



White Sheet Radio Flying Club

AGM 2019

Saturday 16th November 2019

The Committee

Chris Lamming	(CL)	Chairman
David Bradfield	(DB)	Vice Chairman
Andrew Beaven	(AB)	Secretary
Ian Duff	(ID)	Treasurer
Den Larking	(DL)	Membership Secretary
Jess Nicholls	(JN)	Local Liaison Officer

Apologies

Stuart S Wallace	(SW)	Competition Secretary
Chris Williams	(CW)	Scale Secretary

Pat Teakle	Jonathan Fox	Neil Rogers
Neville Brownlee	Kieth Derbyshire	Barry Cole
Charles Morgan	Brian Beacham	Brett Larette
John Myres	Louis Hawkins	Dave Emmitt
Roger Matthews	Roy Procter	Steve Holland
Martin Smallwood	Peter Fell	Vic Harris
Andy Davey		

Members Present

Graeme Mahoney	Bill Parkin	Martin Hudd
Robin Saunders	Chris Saunders	Pete Cushion
Jim Emptage	Mike Tetley	Richard Edmunds
Mike Bleathman	Geoff Crew	Russell Wittam
Alan Brocklehurst	John Treble	

Minutes of 2018 AGM

CL Would members like the 2018 AGM minutes read?

Members

No

Would members accept 2018 minutes as a good record of last years AGM.

Members

Yes

PROPOSAL

Proposal that the 2018 AGM Minutes are a true and accurate account.

Could we have a proposer?

Geoff Crew

Proposes 2018 Minutes accepted

DB

Seconds the motion

All in favour?

Result

Carried Unanimously

Matters Arising

DB No matters arising

Presentation of annual report

Chris Lamming announces he will be stepping down as chairman as he is unable to commit the time necessary due to work and other commitments.

CL We have an ongoing good relationship with the National Trust.

You may or may not be aware, a member of the hang gliding and para gliding club lost their life this year, again. As a result we had some communication with them.

In general our relationship and rapport with the National Trust and Avon Hang gliding and Para gliding club and other users up the hill remains very strong.

Avon Hang Gliding and Para Gliding Club did approach the National Trust to try and negotiate the terms of their access agreement which currently allows them to fly during the week **11am to 5:30pm for purpose of launching and gaining height before commencing cross country flight only**. They wanted to extend that into the evenings. We have successfully put the National Trust off, of doing that.

There was a small issue with a group called SkySchool, who were using the hill for training without licence to do so. This resulted in correspondence between Peggy, of Avon Hang gliding and Para gliding club, the National Trust, and us, keeping those issues at bay, making sure we can continue to have use of the site that we enjoy.

DB Chris did that, thank you and well done Chris.

CL I wrote the odd email.

So our relationship with the NT is good, our relationship with the hang gliding club is also good, I think. We passed on our respects with the death of their member.

Drone regulations we will have a more in depth discussion later.

I'm sure you are all aware that there is new regulations coming in with the CAA where we are all technically drone flyers. Like it or not, we will have to do some sort of registration process, and passing of some competency test. Or provide evidence we have previously passed some sort of competency test, with the BMFA "A" certificate for example.

There are some small changes coming in. There will be a fee you will need to pay either directly to the CAA or indirectly via the BMFA, but one way or another it is law now. There will be some changes to us, but it's not going to greatly affect our activities at White Sheet.

I know David is doing some work, getting some members of the club through the BMFA "A" certificate. Or getting some members of the club able to take the examinations, so that we can bring people up to "A" standard, so there will be roots. Either people can take the online test with the CAA, or I think the BMFA are bringing in some sort of competency test —

DB "Monday"

Presentation of annual report *continued*

CL — which will meet the requirements of the CAA. Or in theory, you will be able to get an “A” certificate, I think, maybe through the club if we have some internal examiners, which would then also be a sufficient level of competency, so you’ll effectively have a few options.

I think all of them will be fairly straight forward.

DB Annoying, but straight forward

CL I think probably there has been a lot of frustration on the forums, and a lot of talk in the press about this, and round and round we go, but you know, now I think we just have to sort of get on with it.

AB I think some of our more senior members are quite worried about it, hopefully we will be able to help reassure them, and sort this out for them too.

DB Yes, we have had correspondence with some of our more elderly members, I will talk about that once we have done the main business. If anyone wants to understand it I’m quite happy to do that.

CL So last year for charity we donated some money to the Air Ambulance. I got a nice letter back from them. They are very appreciative that we decided to do that with our excess funds. I think it’s possible that we are going to adopt those again for the year ahead. I think we may have some money to give them this year. So that’s really good.

This year we have had quite a few visiting organisations including the Air Training Corps. I think Andrew Beaven worked with the Air Training Corps, to accommodate them on one of our Open slope days, to give them a bit of an experience of what we do.

AB Yes, in addition to the initial invitation, members of the ATC have returned to White Sheet. Every now and again they appear on the slopes, so thats really good.

CL Yes, I remember meeting a couple of guys, I don’t think they joined the club or anything.

AB Yes, Alan Bradshaw has joined White Sheet RFC. (Fg Off A Bradshaw - RAF AC Officer Commanding 171 (Christchurch) Sqn Royal Air Force Air Cadets)

CL That is good. Also we continue to have visits from Germany, we have had those guys too. We also have visits from other clubs, I think it’s the Wessex Soaring Association, there are a few clubs that try to do this sort of thing.

I gather, the events this year have gone quite well, from what I hear, I haven’t seen too many photos or that sort of thing. Has it gone alright? Would anyone like to pass comment on that, have you been to any events this year?

(Members reply. All are very pleased with the events ran this year)

Presentation of annual report *continued*

Mike Bleathman Scale days have been very good this year.

(Jim Emptage announces that Mikes Bacon Sandwiches are nearly as good as Chris Lamming's, which raised much laughter among members)

(Mike Bleathman humbly announces "he taught me well" followed by more laughter from all)

AB We also have very nice home made cake, now that Mike has taken on catering, isn't that right Graeme?

