



**White Sheet Radio Flying Club**  
**Virtual AGM 2020 held on Zoom hosted by David Bradfield**  
**Saturday 21st November 2020**

**The Committee**

<b>David Bradfield</b>	<b>(DWB)</b>	Chairman
<b>Mike Bleathman</b>	<b>(MB)</b>	Vice Chairman
<b>Andrew Beaven</b>	<b>(AJB)</b>	Secretary
<b>Ian Duff</b>	<b>(ID)</b>	Treasurer
<b>Jess Nicholls</b>	<b>(JN)</b>	Local Liaison Officer

**Apologies**

<b>Den Larking</b>	<b>(DL)</b>	Membership Secretary
<b>Stuart Wallace</b>	<b>(SW)</b>	Competition Secretary
<b>Chris Williams</b>	<b>(CW)</b>	Scale Secretary
<b>Graeme Mahoney</b>	<b>(GM)</b>	

**Members Present (ZOOM MEETING)**

Nigel Witchalls	Jonathan Smith	Charles Andrew
William Fourie	Graham Stallard	

**Members Present by Proxy**

Den larking	Neville Brownlee	Geoff Fricker
John Bennett	Dave Emmitt	Alan Brocklehurst
Ray Eggleton	Pete Cushion	Russell Whittam
Robin Saunders	Chris Williams	Roy Proctor
Mike Tetley	Jim Andrews	Jeffrey Smith
Colin Andrews	Trevor Hewson	David Camp
Richard Edmunds	Roger Mathews	
David Rivers	Pete Fell	

## Chairmans welcome - David Bradfield

The Chairman Welcomes all to 2020 AGM

**DWB** A very different AGM than usual. I would have preferred we all met in the usual place but we cannot. I'm sure we will be able to talk things through on this platform.

With proxies received and members present I think there's enough of us to crack on.

This year, what I want to do, is keep it short, sweet, and on the normal boring AGM stuff. Then focus on a couple of issues that I think are close to everybody's harts, on which we can have some more discussion and decisions.

**Ian Duff (Treasurer)** Sorry David, just before you continue can I just say a big thank you to Andrew, he's done the running order and the platform stuff. It's all been bloody good and very helpful.

**Mike Bleathman (Vice Chairman) & DWB** Thank the secretary

**DWB** Let's get started.  
Andrew please do, correct me if I go off piste with any of this stuff.

**AJB** Will do.

# Minutes of 2019 AGM

**DWB** As regards to our 2019 minutes and accounts, they have all been posted and are freely available on the inter-web.

## PROPOSAL 1

**Proposal that the 2019 AGM Minutes are a true and accurate account.**

Could we have a proposer?

**DWB** Proposed 2019 Minutes accepted

**MB** Seconded the motion

All in favour?

**Result** Carried Unanimously

## Amendments

**No Amendments**

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## Chairman's Report

The Chinese curse “May you live in interesting times” landed on the World this Year.

We started 2020 with much anticipation of the many events that were planned, so it was exceptionally frustrating for all of us to start lockdown in March just as the weather was starting to turn for the better.

White Sheet down was closed to the public from March until May and it took some time for the various governing bodies to decide whether or not we could put on an event, and more importantly what measures we had to take and what shielding meant for people.

Despite all this, I am pleased to report that we managed to run a couple of Open Slope days and one Glorious Scale Day.

Additionally, we thank the committee and others for the additional admin work involved in establishing and running The English Open and F3F league. Thanks to Jonathan Smith and Midweek for making the ‘A’ Test days happen.

There have been new models aplenty on the slope this year, and I hope that the regular newsletters have kept all members up to date.

The AGM will occur, but on a limited attendance basis, with members being afforded the ability to vote by proxy. We are keeping the agenda extremely light this year in the hope that any issues from members will be afforded the due face to face discussion and deliberation either at an EGM or at the next AGM.

The accounts for the year have been compiled by Ian Duff. They show a reduction in funds for the year of £720.09 due to purchase of F3F timing gear (£345) Advance purchase of stickers for membership packs (£171). In addition, this year we donated net proceeds of the F3F English Open to the blood cancer charities. We will also be in a position (subject to approval at the AGM) to donate £100 to the chosen charity, Air Ambulance. This is in addition to the £28 raised from sale of beanies and caps. Ian reports that the club remains in good health and recommends that the membership fees for 2021 remain unchanged. Copies of the accounts can be sent to any interested members.

I thank Ian, Den, Jess, Mike, Andrew, Nigel and Graeme for their hard work this year. Jonathan for agreeing to adopted as WS examiner. I thank all committee members for volunteering to continue in 2021.

Last but by no means least, Stu Wallace for his service as Competition Sec. We all hope that your health improves so we see you back in action.

