

## Pembrokeshire Flying Club

### Annual General Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

#### Minutes

##### Members Present:

20 members in attendance

6 member apologies received

##### 1 Chairmans Welcome

The chairman welcomed the members to the meeting.

##### 2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

##### 3 Chairmans Report

The chairman gave his summary report, outlining the events and achievements for the last year. The launch of the new PFC branding had now given the club some identity and encouraged all members to utilise and promote the corporate style branding whenever possible. The annual dinner had been tried out with a new format and with a good attendance located to the Cleddau Bridge Hotel back in March. The feedback was very positive and it was felt that this would be a good way forward in developing the social and common awareness for the club and aerodrome facility throughout the county and surrounding area. He gave thanks to both Malcolm Evans and Bob Ellis for their time and efforts in organising the Haverfordwest Fly Rally which had been a great enjoyable event and well attended! Earlier in the year Bob Ellis had given a thorough and informing group talk on the aspects of "Leaning" which certainly caught members attention and no doubt helped keep down the cost of flying!! Recognition was given to the RV Group members who this year pushed the boundaries with their touring exploits that saw them reach the far distance of North Africa and Tangiers! With the acclaim and celebration of "I Flew The Rock", the adventure took in the delights of Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain, and France with the full warts and all account and full comedy highlights currently as an article on the PFC website. The sun gave a very welcome blessing for the day of the Bader Braves which this year was an outstanding day for the young Baders and the chair thanked all those members who gave up so generously of their time and cost to the day. The young people and their families together with the organisers just could not thank you all enough. A truly heart warming and enjoyable day. Congratulations and recognition was also given to Bob Ellis on his successful achievement of becoming the British and European Air Race Champion 2015 and on behalf of all members of the club, was truly acknowledged as a great achievement for Bob and a fitting tribute to his lifetime of involvement in aviation.

In his closing statement, the chair stated he hoped the club would continue with the priority of ensuring security for its future sustainability and in addressing this the outlook was very encouraging with an almost 20% increase in current club membership and the average age favouring a downward trend. Attracting and bringing in new young pilots would continue to be a way forward and he particularly gave a welcome to latest recent young recruits Alex Rhodes, Rory Hall and Patience Eastwood. He gave recognition and thanks to Ryan Williams and the flying School for developing a closer and partner style working that in working together with the club was achieving a better, stronger future for both the flying school and the flying club and helping establish the airfield facility as a needed asset to the county. It is indeed up to us all to work together to ensure we continue to hang onto this great facility that allows us to enjoy the privilege of our flying pastime!!

#### 4 Treasurers Report

Treasurer John Fisher presented the accounts and showed an annual deficit of £316.83 for the year with a account balance of £2795.78. The accounts were verified and accepted by the group. The chair thanked John for all his work and assistance as treasurer throughout the year.

#### 5 Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by the members present:

Chairman – John Wilson

Vice-Chairman – Martin Stevens

Treasurer – John Fisher

#### 6 Christmas/Annual Dinner

It was agreed the dinner would be provisionally booked for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

#### 7 Bader Braves

The Bader Braves Day was marked in the calendar for 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### 8 Events for Consideration

Those highlighted and discussed:

Safety Evening 7.30pm 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Haverfordwest Golf Club

Hanger Ball, June Guernsey

Fly Rally Haverfordwest 18/19<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Fly Out Newquay Museum TBC

Border Security Briefing TBC

Emmanuelle Quarreg RV Flying experience TBC

Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Flying Club 4.30pm.

The meeting was closed.