(more laughter from members)

DB Yes, Mrs Mikes cakes.

Mrs Mikes cakes were extremely successful and very much in demand this year.

(This receives a round of applause from everyone)

CL I am so grateful Mike has picked that up, I know how much work is involved shifting it all up there, tidying up after.

(This again receives a round of applause for Mike Bleathman)

CL I am pleased that scale has been so successful, I've seen a few pictures, its been extremely well attended, like going back to the old days.

Geoff Crew Yes thats right.

CL Superb.

I think the English open went well? It was well attended and a good atmosphere.

Graeme Mahoney Yes, all was very good.

CL Where did you come?

(Graeme Mahoney humbly replies "Second, I think it was." As if it was a terrible result!)

CL Very good,

(Mike Bleathman states he has Stuarts report that he will read out later.)

CL I look forward to hearing that later.

A big thanks to everybody involved in organising all those events.

Free Beanies. I believe they have been popular this year —

(Gesturing to David Bradfield and saying "you've put free beanies here?")

DB Yes

Presentation of annual report *continued*

Mike Bleathman You've not got one, you've not been here enough have you Chris?

Chris Lamming sheepishly replies-

CL Yeah, no, yeah, I don't think so. No

(Members laugh)

DB Three attendances got you a free beanie, it was my mistake because I thought three attendances from anybody, in the club or not.

(Davids comment receives a sharp intake of breath from many members)

(David Bradfield, now also very sheepishly replies)

DB I know. Ian Duff has already slapped my wrists.

(More laughter from members)

(It is plain for all to see, Ian Duff has previously berated David Bradfield, severely!)

(Andrew Beaven, notices David Bradfield looking somewhat dejected in the corner. Feeling sorry for the poor old chap, in support, and attempting to turn things around a little, makes the following comment)

AB Isn't the idea of non members wearing garments and promoting White Sheet RFC, actually a very good idea?

(Chris Lamming looks at Ian Duff then at the attendees and finally all eyes turn to David who comments)

DB I'm keeping quiet!

(This receives much laughter from members, and even David, now looking a little less dejected, laughs too)

CL Are people generally supportive of these kind of ideas, for beanies, I think last year it was hoodies, there is also the thing that David Bradfield has done with the AHI glider draw for those getting five attendances through the year and attending the AGM. Are you happy with the club using funds in this way? I know in an ideal world we would have detailed terms and conditions. "Sorry Ian Duff." In an ideal world.

(More laughter from all. Maybe not Ian Duff though)

CL In an ideal world, we would have detailed terms and conditions, but in reality... sorry Ian, we are all volunteers with other things to do.

(Ian Duff gives the "Why do I bother" look, and more laughter follows)

Presentation of annual report *continued*

CL We also contributed money towards the track refurbishment. I haven't been up there in quite a while, how its fairing at the moment? I believe we have put the final sum of our road fund, which had been ring fenced, I don't know if you will remember, it was from a couple of years ago. I believe it was donated to the club of which around £300 was left over and now gone to Wiltshire Council was it?

ID Wiltshire highways.

CL You may have noticed they have filled some holes in, its good to see its looking good up there.

DB Can I just say, having been up there today, the gullies that were starting to fill up with debris that has been washed down has recently had attention from Wiltshire Highways and is looking much better now.

CL I see a comment here from David Bradfield about membership rules and new members.

I think this is how we evolve, with the BMFA portal method of joining the BMFA and maybe the club as well.

DB I will address it in another point a bit later.

CL You want to cover that?

DB Yes

CL It's really about trying to get people to affiliate with us when they join the BMFA with the portal. I believe there is a point where you can affiliate with a club that you belong to. Going forwards we obviously want people to affiliate with White Sheet Club, so that Andrew Beaven as club administrator can log on and see that all of our members have made that affiliation, so we can very quickly confirm BMFA membership as an insurance point of view.

AB Teething problems

CL Teething problems, yeah I think so, I'm sure as we go on it will get resolved.

I'd just like to mention briefly that we have got quite a few old trophies, very nice trophies actually. You may not be aware, we used to run quite a lot of competitions. Each competition had a fancy trophy. At the moment they are in storage.

David has mentioned here that we may remove reference to these trophies and competitions from the hand book to simplify the hand book, to reflect more, how the club is being run at the moment.

If anybody has got a good idea where we could use these trophies again we would like to hear from you and we can of-course reinstate reference in the future.

I would be thrilled to actually put these trophies back to work and see some of these things being used again.

Presentation of annual report *continued*

CL This leaves me with only one more thing to say. As you know, I am going to step down from the position of chair.

I'd just like to say a huge thank you to Ian, to Den, to Andrew, to Mike, David, Jess, Chris Williams and Stuart for all the great support that I've had, and all of you generally, in this position over the last four years and before that, as vice. It's been really fantastic, a really great team to work with, I've had so much support it's made it an absolute joy.

I'm happy to be stepping down, I guess, giving myself a bit more free time with work and other commitments like that and also chess club.

I think you will be in fine and safe hands with the team and David going forwards.

Mike Bleathman I think we would all like to thank you Chris for your great effort and what you've done.

(Applause from all)

(In a surprise to us all, Chris, very kindly distributes gifts to the team, as a show of appreciation)

Presentation of Accounts

ID 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 is covered through the BMFA. So in a sense we have no need to hold balances, unless for a specific purpose, such as the road fund. With this in mind, I remain committed to reduce balances each year in a way that directly benefits the members. We could quite easily make a large charitable donation and get rid of the lot of it, but each year we try and benefit members with promotions like the hoodies and beanies etc. This is so you can see some benefit from your membership.

If you take a look at the sheet I've distributed you will see how everything is itemised.

The National Trust licence is £250, securing the site for us.