As a result of relative lack of competition, the Vice Awards this year will be for:  
Land-Out of the Year and Catch of the Year  
News of the deliberations behind the winners will follow in due course.

That’s almost it! I strongly hope that 2021 is a better year for the Club, we have a full calendar planned and will be publishing soon. This will be with your 2021 membership packs.

David Bradfield

## **Scale Secretaries Report**

**AJB** Considering there was only one scale meeting in 2020 there is no scale report this year.

## **Competition Secretaries Report**

**AJB** Again, much like Scale, competitions have been adversely affected this year and as such no competition report this year.

## **Treasurers Report**

**ID** Not necessarily the best year for flying given all that has happened. However, the accounts show again that the considered expenditure through the year by the committee has been to the direct benefit of the members. Even with the added one-off contribution to the English Open charity (by waiving the income) the finances remain in rude health.

I would recommend that subs for 2021 be left as they are. If the NT do look for a sharp increase in the licence fee we should be able to cover that in year from the balances. Next year's spend should be lower given we have the F3f timing gear and stickers etc for 2021/22

Ian Duff

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# Accounts

## WHITESHEET RADIO FLYING CLUB

Statement of Account Year Ending December 2020 – General Account

Opening Balances	2020	2019	2018
Deposit			
Current	£5586.76	£5,706.25	£5,346.21
Cash			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5586.76</b>	<b>£5,706.25</b>	<b>£5,346.21</b>

Closing Balances	2020	2019	2018
Deposit			
Current	£4851.67	£5,586.76	£5,656.25
Cash	£ 15.00	£ 00.00	£ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4866.67</b>	<b>£5,586.76</b>	<b>£5,706.25</b>

Income	2020	2019	Expenditure	2020	2019
Membership Fees	£1035.00	£1028.00	NT licence	£250.00	£250.00
			Committee Expenses	£151.89	£126.96
			GDPR	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
			Charity Donation	£100.00	£100.00
BMFA Subscriptions	£000.00	£152.00	Sundries (open slopes)	£ 00.00	£ 37.65
Transfer from Road Fund	£000.00	£392.00	Room Hire/Food	£177.80	£202.90
			Stickers/Posters (2020)	£102.73	£210.00
			Prize (open slopes 2020)	£000.00	£122.03
			Hoodies/ beanies	£107.22	£180.00
English Open 2019	£000.00	£352.08	Stickers (2021/22)	£342.60	£000.00
Beanies (sale)	£130.00	£30.00	BMFA Subscriptions	£000.00	£152.00
			F3F timing gear	£344.86	£000.00
			English Open 2020 prize	£122.99	£122.03
			Contribution to Road repair	£000.00	£392.00
			BMFA 'A' certs - expenses	£ 40.00	£ 00.00
Additional Contributions	£ 5.00	£0.00	WSRFC Web Hosting 2019	£150.00	£150.00
Total Income	£1170.00	£1954.08	Total Expenditure	£1890.09	£2073.57

**Surplus/Deficit - £720.09**

### Outstanding Commitments

WSRFC website 2020 – hosting costs	£150.00
Domain renewal (2 year)	£00.00

## **Accounts (continued)**

### **PROPOSAL 2**

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

**AJB** Could we have a proposer?

**DWB  
MB**

**Proposed accounts are accepted  
Seconded the motion**

**DWB** All in favour?

**Result**

**Carried Unanimously**

### **PROPOSAL 3**

**Propose membership fees stay as they are, and as follows.**

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

**DWB** Could we have a proposer?

**DWB  
JN**

**Proposed membership fees are accepted  
Seconded the motion**

**DWB** All in favour?

**Result**

**Carried Unanimously**

## More join the meeting...

- Charles Andrew** Can you see me now?
- DWB** Yes
- ID** Oh yeah!
- Charles Andrew** Oh good
- DWB** Introduce yourself to those who don't know you
- Charles Andrew** Charles I am...  
From up north.  
Used to be down south.  
It's rather a long way to come but if I'm on holiday down there I'll be glad to be able to come
- DWB** Welcome anyway, and thank you for your vote.
- DWB** William, I see he is there now, lurking in the shadows, I think I saw your hand go up for the vote.
- William Fourie** Yeah, yeah, I did. I'm trying to get some light on my face so you can see me better, hold on...
- ID** No...No...No... Dont bother, Dont bother
- William Fourie** I'll hide in the shadows then
- All members laugh
- ID** I find a brown plastic bag does wonders.

Again all laugh, joined by what sounds like someones budgie?



