

Beelsby Model Flying Club

2024 AGM Minutes

The AGM was conducted at the Laceby British Legion, at 19:00 on the 30th of October 2024.

2024 Standing committee prior to election...

Chairman – Brian Bellamy

Secretary – Leon Hostad

Treasurer – Chris Caple

Membership Secretary – Chris Caple

Safety – Andy Pratt

Events coordinator – Nicholas Ashe

Website/Technical – Danny Harter (delayed)

General member – Ellis Short (absent)

Attendance, including the 2024 Committee was counted at 26 out of 53 members, an outstanding turnout compared to recent years.

Each committee member present delivered their report on the status of the club with regards to their area of responsibility, as outlined by the above positions.

The minutes of the AGM are as follows...

- Leon Hostad (Secretary) called the meeting to order with a brief word to the general membership about the good year we have had and general positive nature of the 2024 flying season.
- Brian Bellamy (Chairman) delivered his report on the general condition of the club, the direction it has been going and the work on keeping the club field in good condition, mainly regarding the grass cutting and the reclamation of the pit side edge of the field, and restructuring the trial flying fee, and reported the purchase of new locks for the gate, as the old locks were beginning to fail (the code remains the same as the old locks)
- Chris Caple (Treasurer, Membership Secretary) delivered his report in the capacity of Treasurer discussed the clubs finances, indicating that due to the increase in membership and several events that the club ran during 2024 that the club was doing well financially, and had built up a fund of £1561.68, this enabled Chris to advise the club that we had the option available to us of reducing the club fees for 2025 (later put to a vote) and to invest in equipment for the club.
- Chris Caple (Treasurer, Membership Secretary) delivered his report in the capacity of Membership secretary, advised the club of the current breakdown of the membership, at 53 members, plus 2 associate members, and forecast potential loss of approximately 3-4 members when the end of year renewals are upon us, which is typical each year, though with the general trend being upwards on membership overall.
- Andy Pratt (Safety) delivered his report on the general safety status of the club, raising the point about maintaining good pits layout, such as maintaining space behind the models for access, and recommended that the club invest in two new CO2 fire extinguishers to be kept in the green container due to the club now hosting jet flying.

- Nicholas Ashe (Events coordinator) delivered his report on the years events, and discussed with members of the general club membership about event ideas going forward, and was kindly offered support in setting up for events by several members.
- A short break was called for refreshments.
- The meeting was called back to order, the general membership was asked if anyone would like to stand for any of the committee positions.
- The general expressed feeling among the membership was satisfaction with how the current committee was running the club, as such there was no desire expressed to run against any of the 2024 committee members for any position.
- The 2024 committee members therefore volunteered to stand for election again.
- Votes were then cast by show of hands for each committee position, with each position receiving overwhelming support for the respective candidate.
- Beelsby MFC 2025 Committee stands as follows...

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- Discussions of the following suggestions/ideas with the general membership for 2025 then took place....
- The committee discussed with the general membership the option of lowering the membership fee for 2025 from £95 to £85, this was then put to a vote and was passed.
- New club trainers were discussed due to the loss of club trainers in open training day accidents, several members of the general membership and members of the committee indicated that they would be willing to lend the club trainer models as needed at future training day events.
- Club Apparel was discussed, with Danny Williams being a point of contact for the club with a supplier.
- A club branded Gazebo was discussed, however several practical issues with regards to storage and transport resulted in the conclusion that this would not be pursued.
- On the back of the discussion about a Gazebo the suggestion was made of getting branded flags for events.
- The issue of spectators parking on the road was raised, and that it would be good practice to invite them to park on the field rather than them being put at risk on the road, to this end, the suggestion was made to have a sign made to indicate this and for it to be mounted on the gate, further discussion raised the point that it would be better if this was a temporary sign that could be hung over the gate only when people are present.

- Brian Bellamy announced that the club had been approached by a representative of the Cleethorpes Armed Forces Day, who expressed a wish for the club to put on a flying display between the full size displays during the 2025 Armed forces week end.

Several issues were raised with this regarding the suitability of the beach for taking off and landing and maintaining control of the beach while the display was taking place.

The general consensus was the beach was not suitable for jets due to the tide leaving an undulating surface on the beach, but that helicopter displays may be possible, however the issue of maintaining minimum distances would limit the view the spectators would have, so the value as a display is questionable.

The suggestion of a static display was raised, and the use of the BMFA simulator at meridian park, this suggestion seemed more practical and so seemed to get more support.

- Leon Hostad (Secretary) enquired with the committee if there were any other topics on the agenda, and as there were not, called a close to the official AGM portion of the evening.