Members may not be aware that Avon Hang gliding and Para gliding club put in a bid for extended use of the site. In fact extensive use of the site, almost to the exclusion of this club. They put in a bid for weekend use as well, on a priority basis. The National Trust, under consideration, refused it and accepted a request from this club, penned through the committee, to leave things as they are. We do wish to maintain relationships with the National Trust, it is a benefit to us and this is a very good example.

£250 is peanuts in comparison to what other clubs pay for ground rent.

Committee expenses. I've rolled into one. Almost exclusively, it is the cost of postage and printing such things, as the posters and postage, of the annual pack and shipping it out to you all. There is little or no actual expenses from the committee members themselves.

£100 The charitable donation to the Air Ambulance as agreed last year for the charity this year.

£37.65 Sundries, that is food and drink for White Sheet events. Open Slopes, Scale etc. I must say now that, that, dose not represent the actual spend. I would say here and now. Someone keeps digging in his pocket, spending and not submitting me a receipt. We keep on telling him I'll only pay what you give me by way of a receipt. It is more than that but it is all that I can account for.

£202.90 Room hire, that was last years use of this room, what have you.

£210 Stickers and posters. That was the production of what you had last season in terms of posters, stickers and what have you.

£122.03 Prizes. Open slopes 2019 One Ahi. This will go to a member. I am pleased about that because it's a direct benefit to the club.

£180 Hoodies and beanies. Again thats a, a point of some debate among the committee. I was all for, this is for the members. Our Vice chairman has got the better idea that this is a wider promotion of the club, I'm not going to lose any sleep over that.

£152 BMFA subscriptions is simply money in money out as a service to our members. We as a club, no longer ask you to join through the club. A total of four use this service now for various reasons, no access to the internet or what have you, so they have come to us and asked us to renew their membership for them.

£28 The subs refund, you will see when I come to income, given the fact our membership fee is £10.00 and we have 100 members, a simple calculation gives you £1000, so how do you come to £1028. The answer is a subs refund £28, one of our members did a bank transfer for £38. Having spoke to me first and being told to send either £10 or £40 he sent one for £38. Because he had done a bank transfer I said to him basically I will give him £28 back, we would keep the £10 and he could join the BMFA direct. So hence the £28

£122.03 We traditionally support the English open with a prize of another Ahi

£392 It's a one off this year, which is the road repair.

Presentation of Accounts *continued*

CL Ian, is it worth just pointing out that, that prize is to support the charitable raffle aspect of the English open. Rather than it's a prize for them?

ID I'll come to the English open proper, in terms of income.

As you can see we were invited to assist in the repair of the access road and we had money specifically set aside for that purpose. I have to say that Wiltshire highways and the National Trust threw a lot more money at it than we did. Given the fact that it was sitting there for that purpose, we felt as a committee it was really a no brainer so we took £392 out of the account. You will see we have £0.87 left in that road fund account. I propose to keep the road fund account open even though it only has £0.87 because I think it will be something that will come around periodically. It's worth having an account there so if we do need to put moneys in we can.

£150 Lastly, really £150 for our posters.

So that's our total expenditure this year. As you can see we spent just over £2000.

In terms of income, I've covered our membership fee already of 100 paid members at £10 each = £1028

BMFA subs, money in money out.

Transfer of the road fund money into the general account so we could then pay it.

Beanies. Part and parcel of trying to promote the club has been through the purchase of the beanies which cost us £180. They were so popular that some people wanted to buy them rather than qualify through Open Slopes days, so we actually earned £30

So in total with the English open, we banked £352. I say this every year, and it's worth repeating, I think, as a club we don't run the English Open to make a profit. It's nice that we do, we should however run it as a loss, but every year I put money into the bank. I'm incredibly thankful to Stuart Wallace and company for that. Yes, we are £100 down from where we were last year, but if you think about it, it is a competition we run, to promote the club. It's not there to make a profit.

The fact that we do is very, very nice. This has gone straight into the account.

So you will see an overspend, of about £120 over and above what we have taken in.

From the point of a bean counter, if it was me, I'd prefer our balances to be a bit lower, but I think as long as we continue to spend as we do to the benefit of the members on a diminishing balance I'll continue to be quite happy.

Subs. I see no reason to increase subs. I believe they should remain at £10

Looking to next year I believe costs to the club will be the same or even less than this year because of the road fund being a one off.

On that basis I don't see any benefit in asking members to put their hands in their pockets for more than £10 so we keep subs as they are, and I strongly propose membership remain, as, is.

Presentation of Accounts *continued*

PROPOSAL

Propose that accounts presented by Ian Duff are accepted.

CL Could we have a proposer?

JN Jim Emptage	Proposes accounts are accepted Seconds the motion
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CL All in favour?

Result	Carried Unanimously
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PROPOSAL

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

CL Could we have a proposer?

Den Larking Richard Edmunds	Proposes accounts are accepted Seconds the motion
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CL All in favour?

Result	Carried Unanimously
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PROPOSAL

Propose to donate £100.00 to The Wiltshire Air Ambulance

CL. Could we have a proposer?

Geoff Crew Den Larking	Proposer to donate £100.00 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance Seconds the motion
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CL. All in favour?

Result	Carried Unanimously
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Handbook Amendments

DB When we are looking at people having the ability to renew through the club. The way this is changing now, is that the BMFA want members to renew through the BMFA portal.

By doing this you will also be able to pay your CAA Registration fee of £9.00

We don't want to see any BMFA moneys coming into the club because we struggle to get onto the portal in your name. In fact it's nearly impossible for us to do that.

By using the portal yourself you will be able to administer your registration and test.

By doing this it will keep us out of the loop without us having to act as policemen, wether people are Drone Registered.

DB We want to change the Handbook to represent the following changes.

Approval to make changes to the Handbook.

Approval to make changes regarding application form.

Increase our reference taking for new members, eg. from an existing member, member from a previous club, someone capable of giving a good reference

We would like this built into our application form for new members

ID What we are thinking about is drawing a base together with BMFA membership insurance as a single simple point of contact. We don't want to act as policemen, but it is important that club members are assured, that all members are appropriately insured. None of us want to see an accident up there, especially an accident with someone who is not insured.