## Charitable Donation

### PROPOSAL 4

Propose The Wiltshire Air Ambulance remains as chosen charity for 2021

**AJB.** Could we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed Wiltshire Air Ambulance</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>

**DWB.** All in favour?

<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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### PROPOSAL 5

Propose the club donates £128.00 to The Wiltshire Air Ambulance

**DWB.** Could we have a proposer?

<b>ID</b>	<b>Proposed to donate £128.00 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance</b>
<b>Charles Andrew</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>

**DWB.** All in favour?

<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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*The sum made up from\**

### PROPOSAL \*6

The sale of WSRFC caps - £23.00

**DWB.** Could we have a proposer?

<b>ID</b>	<b>Proposed to donate £128.00 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance</b>
<b>Charles Andrew</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>

**DWB.** All in favour?

<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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## **Charitable Donation Charitable Donation (continued)**

### **PROPOSAL \*7**

**Voluntary donations to the club - £5.00**

**DWB.** Could we have a proposer?

<b>ID</b>	<b>Proposed to donate £128.00 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance</b>
<b>Charles Andrew</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>

**DWB.** All in favour?

<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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### **PROPOSAL \*8**

**2020 income to the club - £100.00**

**DWB.** Could we have a proposer?

<b>ID</b>	<b>Proposed to donate £128.00 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance</b>
<b>Charles Andrew</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>

**DWB.** All in favour?

<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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## Complimentary membership (for existing members only)

### PROPOSAL's 9/10

#### **9 Complimentary membership**

##### **Quote from Ian Duff - Treasurer 2019 AGM**

'I was reviewing last years minutes and once again I note we hold an absurd amount of money on account, which, whilst being there, is of no benefit of the club. All our insurances, legal cover etc are covered through the BMFA. I remain committed to reduce balances each year in a way that directly benefits the members'

**AJB** Please accept the proposal for **Complimentary 2021 (one year only) WSRFC membership**, for every fully paid WSRFC member **as of October 30th 2020**

#### **10 To be funded as follows**

The 2021 complimentary membership for qualifying members will be funded from the non collection of membership fees 2021 for those members.  
(No funds will be withdrawn from WSRFC existing account balance)  
White Sheet RFC account balance will reduce by approximately £1,300.00 for 1 year only.  
This use meets the treasurers requirements of **directly benefiting the members.**

#### **Please Note**

**PROPOSAL 9** Deferred to the end, by request of the Chairman to allow more in depth discussion.

Funding of proposal 9

**PROPOSAL 10** Again deferred to the end, by request of the Chairman

**DWB** I propose we move on to the next item, point (11) and accept amendments

**DWB** Andrew, what do you think?

**AJB** Yes, happy with amendments proposal. but you have gone off piste!...

**DWB** I know, I do that...  
All laugh

**DWB** I suggest, before we come to the other points we get the committee sorted out. Now the proposal for chairman I cant very well do that myself so...

**AJB** I'll propose David as chair, just need someone to second...

**William Fourie** With a very commanding voice, "I'll second it."  
  
All laugh.

**AJB** Thats William, thank you

**DWB** Well thank you gentlemen, I think we need a vote now

**ID** We avoided the tumbleweed moment then...  
All laugh

**DWB** I was heading for the door with me pizza...

**DWB** Right I'll do the next one, Mike as Vice

**Jonathan** I'll second

**William Fourie** I'm not sure thats wise...  
  
More laughter...

# Handbook Ammendments

## PROPOSAL 11/

**Accept hand book amendments (If any)**

**Note: The bulk of the handbook will remain unchanged but considering the fluidity of changes within our sport at present we will continue 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 )

**DWB.** Could we have a proposer?

**DWB**  
**(If any as and when necessary)**

**Proposed to accept hand book amendments**

**ID**

**Seconded the motion**

**DWB.** All in favour?

**Result**

**Carried Unanimously**

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## **Elections of the management committee**

### **PROPOSAL 12/**

**Proposal for David Bradfield as Vice Chairman of WSRFC**

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>AJB</b>	<b>Proposed David Bradfield as Chairman of WSRFC</b>
<b>William Fourie</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

### **PROPOSAL 13/**

**Proposal for Mike Bleathman as Vice Chairman of WSRFC**

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed Mike Bleathman as Vice Chairman of WSRFC</b>
<b>Jonathan Smith</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

### **PROPOSAL 14/**

**Proposal for Andrew Beaven as Secretary of WSRFC**

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed Andrew Beaven as Secretary of WSRFC</b>
<b>MB</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

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## Elections (Continued)

**DWB** I think that was unanimous Andrew, Hard luck...

**MB** Your in for another four years

**AJB** I think I'd better change this virtual background -  
(The Oval Office from the White House )

**MB** No, No, please don't, theres too much ammo, no  
please don't...

All Laugh

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## Elections (Continued)

### PROPOSAL 15

#### Proposal for Ian Duff as Treasurer of WSRFC

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed David Bradfield as Chairman of WSRFC</b>
<b>William Fourie</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

**ID** Does no one want to think it over?

All laugh

**AJB** That was William second...

**ID** Oh, William wants to be treasurer. Excellent

**William** Nooo.... **(In a slightly less commanding voice)**

All laugh

### PROPOSAL 16/

#### Proposal for Den Larking as Membership Secretary of WSRFC

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>AJB</b>	<b>Proposed Den Larking as Membership Secretary of WSRFC</b>
<b>MB</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

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## **Elections (Continued)**

**DWB** Next we have scale, Chris Williams has said he will carry on. He hasn't signed in to this so he cant change his mind...

