



Minutes of club AGM Nov 5th 2024

Meeting start at 8.00pm - 46 Members attending

1. Minutes of AGM 2023 - Item 4 read "all agreed" but should read "2 abstentions, remainder agreed correct. Proposed Sheila Marshall, seconded Rob Day.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. Chairmans report (see below)
4. Treasurers report - Paul Larkman was ill, but he sent his report (see below)
5. The committee suggested that the club fees should remain as they are (£35 senior, £1 Junior + £5 joining fee to cover the cost of a gate key). These were proposed by Rob Buckley, seconded Don Beaumont. All agreed.
6. The constitution was re-worded to say 'constitution & rules can only be altered at an AGM.
7. The club rules had been simplified with no change to meaning & circulated to the members before the meeting. These were then voted accepted.
8. It was proposed to create a 'Social Member' of the club. This would be available to ex club members who do not wish to fly anymore but still be part of the club but have no voting rights. They would not be required be a BMFA member & not pay any club fee except for a lost or changed key. Proposed by the chairman & seconded by Shaun Garrity, all agreed.
9. Election of committee members: The existing committee were prepared to stand & no one else was proposed, so the committee remains the same:-

Chairman	Martin Lynn
Vice chairman	Chris Deane
Secretary	Terry Lee
Treasurer	Paul Larkman
Member	Allan Marshall
Member	Graham Worfolk
Member	Shaun Garrity
10. The date for the AGM next year would fall on November 4th.

Chairmans report

Welcome to the PANDAS 2024 AGM.

First of all, thank you to everyone who has made the effort to attend the meeting night.

I have been the chairman at PANDAS for 6 years now and I said last year I would do it for one more year.

However we have had no real offers from anyone to take on the chairman's role and I have said I will continue for another year if elected. If I am honest, after that I think it would then be good for someone with new ideas to come on board. I sometimes feel I have taken the club as far as I can and find the role somewhat frustrating

at times. I guess that is to be expected with the high membership numbers. With over 190 members you cannot please everyone.

We will have to see how things go in 2025. I strongly believe if you are on a committee you should play an active role and are not just there to make up the numbers. Having said that you have to remember we all do it for free and it can take many hours of your time.

Grass Cutting & Field Maintenance

The wet weather at the start of the year made things difficult with the field so wet we could not cut it until much later than usual.

We have continued to use a combination of the council and private contractor to cut the grass. We plan to continue in this way unless anyone has any other practical suggestions that would work.

We did not roll the field this year due to the weather and equipment not available when things improved. We may try one more time this year to get it done.

I think most people agree we have one of the best flying sites in the area.

I would like to thank Graham Worfolk & Karl Pickering for their continued work overseeing the field maintenance and Terry Lee for maintaining contact and arranging things with the council.

Thank you to Allan Marshall and Mart Rogers for keeping on top of the field white line marking and other general maintenance tasks.

Flying Site Fly Above 400 Feet Permit

I successfully renewed the BMFA flying site permit under Article 16 to allow over 7.5kgs aircraft to fly above 400 feet and up to 1500 feet at our field. This involves more paperwork, risk assessments, maps & NOTAM applications.

The Last 12 Months

The last 12 months have again been busy with a number of events held at the field, club training, general flying and the monthly club nights.

Club Field Events

These included a 2 day 'Fly-In & SWAPMEET', 2 BMFA achievement scheme events, Electric Fly In / Single Channel & Retro weekend & Chairman's fun fly day.

Chairmans Fun Fly Day

This was the 3rd chairman's fun fly day and the weather proved favourable which helped. I invited members from other clubs and provided hot roast beef sandwiches.

Retro / Single Channel

We held the 12th Single Channel & Retro weekend. The weather was better than last year. Numbers were down slightly on previous years and those that were there enjoyed it.

BMFA Achievement Scheme Events

We held 2 BMFA Northern Area Achievement Scheme Training & Testing Days at the field.

There were well supported and do attract BMFA members from further afield from clubs with limited training or testing opportunities.

In general all the events were well received with many compliments about the PANDAS club, field and facilities.

We are already planning for next year and if you have any ideas as to what you want please let us know.

