

MINUTES OF THE 30TH AGM OF THE VINTAGE AIRCRAFT CLUB

HELD AT TURWESTON AERODROME ON SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2019 at 11.00 AM

Present – 33 members.

1. Apologies for Absence

Jim Munro, Michael Miklos, Adrian Harmer, John Goodman, Sandy Fage, Graham Churchill, Steve Slater, John Broad, Debbie Land, Mark Fotherby, Pat Taylor, Veronica Tanner, Richard Keech, John Hardie

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 13th October 2018

The minutes were reviewed by those attending. There were no matters arising, so it was unanimously agreed to be a true record. Proposed by Stuart MacConnacher, seconded by Mike Vaisey. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

Presented by Anne Hughes. A successful year in terms of events and steadily rising membership, in excess of 300 members. Vote of thanks offered to the chair for such a vibrant and fun year of activity.

4. Treasurer's Report

Peter Wright presented the accounts for the year which had been audited and found to be in good order. There were no questions arising. Thanks were made to Cathy Silk and the merchandising team for their outstanding efforts once again in contributing to club funds.

5. To Receive and Adopt the Accounts for year ending 30th June 2019

Proposed by Tony Alcock and seconded by Peter Andrews, carried unanimously.

6. Confirmation of the Committee Members

The Chairman referred to the minutes of last year's AGM which stated that all existing members were to be re-elected en bloc for a three year period. As there had been no resignations or changes of the committee, there was no need for the members to vote this year.

Current Committee members are:

Anne Hughes – Chairman

Peter Wright – Treasurer

Steve Slater – Secretary and Vice Chairman

Stephanie Giles – Membership Secretary

Trevor Jarvis – Safety Officer

Tim Badham – Magazine Editor

Mark Fotherby – Website Editor

Rob Stobo – Trophy Steward

7. 2019 Calendar of Events

Circulated

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date of the next meeting to be confirmed, depending on the availability of a suitable venue.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.45am.

VAC Chairman's Annual Report 2019

I am pleased to be able to tell you that all the news from the VAC's last year has been of a positive nature! We have seen a steady increase in membership from north and south and enjoyed the social side of VAC events alongside the fly-ins.

Following the last AGM, Peter Wright has continued to unravel the ties we had that held the club to Company Policy and as from June we are now 'The Vintage Aircraft Club' with no 'Limited' attached. However, the changing of the bank account, which was necessary in order to facilitate the change, was challenging for some members who have had to re-organise their annual subscriptions.

We started the celebrations of our 55th year with our VAC calendar and it has been a joy throughout the year to share photos of your aircraft. In the Spring we also celebrated the 90th birthday of our President, David Ogilvy OBE with a birthday dinner in Bristol.

The main celebratory event at Brighton in June was hosted by the Real Aeroplane Club and the event proved outstanding in every way. Not only were conditions for camping 'under the wing' ideal, but the weekend proved to be a social delight with old acquaintances renewed, memorabilia shared and new members making the wise decision to join the VAC. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the event and many others, not only by bringing your aircraft for us to enjoy, but in the behind the scenes organisation that makes events run smoothly. Cathy Silk, Vron Tanner and all the VAC merchandise team have worked hard throughout the year with enthusiasm and dedication in setting up and running our merchandise stall. Their contribution to funds is a very positive help and allows us to support the events we organise in practical ways.

Tim Badham, as our new editor for Vintage and Classic, has excelled himself in his collection of copy and his personal input. The magazine, including our birthday edition, proves a 'must read' for all and we all appreciate his dedication.

Stephanie Giles has had her work cut out with an increase in membership and in sending reminders to those who appeared a little confused about membership fees! Steph also spent hours in her kitchen, up to the elbows in flour, as she prepared our 55th birthday cake – stunning and delicious!!

Our VAC webpage has regular updates throughout the year and thousands of views! Thank you to Mark Fotherby for all the hours he puts in to making the page attractive and informative.

Rob Stobo has looked after our trophies for many years and coordinated their collection and distribution. Trevor Jarvis covers the safety of our events by providing regular risk assessments to comply with the LAA insurance policy. Thank you to both.

That only leaves me to thank Steve Slater who has penned our minutes and agenda, continued to wave the VAC flag at various meetings and committees and who is there for me as my Vice Chair. Without the support of your committee and the time that all give to the club we would be unable to work towards providing the sort of club we feel you deserve!

The Dinner and Awards evening at Shuttleworth House in April was certainly a highlight of the year. We were fortunate to have Arthur Williams with us both as speaker and presenter of awards. All thanks are due to Shuttleworth for their excellent service and to Debbie Land who, the following morning, provided a fascinating insight into the work of the SOE. The biggest round of applause must go to Peter and Christine Wright who spent several months in organising the event for us and held regular meetings with Shuttleworth so that all would run smoothly.

The VAC continues to be reported (favourably!) in the aviation press and on Wycombe Radio and detailed accounts of our events are published in the RAeC Newsletter. I am also pleased to represent the club at various venues, including Westminster from time to time.

We must congratulate John Hardie who received the Liz Inwood Taildragger Scholarship at the LAA Rally at the beginning of September and who qualified with an excellent report from his instructor at White Waltham by the end of the month! Well done John!!

Thank you to all of you for electing me as VAC Chair – again! The best part of the job is knowing I represent a very special group of people from all walks of life and with many and varied aviation talents and interests. Meeting up with you is always a pleasure and the few challenges I have are more than amply rewarded by knowing that I have the support of a dedicated committee and a fantastic membership.

Thank you. Anne Hughes