All Laugh

### **PROPOSAL 17/**

#### **Proposal for Chris Williams as Scale Secretary of WSRFC**

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed David Bradfield as Chairman of WSRFC</b>
<b>Charles Andrew</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

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## Elections (Continued)

**AJB**           Next, competition secretaries...

The Chairman spoke a little about the reason why Stuart Wallace was unable to continue as Competition secretary and wished Stuart and his family well. The Chairman also thanked Stuart for all the hard work he has put in over the years as Competition Secretary.

It's also apposite that in a year when we spent significant money on timing gear, we loose Stu who has been instrumental in promoting the club with competitions and also the success of White Sheets events.

White Sheet, as such, is kitted out better than it has been for a number of years to hold events.

The Chairman continued by thanking Nigel Witchalls and Graeme Mahoney for stepping into breach and running the English Open this year

Nigel and Graeme would like to continue in this role for next year, with various, Winter league, SRA events plus of course the English Open 2021. If we're allowed out to play.

The Chairman concluded by thanking not only them, but everybody on the committee last year, then proposed to accept Nigel and Graeme for this shared post for next year.

## Elections (Continued)

### PROPOSAL 18/

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

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed Nigel Witchalls &amp; Graeme Mahoney as joint Competition Secretary of WSRFC</b>
<b>MB</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

**DWB** Right the last one is the Liaison Officer which is Mr Nicholls. Jess, I haven't really spoken to you much, I'm guessing you'd want to carry on?

**JN** Yea, well I haven't really done much in the last twelve months, not being able to get anywhere. Hopefully that's behind us now, if anything needs to be done in the future I am more able to do it.

**DWB** Thank you Jess, and its good news that you've got your jam jar back, so to speak. I'd like to propose Jess, anyone wish to second and then we will vote.

**ID** I'll second

**DWB.** Ian, thank you.

### PROPOSAL 19/

#### **Proposal for Jess Nicholls as Local Liaison Officer of WSRFC**

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

<b>DWB</b>	<b>Proposed Jess Nicholls as Local Liaison Officer of WSRFC</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>Seconded the motion</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously</b>

**DWB** Jess, you'r on it.

## Discussion

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (for existing members only)

**DWB** So that's the majority of the business out of the way of.

Now the formal motion 9, which is complimentary membership, or some other sort of scheme. Over to Andrew

**AJB** Thanks the Chairman then continues to explain the motion, how it would be funded, and the reason why the motion was raised. The Secretary explained that the Chairman has spoken about the idea once before but at that time we didn't really get very far with it.

The current motion was proposed to address some of the issues the Treasurer has raised at a number of previous AGM's

#### **Quote from Ian Duff - Treasurer 2019 AGM**

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Complimentary membership for existing members as of October 31st 2020, for one year only.

Offering no chance of abuse from others joining simply to secure a years free membership, or malicious persons attempting to join under the radar. Membership for White Sheet is far from expensive so it is more a small gesture from the club to thank members for their support over the years, and maybe even more appropriate this year considering the restrictions and lack of flying that Covid-19 has inflicted on us all.

The Treasurer was happy regarding the financial implications and the Membership Secretary was also happy, indicating the motion would actually make administration easier

The Secretary conceded that as a club we do use funds for its members for the occasional competition prize, or draw of some sort, but stressed this tends to only focus rewards on the lucky few rather than rewarding all who have support WSRFC over the years.

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## Discussion

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

The Chairman thanked the Secretary and opened the meeting for views on the proposal.

Jess Nichols raises his hand and the Chairman says go ahead Jess.

**JN** replies "I thought I was voting for it"

Members Laugh

The Chairman tells Jess Nicholls that "its your views Jess"

All continue to laugh, Jess included

The Chairman asks if anybody else has got any views on this motion before we vote?

Mike Bleathman was the first to air a view.

**Mike Bleathman** informs all that he thinks £10.00 is a piddling piece of money for the use of the slopes. Mike says he understand that it's been a difficult year for people but most but not everyone has retired, so not affected by it. Mike says we have about £5k in the bank but thinks we need a war chest in case the club needs money for road maintenance or in case things suddenly crop up. Mike says he doesn't agree with having a free membership, period, and that a lot of clubs charge twenty five, thirty pounds a year, and members pay up. Mike finishes by saying he understand where the Secretaries coming from but he just disagrees with it.

