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Here we go again, 2015 will be a fine year for spending time on the flying site with light winds , sunny weather and pleasant company, Hmmmmm one out of three can't be bad.

Those who could not attend the AGM in December 2014 missed a good turnout with 18 club members and one visitor attending; to have a turnout in excess of 50% of club membership is well above average. Members agreed to an additional two committee members making seven in total the committee for 2015 is as follows,

Chairman... John Mee, Vice Chairman... Mike Davey, Secretary ... Mike Bundy, Treasurer... Trevor Prichard, Safety Officer.. Pete Stoddern,.. Safety Assistants.. Peter Bradley and Paul Jones.

Main points discussed and approved were, members proposed the club fee's be set at £30-00 for 2015, the committee thanks the members for discussing and approving this in a formal manner, the increase will help build funds for future activities / runway maintenance. Flying field rules will be updated and posted on club web site together with updates to the constitution; details are listed below together with the safety officers report..

Flying field. ..

Section 2 .. If only one member is on site and flying please wait until the member has landed or given clear visual instruction to proceed to the pit area. (Entry to the flying site with Hazards on)

Section 3 ... and 3D multi bladed helicopters (this relates to standing 30 paces off the runway for rotary aircraft 3D flying)

Section 5 ... Maximum height of 500ft for models under 7kgs and 400ft for models over 7kgs. (These conditions apply to our flying site)

Section added .. 16. Any aircraft equipped with the capability of data acquisition / video must ensure it is disabled. FPV aircraft can only be flown with a buddy box set up, the master controller must be in the hands of the person with unobstructed view of the aircraft, the flight data can only be viewed via the headset and not via any other equipment.

Constitution...

Apart from the item below the constitution was updated to reflect the club maximum flying height, the two extra committee members and gender changes in the disciplinary section

Section 12 A Young Person / Parent / Guardian responsibility awareness form must be lodged with the secretary before a young person can be on site, it can be viewed on the club web site and can be obtained from the secretary.

Safety officers report

There appeared to be some question on provisional members texting when arriving g on site, it was explained they should text each time they arrive, the only time they needed not is when the safety officer is on site.

A reminder that aircraft must not be facing the cars when restrained in the pit assembly /starting area. When helis are flying from the 3D flying box no aircraft must take off from the runway, the idea of the 3D flight area is to protect the pit area if the heli crashed, person on the runway could be in fall out area, it also creates a double flight line which is not safe. Public stopping on the runway, and if we politely asked to park in our parking area, we seem to get a more positive response and then we have created a controlled environment. This can be done by any member if safe to do so.

The meeting ended as customary with refreshments while club fees were paid, thanks to Mike Davey for the tea, coffee and biscuits together with thanks to Linda Bundy for the sandwiches and Mince pies.

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Last year the club examiners were busy, for 2015 the club will have Darren Mee, Dave Parrett and Peter Coates as examiners, the three will give the club flexibility to offer A fixed wing and helicopter and B fixed wing tests from January 2015. Darren Mee passed the B helicopter test in September 2014 and from March 2015 he will be able to offer the B helicopter test with the help of either of the other two examiners.

The examiners are always willing to help and give advice to anyone who is considering taking any of the A and B achievement scheme tests

Let's hope we enjoy the good flying weather we all long for and please remember the club rules are in place so we all can enjoy continued use of the airfield when other airfields throughout the country are now having their use restricted.

Keep an eye on the club web site for any updates, stay safe, don't panic, safe landings