We had charity collections at most of these events and **raised £871.00** for the 'Yorkshire Air Ambulance'.

Club Nights

Let's hope we can continue with these next year and if you have any ideas please let us know.

Committee

The current committee have all indicated they are prepared to stand for another year. We are not overwhelmed with people wanting to join the committee and without them the club would not function.

I would like to thank the current committee for their time and support over that last 12 months. A lot of work goes on in the back ground and it is not an easy job at times.

Training & Membership

I believe offering training is an important role and is one of the main ways to attract new members.

I set myself a rather ambitious target last year to try and achieve 200 members. We currently have 192 members with 3 more people who I think will join before the end of the year. We should reach 195 members by the end of the year, 5 short of my target. The problem now is maintaining the numbers for next year, which helps to keep the club membership fees down.

The BMFA have found lately that many clubs are actively deterring members with their attitude and lack of training facilities. The BMFA have lost 7000 members in the last 10 years and many other local clubs the membership numbers are significantly down.

I would like to thank Allan and Sheila Marshall, Terry Lee and Graham Worfolk specifically for running the training, assisted by a number of others, including the club BMFA Examiners.

We have continued to hold the dedicated training day on a Wednesday whenever we could. We have also utilised Saturday & Sunday when required.

Trial Flights

I have personally conducted a good number of trial flights this year along with other club instructors and examiners. It does help attract new members but can be very time consuming too.

Team PANDAS as I called them (Peter Baker, Phil Ainsworth, Dave Carter, Simon Ellwood and myself also attended the LMA event at Elvington as part of the BMFA presence. We conducted trial flights over the weekend for the visitors who wanted to have a go at flying. It was a lot busier than I expected and we did in excess of 150 flights.

Is it worth the effort to attract new members? I guess only time will tell.

Noise

We had some noise complaints last year and we restricted the flying of I/C aircraft on an evening at the weekends. I met up recently with the chairman of the housing residents association where the complaints came from and he said from their point of view things were much better.

It is something going forward we are going to have to continually monitor.

If it is not treated seriously and the complaints escalated, it has the potential to lose the flying site.

A model flying club with nowhere to fly is finished and will simply no longer exist.

Communication

One of my main targets is to ensure as far as possible members know what is going on.

We utilise the club website, email, Facebook and WhatsApp to let members know what is happening.

I guess the question is, is there too much information? Please let us know what you think.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped and assisted me to run the club for the last year.

Thank You.
Martin Lynn.

PANDAS Year End Accounts 13th September 2024
PANDAS Year 2023 - 2024

Item	Income	Expense	Comments
PANDAS 2024 Subscriptions	£ 6,088.00		
BMFA Subscription		£ 47.00	Including Life Membership Cost
Charity Donations	£ 871.00	£ 871.00	Yorkshire Air Ambulance
Grass Cutting & Field Maintenance		£ 2,350.00	Including Feed & Weed Treatment
Gate Locks and Keys		£ 250.00	
Petrol		£ 107.50	
BMFA Events Toilet Empty & LPG Gas Contributions	£ 77.18		
Wakefield Council Field Event Licences		£ 48.00	
Bank Interest	£ 298.72		
Bank Charges		£ 6.28	
Club CAA Operator Number		£ 10.33	
Marsden Moor Soaring Association		£ 10.00	
Wakefield Council Field Rental		£ 1,512.12	
Chemical Toilet Empty & Maintenance		£ 275.00	
PA System Purchase		£ 116.10	
Miscellaneous Costs (oil, mower parts etc.)		£ 48.05	
Roundhill Club Meeting Room Hire and Committee Membership		£ 300.00	
Club Membership Cards		£ 65.30	
TOTALS	£ 7,334.90	£ 6,016.68	
Loss / Profit 2024	£	1,318.22	Surplus for Year £1318.22 - Council grass cutting (£600.00) still to pay.
Balance Year On Year	2023	2024	
Cash In Hand	£ 199.58	£ 188.58	
Savings Account	£ -	£ 22,298.72	
Current Account	£ 22,349.27	£ 1,379.77	
TOTAL	£ 22,548.85	£ 23,867.07	

Meeting closed at 8.25

Terry Lee (sec.)