**William Fourie** William said he also doesn't agree with free membership but offered an alternative idea such as giving everyone a cap or something similar.

**Ian Duff (Treasurer)** spoke next to clarify the accounts, in terms of the proposal. The accounts stand at just over £4,800, which is a drop of about £700 from last year. Again following the line we've been proposing for some time to try and reduce the balances.

The proposal will reduce the balance by about £1,300, no more than that.

We would get down to about £3,500, there and there about.

Assuming that will have a similar level of expenditure 2021, it should be about that.

Financially we can well afford it, so it's not a problem in that sense.

It would not substantially damage the clubs finances.

If we did need substantial funding for one offs, historically we have gone to the AGM, mid year or whatever.

Ian also added he was neither for or against the proposal.

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## Discussion

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

The Chairman invites more views, then flags Nigel Witchalls. Nigel seemingly quite surprised, exclaims, "Okay... well... I don't recall having my hand up to be honest"

All laugh

**Nigel Witchalls** then continues by saying he was going to say something at some point. Nigel states that at an earlier stage in this discussion he was under the impression that the proposal was for free membership, full stop, for next year. Latterly, Nigel understands now, the proposal was not for free membership next year, it was only free membership for existing members only, not free membership generally, and that would only be for one year, one time only.

He adds, something to be mindful of, National Trust licence fees vary very widely nationally. An obvious thing for the National Trust to do would be to look around the country at what they are charging different clubs, and to standardise fees, you wouldn't expect them to pick the lowest one would you. Nigel states he has heard of clubs paying well over £200.00 per annum so it could literally double if they were to look nationally and get some standardisation.

Also Nigel feels, hitting funds by 30% in one hit is probably pushing it a little bit far, but equally Nigel understands that the club could easily take it because when we all go back to paying £10 the following year the kitty will start to rise again.

Nigel says he imagines the drop of £700 this year was partly due to the purchasing of "F3f" timing kit and things like that. Also there will be another slight reduction in expenditure next year in that we are probably not going to run a raffle in quite the same way for the English open. This would be another £100 saving if not £150.

Nigel says to be honest he is on the fence so intends to abstain.

**Charles Andrew**, began by saying £10.00 is a reasonable amount. He thinks it's a good thing if people get used to paying it and if people have one free year they may decide not to pay it for the next year.

Charles explains he does not come down very often because of the distance but still thinks it's worth while supporting the club and doing the £10.00.

Charles offers alternative ideas of giving more to the Air Ambulance or the National Trust.

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## Discussion

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

**Graham Stallard** shares that he is a member of MVSA and a member of TVSF. The MVSA decided, similarly to White Sheet, existing members will get a free membership next year. Anyone else joining, will have to pay the joining fee as usual. Grahams other club, Thames Valley, has field costs and other associated costs. Thames decided to maintain fees. If Thames Valley suddenly have to find a field they could be talking about £5,000 a year to fund a field. So their needs are a bit different. Graham says he will abstain because like Charles he joined because he has flown at White Sheet once a year for a number of years and thought it's about time he supported the club. Graham says he is not as far away as Charles but it is still a four hour round trip but adds it's always well worth while.

**Jonathan Smith** Raises concerns that we might have to invest in new technology. Transponders, live NOTAMS. There's all sorts of possibilities that we're fighting in the awful drone world. More onus will be put upon us and rather than doing it individually it might be that clubs need to put things in place so that we can carry on enjoying our hobby.

**Graham Stallard** shares with that he is a full size glider pilot. Graham knows exactly what Jonathan Smith is talking about, which is ADS-B. The CAA are looking to drive ADS-B, electronic conspicuity, as the de-facto standard, and the primary objective is commercial operation, and drones in a safe manner. People he knows have been on the CAA's steering committee for ADS-B and for the moment it seems the CAA has chosen to overlook the consequence of several thousand ADS-B transmitters suddenly popping up and swamping ATC.s. The CAA doesn't do things very fast so model fliers on White Sheet, MVSA or Watership Down, being a known quantity, static and not really moving very far, at best, they may put White Sheet on a map. Graham advises all, not to get to bothered about ADS-B, simply because the current underlying current, in GA aviation, is very much, those that have got it are going "yeah we've got it", all the rest are going, "I'm not sure about this" That's the point.

**Jess Nicholls** The only thing that comes to mind is NT have had a real bum year this year. We do have to be a bit mindful that rent might change as they need to get their revenue somehow.

Jess cautions that he is really hesitant about giving the NT a donation because at the end of the day we give them a donation annually. Anything more may become expected in following years.

Jess says he is in full support of the Air Ambulance.