We want to make it a condition of membership that one undertakes to be a member of the BMFA. Also one undertakes whatever is required legally to register.

What we won't do is police that. We won't say we want to see the documents, but what we do have, through the portal, is a means during the year, of looking at who's in the club by cross referencing with our own membership list. Then whoever is not on the portal but shows up on our membership list can be identified, allowing us the opportunity, to write to this person and remind them that it is a condition of White Sheet membership, that you are a member of the BMFA, you hold appropriate insurances and you have the necessary legal registrations. Then given due notice that if they are not on the portal, within a given period of time, we reserve the right to temporarily suspend membership, until such times they are.

This goes back to our commitment to the National Trust. We say we will manage the site in a way and a means appropriate but without policing. They don't want us to police and we don't want to act as police either.

It's trying to bring together the BMFA insurance, and the regulations, in together, in a very easy means, by which we can administrate, because we don't want costs involved in this. We think that's probably doable.

(There then followed, an in depth conversation with members regarding Ian and Davids comments. David addresses members concerns with the following comments)

Handbook Amendments *continued*

DB Using the portal yourself, and registering on the portal yourself, is actually quite important.

A) You can indicate what clubs you are affiliated to.

B) You can update your file with the BMFA, RCC, or other achievements

If you are not a member of the BMFA you have to register and complete the CAA competency test by 30th November

As a BMFA member you get the opportunity to take the BMFA competency test (RCC) by 30th November, and add this to your portal record.

You can renew your BMFA membership via the portal, and register with the CAA (£9) through the BMFA online portal.

This would then show you have BMFA membership, and would also show you have the necessary CAA Registration certificate.

The benefit of doing this part through the BMFA, is that you can renew both, BMFA and CAA Registration, later than the CAAs own Registration cut off date. This means it can be done together with your BMFA renewal as late as by the end of January 2020.

Let's use the facilities the BMFA have, which is the portal, to make it easier for us to be compliant, and easier for us on the committee, to make sure everyone is okay.

(Further in depth conversation with members regarding new member application references, Code of conduct, probationary periods, right of appeal and protecting members.)

(David Bradfield comments, that there could be an issue that may face us when younger people may want to join us regarding references.

Ian Duff comments, the issue of protection of members and the club as a whole, with the relevant culture affecting all organisations today, means the need for a level of gatekeeping is necessary)

(Further in depth conversation with members)

(A relatively new member comments that he flew at White Sheet a number of times before he met someone from the club. Only then he realised there was a club running RC flying at the site!)

(Andrew Beaven comments, this again raises the need for some form of signposting for the benefit of the club, NT, and new people to the area.)

(A member comments, he found members of WSRFC friendly, welcoming and helpful. The process of joining WSRFC was easy and overall he felt it was a very nice way of running a club.)

(More conversation amongst the members).

(A general consensus arrives and the following points are reached)

Handbook Amendments *continued*

CL Who would be happy for the 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.

CL A show of hands for those in favour of that change?

A unanimous show hands.

CL The bulk of the 2019 handbook wording remain the same, in respect of application vetting process, and disciplinary process, for 2020, with amendments, if the committee wish to propose a change of text at an EGM or AGM next year.

CL Those in favour of that?

A unanimous show hands.

Scale Meetings Report

DB Unfortunately Chris Williams cannot be here with us today. In his place, Mr Williams has asked me to read the Scale report.

Apologies for my absence this afternoon, I have a Gigg the other side of Hampshire and it's going to take ages to find my passport.

Obviously we all know Brexit disturbed the weather gods to such an extent, they forgot to order the rain, and sent only wind instead this year.

With four less than perfect forecasts and one that was unbelievably good, it was of course the latter that saw the unexpected rain.

Nevertheless a record turnout that day broke all records for attendance necessitating a "seven up" rule to avoid the possibility of mid-air.

The downside of such a high attendance was that we had to restrict Scale model days, to scale models only, for which I feel it's necessary to apologise to those that do not fly scale models, and it is the real reason why I didn't dare turn up today.

(Members laugh)

There was some epic fun during the season, vertical launches, tree perching, fuselages turning brown and one inadvertent overflying of the pits, that really frightened the horses. It's not Chris, don't listen to me.

I would like to nominate myself, for the person who forgot to bring, the most glider parts this year, award. I doubt anyone can beat my tally.

With five of the six scheduled events run, this has to be some sort of record, and the great thing is, Bradders, not me, has chosen the dates for next year. So if it rains, I can dodge the blame. It's him not me.

Let's hope for my case, this is not the case.

So it was a good year for scale.

DB While I'm up here I'd like to say we have printed up 200 2020 calendars, we had to print 100 or 200. Having 110 members I had no choice but to have 200 printed.

There are calendars here today that you can take away. I'd also like to thank Russell Whittam for all the art work, and Mr Williams for the photograph.

This gives you all the dates, for all the events, planned at White Sheet next year.

F3F

DB Unfortunately Stuart Wallace, Competition secretary, could not be with us today, as he is soon to have surgery. We all wish Stuart well. In Stuarts absence Mike Bleathman has volunteered to present the 2019 F3F report.

Southern winter league 2018-19

Mike Bleathman, (MB) Only one of the scheduled competitions was staged. That was January 2019. A fairly good entry of 18 pilots entered. Very good conditions with a strong NW breeze, averaging 30mph throughout the day. The highest wind speed recorded on the day, was, 48mph. With such good conditions, there were some very quick times, faster than any previous White Sheet competition. Twenty-two sub 40 seconds. Six sub 37 seconds. Two sub 35 seconds. Greg Lewis was the fastest time flown on the day with a blistering 33.85 seconds, setting a new record for our North slope. Top three were Clayton Landell, Greg Lewis and Mike Evans. Club members, Nigel Witchalls was 5th, Graeme was 6th, Ian Falconer 9th, Jess Nicholls 13th, Stuart Wallace 15th.

