

# AGM

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Five Ash Down Village Hall**

## AGENDA

Members Present

Apologies for Absence:

Alex and David Corbin / John Cole

General Club Matters

Chairman's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Election of Committee Members

**AOB**

## Meeting Minutes – Club Secretary Martin Warmington

### Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Alex Corbin  
David Corbin  
John Cole

The meeting started with Mark Tullett the current Chairman reading his Chairman's report which is attached later in this AGM report.

### Secretary's Report

Martin Warmington spoke next and explained that there was a good attendance for the AGM with 34 members attending.

Membership numbers for 2010 ended at 60 members. For 2011 we achieved 80 members which is excellent in light of the BMFA mentioning that numbers were down in the UK for BMFA memberships.

In the last committee meeting it was decided that the fees needed to be raised. Martin mentioned that the fees had not been raised for 3 years and was good value. 3 years ago the club had just one field and now has 3 with a large number of people using 2 fields regularly.

The fees will be raised by £3 starting January 2012 making the membership fee now £60.

Martin discussed Indoor Flying with the membership and urged them to attend to keep flying over the winter and mentioned how much fun it is. Members of the club or public can also or just spectate. Martin also gave out indoor flying leaflets to the members and membership forms.

### Suggestions:

There were some good suggestions from the members for the following.

- It was requested that we get the Forum going
- Nominate a field as the main site for Sunday flying once a month to generate more social flying
- Have an auction to raise money



## Chairman's Report - December 2011

2011 has been an important year for Wealden Flyers.

Our new site at Berwick has been in use for the first time, despite initial problems with rolling and grass cutting Berwick is proving a superb flying site, with a large runway (we hope to have a crosswind runway next year) and lots of flying space. We also have the Penshurst site back and both sites have been proving popular with new members joining specifically to use them.

We are now able to offer flying sites to a much wider audience, as a result we have ended the year with in excess of 80 members and this looks set to grow further in 2012. Unfortunately it has not been our best year for events with a number, including our 'Scale Day' having to be cancelled due to the weather. Probably the best event this year was the Penshurst open day which proved popular and gained us a number of new members.

Indoor flying has recently restarted for the winter and is being well supported. Club nights have been well attended and have seen a number of new guest and club speakers providing interesting and varied topics.

The swapmeet, whilst not particularly well attended, raised £240 for the club.

Thanks to the committee and others who have helped organise, run and support these activities as well as deal with the maintenance of the flying sites.

We have had to dip into the club reserves this year to be able to run the flying sites, with grass cutting being a significant cost at both Rotherfield and Berwick. The committee has agreed that we will continue with the three sites for next year (Blackboys, which costs us nothing, may also be back in the summer) it is hoped that costs can be reduced slightly in 2012 but we will need around 112 members to avoid having to use club reserves. With the amount of interest being shown in the Berwick and Penshurst sites this looks to be achievable.

I am standing down as chairman now although will continue on the committee, so would like to thank you for your support during the last two years.