

Minutes of Zoom meeting to establish an Ashdown Forest Flying Club 19:30 17th January 2024

Present;

Stuart Willis
Chris Searle
Taj Manning
Alex Cameron
Terry Knight
Richard Warwick
Ken Taylor
Peter Gatford
Graham Dewey
Stephen Hills
Cymon Skinner
Keith Benton
Mike Cook

Apologies:

Colin Bowdery
Trevor Gray

Stuart Willis chaired the meeting and started by explaining the reasons behind the requirement to set up a club in order to fund the Licence which the BMFA has with the Ashdown Conservators. The club would be made up of those people that use the Ashdown forest to fly on. It was put to a vote form a club. All those present were in favour to do so.

It was agreed that initially only 3 officers posts would be required ie. Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman

Stuart Willis agreed to stand for one year as Chairman to ensure continuity between the South East Area (BMFA) and the new Club. Taj Manning proposed Stuart Willis and Chris Searl seconded Stuart Willis. It was put to a vote and was carried unanimously

Secretary

Taj Manning agreed to stand as Secretary. Stuart Willis proposed Taj Manning and Terry Knight seconded Taj Manning. It was put to a vote and was carried unanimously.

Treasurer

Stephen Hills agreed to act as Treasurer. He was proposed by Stuart Willis seconded by Taj Manning. It was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Stuart Willis continued to chair the meeting.

Club Name

A number of names were proposed these being , “Ashdown Angels”, Ashdown Forest Model Flying Club and Ashdown Forest Flyers”. The general consensus of the members was to adopt the latter ie. Ashdown Forest Flyers. All voted in favoured of the name.

Subscriptions:

Discussions took place re expected subscriptions for membership of the club.

The current licence held by the BMFA for the year 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 is £574. At this point the Conservators have not advised what the licence cost will be for the forthcoming period commencing April 2024. However it is anticipated to be approximately £600. On the assumption of having 20 members in the club. The cost of an annual club subscription for the first year would be £30 per member., which the attending members agreed was a reasonable cost. As the Licence runs from 1st April to 31st March the club year would also be 1st April to 31st March.

The club subscriptions will be reviewed each year.

The following was discussed and items to be undertaken by the elected committee.

Stuart Willis:

- Contact head office to cancel the current system for collecting Ashdown Forest subscriptions from the South East Area website.
- Set up Ashdown Forest Flyers website.
- Setup Email addresses.
- Create Minutes and Distribute them via the Area Email system.

Taj Manning:

Register the Club with Head office. Initial membership Stuart Willis, Taj Manning, Stephen Hills, Alex Cameron and Terry Night.
Create the Club constitution.

Stephen Hills:

- Set up Club Bank account.

The Chairman asked the members for a suitable Club Logo. Ideas to be sent to Stuart Willis.

Stuart Willis thanked All those that attended the meeting and close the meeting at 20:33

Stuart Willis.

BMFA South East Area Chairman and Area Delegate