The English Open August 17th-18th 2019

MB For the fifth year running the event received excellent sponsorship and support from Peter Payne — the owner of South Coast Sailplanes, Steve Webb — owner of Steve Webb Models, Dutch Composites, Rosscourt Guesthouse Bournemouth, BARCS and the Great Britain Slope Racing Association.

The event was a resounding success with two dry days of weather, with moderate South, South-West breeze. This allowed us to complete sixteen rounds, the most rounds for the English Open Competition. Twenty-four pilots competed from across the UK.

The competition was staged with a relaxed yet competitive atmosphere, making for a very enjoyable competition for all.

Results for the English open were:

1st Andy Burgoyne, 2nd Graeme Mahoney, 3rd John Philips.

Club members:

6th Tony Livingston, 8th Ian Falconer, 13th Dave Rumble, 16th Nigel Witchalls, 17th John Treble, 21st Mike Bleathman. Those who didn't Compete on both days:

William Fourey and Stuart Wallace.

English Open trophies were presented by our sponsor from South Coast Sailplanes, owner Peter Payne. Peter also presented framed certificates to these pilots.

Winner Andy Burgoyne was presented with a gift certificate of £150 that can be used against any of the excellent range of gliders from Peter Paynes, South Coast Sailplanes.

Fastest time of the competition went to club member Ian Falconer for his excellent 36.99 seconds. He was also presented with a framed certificate for his achievement.

The draw for the raffle, in memory of Stuart Wallaces son, with proceeds going to UK blood cancer charity Bloodwise and for Histo UK, a charity for the immune system disorder Histocytosis. Raffle prizes were generously donated by:

White Sheet RFC (Ahi) Steve Webb Models (£25 gift voucher) Bucks Composites (£25 gift voucher) BARCS (Five of £10.00 annual memberships to BARCS) Gorilla Glue (Range of products from their range, value £90.00) Friend of Stuarts family donated bottle of Prosecco wine.

The winner of the Ahi was Bret Larret. Winner of two nights at the Rosscourt Guesthouse Mark Rensall. The raffle amassed £310

F3F *continued*

MB William Fourey has built an automatic timing, post pass system, which consists of two cameras and a box of magic. We tested the system which worked very well. Graeme and myself have the details for this and we will both be building the system so there will be three. These are not for club funds, they are what we do ourselves.

CL Thank you very much Mike, this was your first go at the competition this year.

MB Yes it was, great fun and I will do some more when I get the chance, when we get the weather for it.

Drone Regulations

(David Bradfield began what developed into a long conversation with members regarding the new BMFA Portal and the introduction of Drone Regulations)

DB If you are BMFA members without an “A” or “B” achievement certificate, you can use the BMFA online portal to access the competency test. **(RCC) Registration Competency Certificate. (This replaces the requirement to take the CAA’s own online test)**

There are two (GDPR) data protection opt in’s required:

One, is to agree that the BMFA, can forward your data to the CAA, for passing the test.

Two, you also need to opt into the CAA data protection scheme, so the CAA can process.

The gist is:

Take the competency test, on the online portal, on Monday 18th November 2019 or soon after, certainly by the 30th November 2019 if you can.

Pay your £9:00 for CAA Registration to the BMFA, when you renew your BMFA subscription.

Alternatively you can do this all directly through the CAA. The choice is yours. You are required to have BMFA membership to fly at White Sheet.

And that should be it.

However!

There are people who won’t use the online portal, and there are some people who are simply scared of the fact of change.

Once again, I personally hate bureaucracy, I hate the fact that we are having to do this.

There is a set of manual tests, that you can do for the BMFA, to be accredited on the BMFA

If necessary, myself and Mike will go on a road trip with people who don’t get on with the InterWebb for one reason or another. We will make it happen somehow, for those guys who, for whatever reason, are unable to do the online test themselves, to do the test and pass it.

In my talks with the BMFA, a committee member can be with someone while they take their test.

Whatever it takes we will try to make it happen.

For those who have online facility, and are online capable, please go to the online portal. I will send the links out to everyone, Monday.

Let’s just get it done. Its frustrating and annoying but we have to do it.

DL Is it a once only test?

DB It is every three years, which is why “Midweek” (Nickname for Mike Bleathman) is going to be running...

Drone Regulations *continued*

MB Volunteered!

(Members laugh)

DB Mike has volunteered to run a Slope “A” test day. So if anybody is interested in taking the “A” test, which will hopefully exempt you from having to take further tests. If you pass it you will be exempt.

Members initiated a conversation about the slope test and other tests taken in the past.

David Bradfield went on to explain more in depth about the Slope “A” and “B” test and that anything other than what has been agreed with the CAA will not be accepted by the CAA.

Elections of the management committee

CL Okay, I think we start with “Chair” don’t we?

(David Bradfield, without a second of hesitation said:

“I propose Chris Lamming”

Which received widespread laughter seeing Chris has just resigned the position)

CL Quite seriously I am going to step down, so I leave it to you guys to take matters from here.

AB Okay, thank you Chris, I think we will move forward and elect a new chairman.

(David Bradfield stutters) —

DB Any, Any, Anybody want to be new chairman?

(More widespread laughter but no takers!)

CL What proposals do you have for chairman?

MB None at all

CL Nobody is proposing you Dave

(More widespread laughter)

ID I told you, I was only going to be treasurer if you became chairman Dave.

(Geoff Crew comes to the rescue, saying he had better propose Dave Bradfield)

PROPOSAL

Proposal for David Bradfield to become White Sheet Radio Flying Club Chairman.

We have a proposer

Geoff Crew

Proposes to accept David Bradfield as new WSRFC Chairman

MB

Seconds the motion

CL All in favour?

Result

Carried Unanimously

(David Bradfield now clutching at straws makes a final plea)

Elections of the management committee *continued*

DB Any objections, let's get it out, because I've given everybody the opportunity to come in and do this.

