## Club AGM November 3rd 2026

Members attending – 42 meeting commenced 8.00

1. The minutes for 2025 AGM were circulated to all members before this meeting & accepted as a true record by the members present.
2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3. Chairmans report :- See below.
4. Treasurers report was accepted. We had a surplus of £230, & noted that we had a £2000 surplus over the last 8 years.
5. The committee proposed no change to the club subscription, all agreed.
6. Constitution modifications:

   A list of members to be kept for 6 years from leaving the club.

   Any complaints must be made 'in writing' & within 90 days of the occurrence.

   The committee shall comprise of between 3 & 9 members.

   Committee members must be nominated & seconded at least 14 days before the AGM.

   Members can stand for any length of time.

   Juniors under 16 yrs. old cannot vote.

7. Rules modifications:

   Arming of electric powered models – Must have an 'air gap' between battery & radio equipment within the model.

   Juniors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18.

   All members (except control line only flyers) must hold an RCC.

The flying boundary to remain as originally shown (i.e. the purple 'ditch' line)

Chairmans report

Welcome to the PANDAS 2026 AGM. I will keep this evening's report brief.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend this evening's meeting.

I have now served as chairman of PANDAS for eight years. With around 200 members, balancing a wide range of views and priorities is an important part of the role. It can be a very frustrating at times.

The club has faced challenges in the past, and I hope it is now in a much stronger position, than when I took on the role. Serving as chairman requires a considerable amount of time and commitment.

I believe we now have a strong and balanced committee, providing a sound foundation for the club's continued development.

A committed team is essential to maintaining a thriving club and a strong membership.

Grass Cutting / Field & Cabin Maintenance

We have continued to use both the council and a private contractor to maintain the grass at the flying field.

I believe we have one of the best flying sites in the area.

Thank you to Graham Worfolk and Karl Pickering for their continued oversight of field maintenance, and to Terry Lee for liaising with the council and coordinating arrangements.

Thank you to Allan and Sheila Marshall for maintaining the field's white line markings and undertaking general cleaning and maintenance of the field and cabins.

Flying Site Permit: Flights Above 400 Feet for Aircraft Over 7.5 kg

PANDAS remains one of the few clubs to hold this permit.

Club Field Events

This year's events included a two-day Fly-In & SWAPMEET, 2 BMFA Achievement Scheme events, Electric Fly-In / Single Channel & Retro weekend, Control Line Carried Deck event and Chairman's Fun Fly Day.

BMFA Achievement Scheme Events

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

These days were well supported and attracted BMFA members from other clubs with limited training or testing opportunities.

Overall, the events were well received, with many positive comments about PANDAS, the field and its facilities.

Club Charity

Charity collections at most of these events raised £700.00 for DIAL WOOD – Horse Riding for the disabled.

Club Nights

We have continued to hold club nights featuring a range of talks and presentations, and hope to continue these next year.

Committee

The current committee members have indicated they will continue for another year and have been formally nominated and seconded. Terry Lee will, however, be standing down as secretary. I would like to thank him for his many years of service in this role.

I would like to thank all the committee for their time and support over the past 12 months. Much of their work takes place behind the scenes and requires a considerable amount of time & dedication.

Training & Membership

We expect to end the year with just over 200 members, making PANDAS the largest club in the area and one of the largest in the country.

Simply Put - I believe we provide the best training in the area.

Thank you to Allan and Sheila Marshall, Terry Lee, Graham Worfolk, John Mosley, Paul Blakeborough, Terry Spence, Richard and Matthew Scott for their support with training, alongside the club's BMFA Examiners and the many others who assist.

Going Forward

As new housing developments increase pressure on available green spaces, we will continue to adapt to changing circumstances. We hope to retain the use of the park for our hobby for many years to come.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported me and contributed to running the club over the past year.

Thank you. Martin Lynn.

AOB - none

Meeting close 8.58

Terry Lee (sec.)