Jess explains he does think we need a contingency plan should it be required, otherwise we could get in the situation where suddenly the rent is "X" and then we've got to raise a sum quickly. Jess says he is all for keeping everything as it is.

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## Discussion

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

**Comments from the Chairman** I hear what Andrew's got to say, and yes it's good to give something back to all members. Whether we do it as free membership or whether we do via a cap as you originally suggested, or some other form, that is something we should think about. However, the big bugbear in all this is what's coming up with (Article 16). I'm fortunate enough to be a member of Frome club, which has got Rob Buckley who is secretary of the LMA (Large Model Association). He sits with Dave Phipps (BMFA Chief executive) and a couple of the drone guys on the same committees with the CAA doing all these negotiations as regards, what is coming are way. The CAA is very London centric and doesn't understand anything outside of London, and as far as they're concerned, the legislation they are trying to copy across into UK statute or in to their statutes is EASA arrangements full stop. Now, Rob ran through some of these scenarios of what that would mean for us and it's absolutely horrendous. No doubt these guys will do a good job and they will bat off as much as they possibly can but I think, Jonathan is quite right to raise the fact that we need to be prepared for a contingency for this. Secondly I'm also concerned that this year we've also seen some reduction of funds of some £700.00 Mainly because of the timing gear purchase and also from not taking any money from the English Open, (which we never set out to do anyway). What I don't want to do, is have funds available that we can use for the road, because it's a public highway, we shouldn't have to inject too much money into that. After all it is Wiltshire Highways responsibility. But you never know, they asked us for a contribution last time because they have to show that they have support from the local community. Our small show of support was gratefully received and helped them get the works done. That may happen again because the only trouble with the road is all you are doing is opening your wallet and pouring it down to the bottom of the hill, because thats where the rain takes it. I think we are faced with a number of challenges whether it be CAA, the road or everything else and I'm reluctant, at this stage, to reduce further our funds of £47, £4800.00, Ian I think?

**ID** £4800.00

**DWB** As much as I dislike not making a decision I think it's almost a decision of wait and see, because we don't know what's going to hit us this coming year. We've already had everybody having to pay for DRES. Whether that goes up, we just don't know. There's going to be an awful lot coming our way so personally I would suggest that we don't do it, but I think Andrew has a very valid point and its something that we need to consider, whether or not in my position of Chair, whether I go for proxies or whether I go for a vote of hands, I'm open to how people want to take this one.

**ID** I'd just go with a show of hands

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## Discussion

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

**DWB** Right, Andrew how do you feel about all that that has come through?

**Secretary replies** Thanks David. Every year that I've been here, and on the committee, not as many as some I know, but I believe Ian, as treasurer, has raised the issue of need, to reduce WSRFC's bank balance, in favour of its members, rather than the bank manager, many times in the past. At every AGM I have attended, Ian has raised the matter that we've got so much money in the bank that does nobody any good except the bank manager and that somehow we need to give this money back to WSRFC members. The idea of a cap, is the same sort of value. Maybe the route we go down for members?

With everything that has been aired regarding what is coming in the future, I am sure, the onus, responsibility, will ultimately be on the individual, not clubs. If models are required to have transponders in some guise, it will be UAV pilots responsibility, (of which we all are classed), not responsibility of model flying clubs.

Clubs will be expected to insure their members are following the rules but that will be the extent of a clubs responsibility.

Financially I do not see that ADS-B or such like will affect a club finances, unless someone can explain to me how clubs will be held responsible for financing this technology. Can anyone explain how clubs will be held financially responsible for implementing transponders or such like in members models?

**MB** Well that's it, we don't know. That's the problem isn't it, we don't know.

**Nigel Witchalls** It won't be down to clubs to pay because anything that is applied will be applied nationally to all people who fly models whether they are members of a club or not. I am sure it will be down to the individual to be responsible, whether the club chooses to help people is another matter.

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## Discussion and Decision

### 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

#### PROPOSAL 9/10

**9/ Complimentary 2021 WSRFC membership (for every fully paid White Sheet RFC member as of October 30th 2020, only) & proposal 10, funding.**

**DWB** Do we have a proposer?

**AJB**

**Proposed Complimentary 2021  
(one year only) WSRFC membership,  
for every fully paid WSRFC member  
as of October 30th 2020**

**DWB** Okay, we can do it individually. Jonathan I'll put my hand up and say for acceptance of No's .9/10 I'm going to say neigh at this time.

**MB** I'm going to say neigh as well

**Jonathan Smith** A no from me

**Graham Stallard** No

**William Fourie** No from me

**Charles Andrew** No from me

**Nigel Witchalls** I'm on the fence, abstaining

**Ian Duff** I think I'd better abstain, being the treasurer

**JN** No from me

**AJB** Seven No's, two abstentions and one proposing, it's very clear. Majority rules, proposals 9 & 10 are not accepted.