(More widespread laughter)

DB "Thanks guys"

(A member calls out "Your Stuffed Now" which receives more laughter)

DB There is a vice chairman position vacant now, does anybody want to be Vice?

(Absolute silence)

(Andrew Beaven, responding to an extremely intense stare from David Bradfield responds)

AB No good looking at me. If I'm Vice, who's going to be secretary?

CL What about Mike Bleathman? Mike, is it something that you'd be interested in doing?

MB I would be interested. But I don't really want to come to the committee meetings in the evenings. I'm quite happy to do stuff online, and to help out. Perhaps that might be something I could do.

CL But would you be willing to take that, because the roll always evolves depending on how much time and what peoples skills are but would you take the roll on?

MB I would, but as I said before, I would not be prepared to come to committee meetings in the evenings.

CL Well thats obviously a part of...

DB Thats fine by me, its a question of where the rest of the committee stand?

MB Of where everybody else is, then thats fair enough, if not, then I wouldn't be interested to be honest. I know it sounds a bit becoming in that way but, um...

CL Is it just because of where you live, or distance, or that sort of stuff?

MB No, I just don't want to do it.

(More widespread laughter)

MB Perhaps you do need a Vice that does come to meetings?

DB I don't no, Ian, Den?

ID I'd just see how it goes, if it's a problem we can deal with it next year.

Elections of the management committee *continued*

CL Clearly Mike, you are up the hill a lot. You are involved. So you may not be at the meetings but your still going to be involved and your going to be there via e-mail right?

MB Yeah, yeah, yeah.

DL I don't see it as a problem to be honest.

ID It's more the shorts than anything else...

(More laughter, from members)

PROPOSAL

Proposal for Mike Bleathman as Vice Chairman of WSRFC

CL Do we have a proposer?

DB

Proposes to accept Mike Bleathman as Vice Chairman of WSRFC

Geoff Crew

Seconds the motion

DB Congratulations Mike

CL All in favour, All those in favour please, can we have a show of hands?

Result

Carried Unanimously

CL I think we can have a coverall to reelect the incumbent committee members in their present positions. Is that okay with you guys? I haven't really had the chance to ask before? So thats Ian as Treasurer, Den as Membership Secretary, Jess as our Liaison Officer, Andy as Secretary, Stuart as Competition Secretary, has anyone spoken to Stuart?

DB Mike has.

CL Is he alright with that?

DB Yes

DL Chris Williams for Scale Secretary

CL Is he alright with that?

DB Yes

Elections of the management committee *continued*

PROPOSAL

Propose a coverall to elect the remaining incumbent committee continue in their roles.

That is:

Ian Duff as	Treasurer
Den Larking	Membership Secretary
Jess Nicholls	Club Liaison
Andrew Beaven	Secretary
Stuart Wallace	Competition Secretary
Chris Williams	Scale Secretary

CL Do we have a proposer?

DB	Proposes to accept those committee members mentioned continue to hold their present positions
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Geoff Crew	Seconds the motion
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CL All those in favour?

Result	Carried Unanimously
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PROPOSAL

CL Geoff Crew is very keen, he's on it today

AB He is. Taking on all that responsibility

Geoff Crew Lip service only

ID (Comment directed to Geoff Crew) You want join with us?

Geoff Crew No —

ID Seriously?

Geoff Crew No, No

ID There is a jolly good committee scheme.

Geoff Crew Is there. No, No

CL All those in favour of Geoff Crew? Proposal, Yep, carried, Welcome Geoff.

Elections of the management committee *continued*

Geoff Crew No!

(More laughter, from members)



Motions for the AGM

DB The only one I've got is that of F3F timing gear. People have been running around putting together timing gear. John I believe you have your own timing gear.

John Treble No I don't have my own timing gear its my son who has some.

DB What we are saying is the club should have its own set of timing gear and its whether or not the membership are happy for this to be purchased from the clubs funds as a capital item?

John Treble My son will sell you a set.... (More laughter, from members)

Mike Bleathman And the cost?

DB I have no idea, I'm not an F3F'ist?

John Treble Well the software is free. The software my son wrote. What they charge for the bits, I don't know.

AB I believe this is already organised?

DB Well it hasn't happened.

Mike Bleathman Stuart Wallace has already purchased it.

Member Yes, Stuarts already purchased it.

Mike Bleathman Graeme was saying yesterday, I think it was out of Stuarts own money.

David Bradfield But the club, and not, because remember Stuart lives Farnborough way

CL I think there was an action for Stuart to procure "A" frames actually.

AB Thats right Chris.

DB He may have bought the "A" frames but I was talking about the computer kit that does it all.

CL We have got a set of timing gear.

Graeme Yeah, but it is a bit flakey.

DB Have we, well I suppose the question is do we want to spend £300 - £400 maximum, to get a new set of timing gear? Is that about the right sort of cost?

Graeme Mahoney Three all in. It's no more than three.

Richard Edmunds Where will it be kept? This gear.

Motions for the AGM *continued*

DB We haven't got that far yet. We don't have a clubhouse of course that is the problem.

Richard Edmunds The two things go hand in hand, which is where we keep it. It needs to be accessible.

CL We could do with someone being the allocated quartermaster.

Mike Bleathman The thing is if you want to have a go at F3F the best thing to do is have the timing gear that Williams made up. We have a couple of those.

DB We can talk about exactly what kit we're going to buy, the point is to get the membership to say yay or nay on spending £300 - £400 on a decent set of timing gear. That is the proposal that I've got. So if any would like, I'd propose it or did you want to discuss it?

CL Do you want to have a stab at an upper limit?

DB £400 tops.

John Treble I think there is an issue here, of what exactly what you want this gear for? Because one of the things F3F has suffered from, very recently, is difficulty in practising. When you're out on your own or with just two or three people. You don't want to be putting up "A" frames and all that sort of thing. (David Bradfield agrees) As Mike pointed out, with the camera system you can. You can go up on your own, the cameras will tell you where the ends of the course are, without having two mates there telling you or pushing buttons to let you know where the ends are. The other reason you might want gear is for running competitions, there you do need to have it, all this stuff, until such time the rules change. The use of these cameras, which I suspect will be within the next five years or so. So I do think there is a question there of exactly what it is that you are trying to achieve. Personally I think we should I think we should think very carefully about the training aspects of it.

