

SEVERN VALLEY MICROLIGHT CLUB MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2021

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of officers
4. Awards
5. AOB
6. AGM Closes

Followed by guest speaker: Rob Hughes, BMAA Chairman

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SVMC Events in 2020

DATE	SPEAKER(S)	SUBJECT	VENUE
15th Jan 20		AGM	Flying Shack
19th Feb 20	Chris Bigg	The Bristol Brabazon	Flying Shack
18th Mar 20	CANCELLED		
VARIOUS	PICNIC FLY-INS	See below	
22nd Oct 20	Steve and Eddie	Kiev to Odessa Rally	ZOOM
18th Nov 20	Angus & Fiona Macaskill	Australia	ZOOM
16th Dec 20	Ed McCallum	Transatlantic Flight	ZOOM

- Brian Finch reported that four picnic fly-in's had been held when COVID restrictions permitted; Defford, Doynton, Broadmeadow and Wadswick farm.
- A club fly-out to Troutbeck Airfield in Cumbria also took place.

2. SEVERN VALLEY MICROLIGHT CLUB – ACCOUNTS 2020

	2019	2020		
INCOME				
Membership	£1,648.56	£1,175.12		
Charity collections	£943.90	£0.00		
Misc	£8.44	£0.00		
Total income	£2,600.90	£1,175.12		
EXPENSES				
BBQ, Fly-Ins	£750.00	£24.50		
Christmas costs	£365.65	£0.00		
OGN Mast	£0.00	£196.50	Note 1	
Bank charges	£11.44	£4.88		
Text costs	£23.52	£11.76		
Airscrew costs	£0.00	£30.00		
Web costs	£137.65	£141.20		
Venue Costs	£30.00	£60.00		
Speaker expenses	£135.00	£85.00		
Misc	£0.00	£0.00		
Total expenses:	£1,453.26	£553.84		
Donations made				
Donations pending	£943.90			
Airscrew pending	£30.00			
	£2,397.16	553.84	Bank Accounts	31/12/2020
Profit/Loss	£173.74	£621.28	HSBC	£4,244.68
			Pay Pal	£478.96
<p>Note 1: The OGN mast cost was associated with agreed funding for a SkyDemon repeater mast in Thornbury</p>				

- Due to the inability to hold social events in 2020 (the major expenditure), it had been decided that members subscriptions would include membership for 2021. A forward projection of potential expenditure suggested that the club would break even for combined two years, albeit a number of assumptions had been made in that projection.
- As the club had not held any charity collections this year and the club reserves were reasonably healthy, a proposal was made that £250 be donated to the Air Ambulance from club funds. A vote was held and the proposal was accepted.
- The accounts were accepted by a unanimous vote.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

<u>Committee Members</u>	2020	2021
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman/Secretary	Steve Slade	Steve Slade
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Secretary	Andy Virgoe	Andy Virgoe
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	Andy Virgoe	Andy Virgoe
<input type="checkbox"/> Airscrew Editor	Pete Smith	VACANT
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Fly-In Coordinator	VACANT	VACANT
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Fly-Out Coordinator	Jon Ingram	Jon Ingram
<input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster	Brian Finch	Brian Finch
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	Rees Keene	Rees Keene
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member Rep & graphic design	Andy Bill	Andy Bill
<input type="checkbox"/> Without Portfolio	Bill Austin	-----

- Pete Smith has done a sterling job in 2020 by publishing Airscrew on a regular basis but has indicated that he wishes to resign from the role for 2021. We are looking for a volunteer to fill the role and Pete has offered to provide guidance in performing the role. Please speak to Pete or any committee member.
- The Summer Fly-In Coordinator role is also vacant. Brian Finch has compiled a list of venues, contact numbers and strip details to pass on to a member willing to take on this role. Please speak to Brian for further details.
- Bill Austin has performed a number of roles since the club was formed and has decided to finally retire from the committee. Our sincere thanks go to Bill and we hope to see him at club events in the future.
- A vote was taken and the committee was unanimously re-elected.

4. SEVERN VALLEY MICROLIGHT CLUB AWARDS:-

Spitfire - For outstanding achievement in the field of Microlight or Light Aircraft flying.

Awarded to Angus and Fiona Macaskill

Chairman's - For the Member who demonstrates continued enthusiasm for Microlight flying and support of the SVMC.

Awarded to Pete Smith

5. AOB

No further items were raised under AOB and the AGM was closed at 2050hrs

GUEST SPEAKER: Rob Hughes, BMAA Chairman

- First microlight flight in 2001
- BMAA vice chairman
- BMAA Chairman
- Flying Show Organiser
- FAI Steward (3 times)
- FAI Jury Member (3 times)
- FAI Event Director
- FAI Assistant Competition Director
- FAI Jury President (3 times)
- FAI General Projects Manager
- FAI Senior Sports Manager
- FAI Vice President to the United Kingdom
- BMAA Chairman (again)

Rob gave the meeting an update on current issues he and the BMAA are dealing with and answered questions raised at the meeting:

- Flying during COVID negotiations with the CAA, including exam extensions, licence and currency issues. BMAA are pushing safety cases but CAA are not budging, and this may be pursued with Grant Shapps, DfT. To fly or not to fly prompted some interesting exchanges.
- Readiness for weight limit increase to 600kg. Some differences training will be required to fly the heavier category, but potentially signed off by an instructor in your logbook.
- Airworthiness codes post-BREXIT. Looking at similar codes in Germany and Czech with the intention of amalgamating them.
- Airspace consultations. Taking up a lot of time due to the quantity of proposals. Have suggested reigning in the quantity.
- BMAA finances, including efforts made to control and cut costs
- Sharing of processes with the LAA.
- Merger with the LAA – possibility of resumption of talks.
- Flying in Europe post-BREXIT. France have stated no change. No other countries stated their position and not “poking” them to state their position.
- Insurance price rises appear inevitable – two major underwriters withdrawn from the market.
- A list of speakers on aviation-related subjects to be made available on the BMAA website.