Maybe we look at giving back to all the clubs members with something like the cap idea but it will have to be proposed at the next AGM, EGM, not here, not today.

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## 9/10/ Complimentary membership (continued)

**Chairman comments** Just before I bring you in Graham. Andrew I think you have a fair point. I think around about June 2021 we should have an idea of where all this is going to go. I am happy to do an EGM, even if it is under Zoom terms to get peoples thoughts on either this plan or a different plan in advance of the AGM

**Graham Stallard** The club could pay the CAA fee for members as a one off, to address the issue of excess funds being used in the interest of all its members?

**DWB** Andrew could you take a note of this?

**AJB** Of course. Just before I do, I'd like to clarify that broadcasting direct from the Oval Office, USA, with the power that's vested in me. We can clearly take it as fact, that all the votes against this proposal, are actually all for the proposal, and this means the proposal has passed...

Members laugh, with random comments, "all the votes are not yet in" "no, actually stop counting" "I demand a recount" "no actually postal votes are not in yet"...

**Chairman** This concludes the official business.

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## Other business

**DWB** White Sheet slopes are clearly open to the public. We have visitors to the site public and visiting fliers.

Our agreement with the National Trust (NT) is that, we kind of administer the site but we are not policemen. We are never going to be able to stop people who just don't care. Visiting fliers are supposed to contact us to seek approval, as is agreed with the NT through our licence. The NT does not give permission for anyone else to fly model aircraft at White Sheet Down, unless they have permission from WSRFC. Effectively to fly insured.

With Covid we have seen many more visitors at White Sheet.

Recently the tenant farmer has constructed a large sign saying KEEP YOUR DOGS ON THEIR LEADS This is due to increasing instances of dogs worrying cattle.

**AJB** In relation, a local sheep farmer was looking at the White Sheet for suitability earlier this year. He informed me that his concern was dogs or more accurately dog owners, and that currently he loses on average three sheep a year from dog attacks, with little to no recompense. The farmer quite rightly said it's a situation that could be avoided if dog owners took responsibility and kept their dogs on leads until absolutely positive there are no animals in the field.

**DWB** As a club we feel it is incumbent upon the club to notify, educate, inform people whether it be general public, visiting fliers or potential new members, of what is required of them before taking advantage of the site.

We will be erecting signage which says "Please do visit WSRFC website for requirements to actually fly at this site"

This is what we are going to do and while we have members contributing today we would like to welcome any thoughts from the wider membership.

**William Fourie** - raises the importance of using the correct wording on notices. Important to state that flying on this site is through WSRFC by permit of the NT

**Graham Stallard** - Thames Valley Flyers have away days at other slopes.

White Sheet is one of the venues. In the past there was a visitor book and an orange disc for purpose of recording who visited White Sheet.

He also raises the issue of people arriving on spec and finding, from reading a newly erected notice on a gate, after driving 90 miles, that they are not authorised to fly?

Graham suggests that we could do a short article in the BMFA news to educate everyone that we fly at White Sheet by permission of the NT, this is the process if you wish to come and fly at White Sheet.

**DWB** That will be happening in December.

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## Other business (continued)

**Nigel Witchalls** Comments, The requirement is and it has always been to contact a member of the committee to obtain permission to fly as a guest of the club. This is what it amounts to, being a guest of the club. A link to the White Sheet Web Site will be available on the notice. It will be possible to do this through White Sheet's website. Obviously it's a little bit late to be doing that when you'r at the gate, sending off an email in hope that one of the committee will happen to read it in the next fifteen minutes. Nevertheless, one of the requirements of the NT licence to fly at White Sheet, is for WSRFC to be the sole operators of model flying activity on the site. As with other NT licence holders, the NT uses us as their management arm managing model flying activity on the site to the extent that we can. This has not changed.

**Ian Duff** The idea of a web link, "Q" code, on the notice, is to make clear, the National Trust expectations which are set out in WSRFC licence. The licence does require that all fliers, that the club will make effort to ensure all flyers are appropriately insured.

By installing notices it will make it an individual decision whether people do or do not, fly.

Our task is simply to make clear what the National Trust expects of the club and what they expect of individual flyers. This is all we are proposing.

**DWB** We are not trying to take a record of visiting flyers, what we are trying to do is to inform visitors of what they should be doing.

What is required to fly at White Sheet, CAA registration, BMFA membership for insurance purposes and to have seen and read WSRFC handbook for local conditions, slope locations, paragliders, what to do in an emergency, who the contacts are and so on. To inform the club of your intended visit, in accordance with the NT licence to fly at White Sheet.