DB The way I see it we run five or six, maybe eight F3F events a year Graeme? At White Sheet.

Graeme Mahoney If your going to do inter-leagues, yeah.

DB And we've also got the English Open. I know the English Open, I don't do F3F because I just don't, but I know Stuarts always scrabbling around borrowing kit to make it happen. It's whether or not, we should as a club. Bearing in mind we are sitting on five grand in cash which is not going anywhere, have our own kit anyway. That was the point I was trying to make with this.

Graeme Mahoney I would have thought £400 would buy you a set of proper F3F timing gear and this camera thing? What do you think Mike?

Motions for the AGM *continued*

Mike Bleathman I think what Williams said was that he got the whole setup for £150, he built it himself, a little bit of soldering here and there but most of it was just plug in stuff. I suppose what members would say is there is only a minority of people or small proportion of the club who actually fly F3F, thats one thing. The other thing of-course is how much of the course, if somebody wants to fly at weekends doing there sport flying, if somebody wanted to setup this automatic system we would have to go down to one end of the slope away from people, which is possible of course. The thing is if the club sees fit to do it. It does obviously put the club in a good light with the F3F leagues. We have some very, very, good flyers within the club, quite a few of them, maybe ten, twelve, a good ten at least, but there is another ninety that don't, and a lot of those don't fly anyway, do they.

AB Mike does make a good point, you don't want to exclude existing White Sheet members who are sport flying onsite already. You don't want people arriving and setting up F3F courses excluding members that don't fly F3F. Or members suddenly being told they can't fly as the slope is closed, open for F3F only.

Mike Bleathman They do tend to go down one end, on the SW bowl down on the left and Morgans, they'll go along the other end. So there is that aspect of it.

Peter Cushion There are quite a few F3F flyers in the club, it raises the profile of-course. The money that has been raised, although it hasn't been earmarked. The English Open is about the amount you'r talking about.

DB Quite right Pete.

Richard Edmonds Well I don't fly F3F but I'd be happy to propose that, this course of action.

DB Thank you

John Treble What you might like to think about is bringing out one sort of gear or another on an open slopes day.

Peter Cushion Also if you have it set up on an open slopes day, people who don't fly F3F can have a go.

CL I think we have already proposed and put through a £200 budget for "A" frames for Stuart, which hasn't happened yet for obvious reasons. (Stuart's health issues) Potentially there could be that spend as well. So I could imagine in the accounts you could see £600 for "A" frames and timing gear as two separate entries.

PROPOSAL

CL Proposal is a £400 budget for F3F timing gear

We have a proposer

Richard Edmonds

Proposes to accept £400 budget for F3F timing gear

Mike Tetley

Seconds the motion

CL All in favour?

Result

Carried

Motions for the AGM *continued*

CL So anymore AGM business.

DB No

AB No, that is it for the agenda.

CL Lets just have a quick, any other business from the floor. Has anybody got anything they want to talk about?

Mike Bleathman Yes, the “A” Certs, Is it easier just to lease with the examiners, do we have two examiners?

DB I’m trying to become the club BMFA tester. Because my “B” is in power, fixed wing power I couldn’t do slope, well its a long process. So we are going to borrow two power examiners from another club, I think because they are power examiners rather than silent flight examiners, basically, they will have to check each other out on the process. Basically, we will get an examination day.

Mike Bleathman So will we mail-shot everyone, saying right, do you want to come along and thats it.

DB I think you’r never going to get everyone who wants to, being able to come along on the that particular day. You just got to try as many people who are interested to come along on that day and do it.

Member Can I just clarify something with you David. If you’ve done the CAA competency test, does that qualify you to fly at White Sheet?

DB If you are BMFA registered, providing you’ve passed it of course.

Member It’s not a prerequisite to have an “A” or “B” certificate to fly at WhiteSheet.

CL No. The aim here is just to be lawful, currently to be a lawful flyer, from the end of November you have to have passed the CAA test or the BMFA will have their own version.

Member Apparently the CAA test is twenty questions, with four possible choices for each one. To pass you need 60% so 16 out of 20 correct.

AB Yes, it will be multiple choice, and yes 16 out of 20 correct with no limit on attempts, the idea behind both tests is more education rather than examination.

(Member asks David Bradfield about the “B” certificate. David explains and answers a few more questions regarding the “B” certificate)

Motions for the AGM *continued*

CL Shall we close the AGM now, can we get a photo?

AB We have a few things to do first, with presentations and awards, and awards always make photos look good so we shall do presentations first.

CL Okay, I'll let you guys do that first.

DB Yes, that's right, I'll do this first. Guys, it's Ahi raffle time.

(Presentations to follow. Continue to P31)

Awards and Presentations

WHITE SHEET RFC 2019 Events "Qualifier's" Draw. Presented by David Bradfield

DB It's "Ahi" raffle time! I'm going to ask Mr Lamming to draw a ticket.

CL Believe it or not, I've just drawn ticket number 1

DB Thats Geoff Crew, well done Geoff

Geoff Crew You can put that back in for someone else.

CL You sure Geoff?

Geoff Crew Yeah, absolutely.

DB Thats very nice of you Geoff

CL Okay, next ticket is number 4

DB Number 4 is, Peter Cushion

Peter Cushion Ohhh, Thank you very much indeed.

DB Can you draw another number, we have two of these beanies and a peaked hat to give away.

CL Ticket 115

DB Thats Russell, Peaked hat or beanie?

Russell Wittam Peaked hat please, thank you very much.

CL Next ticket is 108

DB 108, thats a Beanie for Chris Saunders

Chris Saunders Thank you

CL Last one, ticket 105

DB Thats a beanie for Bill Parkin.

