROPOSAL 5

Propose the club donate £130.00 to The Wiltshire Air Ambulance

ID Proposed to donate £130.00 to

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

JN Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

The sum made up from*

*PROPOSAL 6

The sale of WSRFC merchandise (NA)

*PROPOSAL 7

Voluntary donations to the club (NA)

Charitable Donation (continued)

*PROPOSAL 8

Donation from 2020-21 income to the club - £130.00

ID Proposed to donate £130.00 to

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

DB Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

Complimentary membership *(for current members only)

DB Approve proposal to issue all *QUALIFYING CURRENT MEMBERS, as recorded on October 31st 2021, complimentary membership of WSRFC for 2022. This is to show the clubs appreciation and thanks for all the members who have continued to support White Sheet RFC.

AB <u>New applications</u> for membership from 1st November 2021 and through end of 2022 will remain charged at the standard membership rates, as stated above in *(Membership Fees)

Please accept the proposal for **Complimentary 2022 WSRFC membership** for every fully paid White Sheet RFC member as of **October 31st 2021**

PROPOSAL 9

Complimentary membership

AB Proposed 2022 free/complimentary membership, as

detailed above

DB Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

To be funded as follows

The 2022 complimentary membership proposal for *Qualifying members, will be funded from non collection of membership fees for 2022.

(**No** funds will be withdrawn from WSRFC existing account balance)

This proposal will reduce the clubs account by no more than £1,000.00, max, for 1 year only.

Complimentary membership (continued)

PROPOSAL 10

Accept funding proposal as detailed above

as a	AB bove.	Proposed to fund 2022 complimentary membershi	ip
	DB	Seconds the motion	
DB	All in favour?		
	Result	Carried Unanimously	

DB I will write to members to tell them not to forward their fees for 2022

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Handbook Amendments

Accept hand book amendments (If any)

Note: As in recent years the bulk of the handbook will remain unchanged but considering the continued changes within our sport we will conduct amendments in the same manner as agreed in *2019 AGM

*(handbook to be amended to reflect what the committee would see as the best practice in respect of the BMFA Portal, the BMFA, the CAA and so on to make it clear in the handbook, what you are supposed to do.)

DB We made a few changes this year but the main change is regarding safety at White Sheet events and in general. Education and training as mentioned by Jonathan. The wording was formed in talks with the committee and Jonathan Smith. This was then articled by Nigel Witchalls. Thank you for this, Nigel.

PROPOSAL 11

Handbook amendments

AB Proposed to accept Handbook amendments

DB Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

PROPOSAL 12

Continued consent for the committee to conduct Handbook amendments as the need arises

AB Proposed Amendments as detailed above

MB Seconds the motion

DB All in favour?

Result Carried Unanimously

New Committee Post

AB Over the last year the club has received a great deal of knowledge and support, not just as BMFA Competency trainer/examiner, but also as a valuable contributor at many of the clubs committee meetings.

As is common practise at White Sheet, the club is not shy at the age old practice of press gang conscription, to the committee.

Recently I found myself practising this age old tradition and somewhat pressed, forcibly conscripted, Jonathan into this new role on White Sheets Committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask Jonathan if it's something he would actually like to do. Jonathan?

JS I don't mind at all, glad to be of service.

ID Hang on, Hang on.... What choice were you given Andrew, lets not break with tradition...

All laugh

JS Really I don't mind at all. Pleased to help.

PROPOSAL 13

Approve new committee post of Education Officer

	AB	Proposed New Education Officer Post
	DB	Seconds the motion
DB	All in favour?	
	Result	Carried Unanimously

Elections of the management committee

DB I'd like to thank all those who offered to stand again. Only a few changes so shall we *combine the re-elections?

All agree

*PROPOSAL 14

Proposal for David Bradfield as Vice Chairman of WSRFC

*PROPOSAL 15

Proposal for Mike Bleathman as Vice Chairman of WSRFC

*PROPOSAL 16

Proposal for Andrew Beaven as Secretary of WSRFC

*PROPOSAL 17

Proposal for Ian Duff as Treasurer of WSRFC

*PROPOSAL 18

Proposal for Den Larking as Membership Secretary of WSRFC

DB Thank you Den

*PROPOSAL 21

Proposal for Nigel Witchalls & Graeme Mahoney as joint Competition Secretary of WSRFC

*PROPOSAL 22

Proposal for Jess Nicholls as Local Liaison Officer of WSRFC

DB I propose to do these re-elections altogether?