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## Awards and Presentations

### WHITE SHEET RFC 2020

#### Presented by David Bradfield

**DWB** A reduced fair this year because we haven't been flying that much.

We would like to thank Russell Whittam for his efforts with the artwork for next years poster and membership cards.

Mike Bleathman, as White Sheets poster boy will now display the poster and membership card.

Members laugh

## Presentations

**Mike Bleathman** has received his "**Vice**" cup, for his sterling service.

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## Awards

### **(LOOTY)** Land-Out Of The Year

**DWB** Contenders, **Graeme Mahoney**, He's not here so he cannot object.  
This was when he threw his scalie off the NE slope when it went right down, right down, right down, and didn't come back up this year. Full marks to him for bringing that one up from the bottom of the hill.

The other contender is the man who went across Charles Morgans fields to pick up Pat Teacles, Slingsby, I think it was?

And the winner, this year, is,,,,,,,,, **Jonathan Smith**

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### **(CATY)** Catch of the year

For his amazing catch of his four meter plus, model. It has to be

**\*\*\* Mr Tim Brocklehurst \*\*\***

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**DWB** Thats it for this year unless anyone wishes to add anything?

**Jess Nichols** Jess explains that we may very well see a police presence at White Sheet as there has been cases of the outlawed activity of Hare Coursing in the area. It has become a problem and all land owners are actively working together with Rural Crime Watch to combat this issue. If anyone does witness this going on in the area, please call 101 and report it to the police.

**Graham Stallard** Graham explains more regarding ADS-B Full size, the lowest cost per unit is £500.00 The CAA are giving 50% subsidy.

**Jonathan Smith** Jonathan adds more information regarding ADS-B Explains there are lots of things going on. Ideas and options people are looking at. The initial idea in USA is by use of a low power transponder about the size of a 10p piece running on a silver oxide battery. This is connected to a device worn on the pilots body thats connected to the pilots telephone that then sends the information down the internet. Similar to a system called Sky Demon, a cheaper version of ADS-B all done via the internet.

Another is a low powered transponder system that is being developed by a guy from Canada and initially developed for Pylon racing to combat poor judgement calls, and people nodding off.

There are a lot of good people out there working on this problem and you might find you will have to have a central station that sends the information to satisfy them.

Jonathan's idea, what he would like is for the first person who gets to the hill to telephone a number activating an area. The area then goes live and suddenly a bubble appears over a site like White Sheet. Then the last person that leaves telephones the number and the bubble disappears off the map. Suffice for model flying as we tend to fly and stay within a limited area.

As an example, Jonathan adds an example. When he was flying jets at RAF Wroughton, one would call RAF Lyneham to advise they were actively flying Jets then when they finished another call was made to RAF Lyneham.

Jonathan adds "Un-Complicate it, Keep it Simple.

After all this sensible, mentally taxing discussion, the meeting quickly deteriorated into what can only be described as a state of chaos. Chiefly comments from Mike and Ian. Something about handcuffs, knots and a bed! David Bradfield acted quickly to regain sanity and hastily draw the meeting to an end....

**DWB** Gentlemen, before we go completely off it. Can I just say thank you to everybody who's turned up for this one. It's unusual to do it by Zoom, I'd much prefer to do it in person. Thank you very much for all your time on this one and for everyones commitment to the club. Much appreciated I'm sure. Thank you and see you on the slope.

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## Acronyms, abbreviations and other fun stuff

<b>ADS-B</b>	<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.</b>
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>Article 16</b>	<b>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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.</b>
<b>ATC</b>	<b>Air Traffic Control</b>
<b>BMFA</b>	<b>British Model Flying Association</b>
<b>CAA</b>	<b>Civil Aviation Authority</b>
<b>Covid</b>	<b>That bas***d bug</b>
<b>DRES</b>	<b>Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme</b>
<b>Drone</b>	<b>An Unmanned Aircraft Guided Remotely</b>
<b>EASA</b>	<b>European Union Aviation Safety Agency</b>
<b>EGM</b>	<b>Extraordinary General Meeting</b>
<b>FAI</b>	<b>Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (World governing body for air sports)</b>
<b>F3f</b>	<b>FAI Sporting code for speed timed slope glider class competition</b>
<b>GA</b>	<b>General Aviation</b>
<b>LMA</b>	<b>The Large Model Association</b>
<b>MVSA</b>	<b>Meon Valley Soaring Association</b>
<b>NOTAM</b>	<b>Notice To Airmen A notice filed with an aviation authority to alert pilots of potential hazards</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>The National Trust</b>
<b>TVSF</b>	<b>Thames Valley Silent Fliers</b>
<b>UAV</b>	<b>Unmanned Aerial Vehicle</b>
<b>UK</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>
<b>WSRFC</b>	<b>White Sheet Radio Flying Club</b>
<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Video conferencing internet platform</b>