DB Thats the raffle concluded. Now...

AB Now... Mike Bleathman

Awards and Presentations *continued*

WHITE SHEET RFC 2019
“VICE SPECIAL” ANNUAL AWARDS
Presented by, Mr Mike Bleathman

Mike Bleathman It gives me the dubious pleasure to present the White Sheet Radio Flying Club Awards.

This represents the achievements of White Sheet members over the season this year. Reflecting the good, the bad, the ugly, and the plain indifferent.

Awards have been donated by David Bradfield. This does not come out of club funds, I assume David has paid for all of this? Or stolen it?

DB Yeah, no, umm...

(Members laugh)

Mike Bleathman And this represents a good personal piss take, on what has been some memorable flying days. There are 14 categories but only eight physical trophies. Following the logic or lack of as has run through our events this year.

LOOTY (Land-Out Of The Year)

MB Competition for this award has been very keen and numerous this year and with such competitiveness in this class it has been divided into three sub categories. I thought you didn't like bureaucracy David...

(Members laugh)

The first sub category is “**Denial**”

There are many contenders for this award.

Russel Wittam, myself, Graeme Mahoney, Ian Duff, Chris Williams, using filming as an excuse.

Dave Franks as nominated by Steve Hoy and Steve Holland with pictorial proof.

Jim Emptage with his SALTO, Chris Williams with his Petrel and David with his Libelle All of these could be heard saying “thats not a land out”

The second sub category is “**The one that no-one saw**”

Nigel Witchalls had a good attempt with an F3F in light to zero winds.

I saw that one, that was great.

Many people may wish that were not true and that their own land outs were not seen, but rest assured, we have a judging panel who seem to capture most of them.

The third sub category is “**Actual Land-outs**”

Awards and Presentations *continued*

MB Jim, refused to land his Pina more than ten meters away from him this year.

So the winner is...

***** Richard Edmunds *****

Because he didn't know where his model ended up. It was found by a farmer some weeks later and returned to Richard who in fairness to Richard he did provide the farmer with a reward.

(members laugh)

Richard Edmunds Thank you very much, I'd like to thank my mother and father, my agent...

(All laugh)

CATY (Catch of the year)

MB This award seems to capture the patience, agility and lack of care for personal safety that is required to achieve a successful glider catch. Many people try, indeed some are very good at it. The key contenders are, Tim Brocklehurst with his circle dancer, only because I saw it and hadn't seen any from the honourable treasurer Ian Duff, who gets second place as nominated by Andrew Beaven, Russell Wittam is third because he catches them so far away... consistently.

The CATY Award goes to:

***** Tim Brocklehurst *****

SOTY (Save of the year)

MB No serious contenders this year which means people are either getting better flyers or just not taking the risks.

So Bradders gets it for radio failure on the Merlin

Tim Brocklehurst second, with elevator failure.

And Graeme, last years winner, came a close third as he nearly recovered the ASH 29 after a mid-air. Unfortunately theres no award for nearly.

The **SOTY Award** goes to:

***** David Bradfield *****

Awards and Presentations *continued*

POOTY (Pitt overfly of the year)

MB Three from scale and one from the South Coast Sailplanes Day

Pat Treacle, Pat Treacle,

(all laugh)

No, Pat Teacle, Bob Cook and Barry Cole at Scale over the bowl and Morgans.

Peter Payne, over the bowl on South Coast day

No overall winner for this.

DB The disgrace is enough

(all laugh)

WDP (Worse dressed pilot)

***** Graham Hill *****

MB Graham Hill, Graham Hill! thats dreadful, with his Schweitzer

No award for that.

BMMA (Best Marital Mid-Air Award)

Only one entrant, only one winner:

***** Mel and Antonia *****

(all laugh)

MB No award for this.

Awards and Presentations *continued*

LOTY (Launcher of the year)

MB Contenders: Geoff Crew and Steve Vincent.

The **LOTY Award** winner is:

***** Geoff Crew *****

with more attendances.

BOTTY (Baker of the year)

MB There can only be one winner, me and Mrs Mike gets it for cake of the year.

(spontaneous applause from all)

RUTY (Something to do with godawful parking)

***** Jim Emptage *****

MB Jim gets that for waiting for the AA to tow his car out of a rut at the top of the hill.

No prize for that

(Everyone laughs, even Jim)

TFTTY (The fastest time of the year)

MB Ian Faulkner petitioned himself for this award, no self interest at all but the winner is Graeme, with a season best of 36.75, However... The man who walks away with the award is:

***** William Fourie *****

— for the best newcomer effort at The English Open

Awards and Presentations *continued*

Last Man Standing Award

MB This one has to go to:

***** Andrew Beaven *****

As he always closes most of our events and is frequently a neo-nocturnal flyer...

(all laugh)

MB And next its the big one:

Crash of the year

Peter Cushion came second on this one. There is no formal award for this, its bad enough to break one let alone have a constant reminder.

Many nominations for this one, Antonia with her scale, me with the Ahi, the chair totalling his Schwing, but that was on Lundy so it doesn't count. Jess totalled a 5 meter Pina, Bradders broke a Phase 5 with reverse flaps, but... the winner is the man, who took time to help a flyer with an un-flown scale model only to have the same model torpedo the former, his ASH 29.

Thats you:

***** Graeme Mahoney *****

At least you won't have to worry about low voltage alarms anymore.

Graeme Mahoney I don't think that counts as a silver lining.

(all laugh)

DB No prize for this one as if you crash something you don't want to have a constant reminder.

Awards and Presentations *continued*

The White Sheet Tech-Support Award

This is a genuine award given to the flyer who selflessly devotes his time to helping others with many issues, mostly technical and JETI

DB Here you go:

***** Graeme Mahoney *****

MB So Graeme walks away with a haul of awards.
Well done Graeme

(applause and laughter from all)

MB Thats it

DB Thats it

MB Thats it

AB Thats is it

CL Thank you all, very much

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