DB Proposed all above candidates

GM Seconds the motion

Result Carried Unanimously

Elections of the management committee (Continued)

DB With **C**hris standing down this year Jim Emptage has kindly offered to step in. Thank you Jim.

PROPOSAL 19

Proposal for Jim Emptage as Scale Secretary of WSRFC

DB Do we have a proposer?

CW Proposed Jim Emptage as Scale Secretary of

WSRFC

MB Seconds the motion

Result Carried Unanimously

Secretaries note:

(No one is safe from White Sheet's Press Gang. This time the unfortunate fellow, Jim Emptage has fallen victim. My sincerest apologies Jim... Welcome to the team)

PROPOSAL 20

Proposal for Jonathan Smith as Education Officer for WSRFC

DB Do we have a proposer?

AB Proposed Jonathan Smith as Education -

Officer for WSRFC

DB Seconds the motion

Result Carried Unanimously

Secretaries note:

(No escape now Jonathan. Welcome to the team)

Other Business

Richard Edmunds Concerns regarding deteriorating state of approach to White Sheet / Council Highways etc

Action: Addressed above

Alan Brocklehurst Comments regarding approach to White Sheet & road fund

Action: Addressed above

Pete Cushion Comments regarding White Sheet events, cancelations etc

Excerpt from Petes email:

(Events should only be called OFF if it is certain to be raining or that the wind is completely off any of the slopes available. The anticipated conditions on the day could be included in the mail sent to members letting them know that the wind may be strong/light or not from an optimum direction. This would then move the onus for whether to travel or not onto the members instead of being down to one person making the firm decision.

This approach has the potential for fewer events being cancelled and maybe the option for members to gain experience by flying when the conditions are other than optimum.

This could also encourage the use of DLG's and electric assisted gliders to be flown on some occasions.)

Action:

DB Yes all good points. I think we are going forward with the extra day, Saturday's before events as an option, and I take onboard and will keep in mind Petes points with future White Sheet events.

Awards and Trophies

DB award	We haven't done the awards yet this year. I believe you lost "Last Man Standing" I this year Andrew
AB	Yes, but,
	After some extended pondering
AB Jim?	What about Land Out David? Pretty sure I'm in the running for that. Dont you think
JE	Yes, definitely, that was right at the bottom and a long, long, way out.
All lau	ıgh
Secre	tary looks very pleased with himself! Land Out Award!

Closing Remarks

DB I must say thank you to all who have been involved in helping to keep this club up and running this year.

Special thanks must go to Russ (Russell Whittam) for all his assistance with the clubs artwork.

Thanks again **D**en, for coming today and all the membership duties you conduct. Again I'm sure we all would like to thank **C**hris **W**illiams for his many years of service as Scale secretary, and Competition Secretary before that. Thanks Chris.

Thanks everyone

White Sheet Radio Flying Club 2021 AGM CLOSE

Acronyms, abbreviations and other fun stuff

ADS-B Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast. A surveillance technology in

which an aircraft determines its position via satellite navigation or other

sensors and periodically broadcasts it, enabling it to be tracked.

AGM Annual General Meeting

Article 16 Authorisation which will define the future operating parameters for members

when the European Regulations for unmanned aircraft (including model

aircraft) come into effect on the 31st December 2020.

ATC Air Traffic Control

BMFA British Model Flying Association

CAA Civil Aviation Authority

Covid That bas***d bug

DRES Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme

Drone An Unmanned Aircraft Guided Remotely

EASA European Union Aviation Safety Agency

EGM Extraordinary General Meeting

FAI Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (World governing body for air sports)

F3f FAI Sporting code for speed timed slope glider class competition

GA General Aviation

LMA The Large Model Association

MVSA Meon Valley Soaring Association

NOTAM Notice To Airmen A notice filed with an aviation authority to alert pilots of

potential hazards

NT The National Trust

TVSF Thames Valley Silent Fliers

UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

UK United Kingdom

WSRFC White Sheet Radio Flying Club

Zoom Video conferencing internet platform