

PEMBROKESHIRE FLYING CLUB (PFC) AGM 2014 - MINUTES

Date: 26 October 2014

Time: 17000 hrs

Location: PFC Lounge

Attendees: 13 members attended.

Apologies: 12 members

1. The Chairman welcomed those present and reminded the members that although PFC did not have a written constitution it had not caused issues in the past and that the format of the AGM would follow convention and kept informal where possible.
2. **Previous Minutes.** All the action items from the 2013 minutes were covered and had been actioned by the Chairman.
3. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman, Bob Ellis, gave his report on the previous 12 months activities and said he achieved his aim of updating the IT, commissioning the hi rez webcam/weather station and resurrecting the PFC website. However, he was very disappointed with the poor return of the simple survey, namely 2 from 34 members - one of which was the previous Chairman. As a result of that survey he said he could not take PFC forward as it was not clear what PFC wanted and would resign at the end of the meeting. He said he would be happy to continue looking after the IT and PFC website.
4. **Treasurers Report.** The Treasurer, John Fisher, thanked Bob for his work during the year as Chairman and this was acknowledged by those present. John, circulated the balance sheet and gave his report; he stated that the funds remain in a healthy condition and proposed that the Subs of £20 and Initial Fee of £10 remained unchanged. The proposal was carried unanimously. The Chairman added that student PPL's were given free membership for the first year and thanked John for his continued work as Treasurer.
5. **Election of Officers.** The following were proposed and seconded:
 - a. Chairman/Secretary: John Wilson
 - b. Vice Chairman: Martin Stevens - re-elected
 - c. Treasurer: John Fisher – re-elected

As the Chairman was not aware prior to the meeting of the proposal for John Wilson to replace him as the new Chairman he accepted the proposals on the basis that John was a willing volunteer. The above officers, and anyone appointed by them, would form the PFC committee for the purposes of routine decision-making.
6. **Christmas Dinner.** It was felt that a change of venue was due and that the prime choice was Haverfordwest Golf Club (HGC). A request was also made to hold the event before Christmas.

Action:

- 6.1 Dave Phipps to contact HGC and liaise with John Wilson for a suitable date.
- 6.2 John Wilson to arrange Christmas dinner and publicise the timing.

7. **County Show 2014/2105.** The complimentary ticket issue went well and once a date had been set for 2015 it would be published to members via the website/newsletter.
8. **Bader Braves 2014/2015.** Bob thanked all those who took part in the Bader Braves event in 2014 and said the club should be proud of what we achieved in less than ideal conditions. He said, subject to the confirmed election of John Wilson, PFC would once again host the Bader Braves on 19 September 2015 and that the suggestion of a reserve day on the 20th be forwarded.

Action: John Wilson to co-ordinate event with Keith Delderfield of the Douglas Bader Foundation

9. **Proposed Royal Aero Club Handicapped Air Race 2015.** Bob explained that in the summer he started to compete in handicapped air races and initiated an attempt to have a race return to Haverfordwest for the first time since that last one held in 2004. He announced that PCC has agreed with the Royal Aero Club (RAC) to host a race on 6/7 June 2015 and that further details would follow in 2015.

Action: Bob Ellis to co-ordinate the air race with RAC, PCC and PFC.

10. **Any Other Business.**

10.1 There was one pre-notified item:

- 10.1.1 **Hangar 3 Security.** Malcolm Evans informed members that an unescorted visitor was challenged recently in Hangar 3 and had gained access through the issue of the key code. This was felt unacceptable and that a key lock should be added so that only authorised/escorted personnel could access the hangar. A good discussion followed.

Action: Malcolm to liaise with PFC to fit a new lock. If funds not forthcoming occupants of Hangar 3 have agreed to self-fund.

10.2 After opening the floor the following items were discussed:

- 10.2.1 **Fly Out.** It was suggested that the club fly out to Swansea>Shobdon> West Wales and that John Greer would co-ordinate at West Wales. Bob asked who was going to organise the event and no name was mentioned. Bob said he supported such ideas but in his opinion it was not down to the Chairman to do all the organising, after all we are a club. He suggested that if members have an idea take ownership of that idea and then help from the committee and members would be forthcoming when requested.

Action: Bob Ellis to pass the suggestion to John Wilson for consideration.

- 10.2.2 **Summer BBQ.** It was also suggested to hold a summer BBQ liaising with Ray Burgess of the Spitfire Museum to use their facilities. The members felt that this was a good idea but once again there was no volunteer to organise it.

Action: Bob Ellis to pass the suggestion to John Wilson for consideration.

- 10.2.3 **Visit to Newquay Air Museum.** It was suggested to visit the museum at Newquay. Graham Clarkson had previously visited and it was suggested that he progress the idea.

Action: John Wilson to liaise with Graham Clarkson to progress the suggestion.

10.2.4 **Flying Competition.** Malcolm asked would members be interested in a flying competition. The initial response was muted but then a discussion developed about format and ideas. Malcolm said he would be willing to organise an event but due to the work involved if it did not receive significant support it would not go ahead.

Action: Malcolm Evans to liase with John Wilson to progress the suggestion.

- 11 **Next AGM.** After a brief discussion on timing it was agreed that Sunday 25 October 2015 at 1630 hrs was a suitable date/time.
- 12 The meeting was closed at 1800 hours.

R A Ellis
Chairman/Secretary