



Mansfield & District

Model Flying Club

Meeting Minutes

Date:

Location: Polly Bowls Club

Committee Members Present:

Chairman: Paul Kiddier,

Vice-Chairman/Secretary: Jamie Oscroft,

Treasurer/Secretary: Valerie Gascoigne

Apologies:

Minutes of the 12th of November 2025 Meeting.

Members present: 18

Apologies given: Tony SNR & Toni JNR Lachowski.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.03pm and asked everyone to put their phones on silent please.

Matters arising:

The club email is still not working. Valerie said that she has emailed and rang him but he has not got back to her. Andrew Lloyd asked if we are paying for a website when it is not working. Valerie replied that we only pay £33 for the year and we have not had a bill for this year so far.

Chairmans Report:

The main subject for tonight is the budget for 2026. Valerie has prepared a budget projection, you should all have a copy. When the meeting has finished can you please return them to Valerie. As you will see keeping subs the same we will be running at a loss of £211.80 and we cannot sustain this. Valerie proposes that we increase it from £60 to £70 with no reduction at Christmas. Which would leave us a surplus of £363.20, this was seconded by Stuart Mellor. All the bills are paid now until next year. Valerie suggests that to save money we could

just have a buffet at the Christmas meeting and we do not pay out £147 for the toilet hire on the fun day.

Martin Holmes said that if we do not have a toilet it will stop

families from coming to the fun day. Janis said would it be worth trying the B.M.F.A again, they may have changed their rules.

Andy Mills said that with the money in the savings account we could survive at a loss for 20 years.

Adam Lomax said that rule was because of 1 club claiming for several toilets when they had a lot of money in their account.

Valerie will find out if the rule still applies (showing our bank statements) with the B.M.F.A. It was agreed that if this was still the rule we would not apply for funding from them. Kev Pattison proposes that we put the club fees to £75 , Paul Kiddier seconded this. A show of hands vote was taken with an unanimous vote in favour of the £75 increase.

Mick Whileman said do not bother with either buffet. Valerie said that the

lady we had for the catering at the AGM this year was very good and she has already agreed to do it again for us in December. Valerie wants to discuss the reduced rate for mebership that we usually offer in July. Valerie thinks this would be better to do it in September, this will be discussed at the AGM in April.

Any questions on the Chairmans report: None.

Valerie said that you can pay your subs by direct transfer but she would appreciate some people paying in cash, for the farmer. Contact Valerie for the details and please let her know if you have paid it this way.

Any questions on the Treasurer Secretary report: None.

Any other business:

Andy Mills would like to suggest a non-flying membership. He is not well enough to fly anymore and objects to paying the B.M.F.A and will not be doing so. Valerie said that we have one honorary member that has made an equivalent donation to the club instead every year.

**Andy could do this and
just be a visitor at the field.**

**Ken Newton said could we please give it some
thought about applying to
the government for us to become a charity. After a
short discussion on this
it was decided we would not do this. Kev Pattison
said that upto 2 years ago
he had a councillor that donated a decent raffle
prize to us, sadly he has
passed away. Could we ask our local councillors for
prizes.**

**If you do the CAA registration on their own website
the B.M.F.A do not
know that you have done it.**

**Jamie Oscroft said that if you do it on the
B.M.F.A portal they will send you a digital
certificate. This would make it a
lot easier for the committee to monitor if members
did it on the B.M.F.A.**

**Stuart Mellor asked Valerie if she could please
check and see if all our**

**members have done their registration. John
Chadwick said that there are
loads not attending the meetings so they are not
aware of it.**

Jamie said an email will be sent out at the end of the month, reminding them that this is a lawful regulation. If they do not do it they cannot fly at our club because they would have no insurance cover.

Jamie Oscroft said do we need to have a meeting every month, is there any point in the context low numbers attending, going to every 2 months/quarterly but was spoken over before he could finish the suggestions.

Stuart Mellor said that this meeting has definitely been useful re the CAA discussion.

Paul says that we have 2 trainers so should we get rid of one.

Kev Pattison said no because with the glow motor trainer you would get 8 flights to 1 with a battery trainer. It was decided to keep both, we would not get much if we did sell them.

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 3rd

of December 2025, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. A raffle was held tonight, taking £29. This was won by Stuart Mellor, taking £14.50 and £14.50 into club funds.