



‘SAA’, AGM held on December 15th 2019 @ 13:00 in the Hilcroft Hotel, Whitburn.

1. Attendance (Quorum present)

<u>‘Council’:</u>	<u>Present:</u>
Chairman	Yes
Vice Chairman	Yes
Secretary	Yes
Assistant Secretary	No
Treasurer	Yes
Membership Secretary	Yes
Club Liaison	No
CD’s Representative	No
Youth Development / PRO	No with Apologies
Merchandising Officer	Yes
Webmaster	No with Apologies
Airtime Editor	Yes

2. Apologies

David Hambley, Lindsey Dickie, Les Madden, Graeme McKee, Jim Arnott and Sandy Law.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes for the ‘SAA AGM’ meeting held in Dec 2018 were approved. Proposed by Dougie Shepherd and seconded by Don Imrie.

Agenda:

- 1 Adoption of previous Minutes
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Reports
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Secretary
 - CD’s Representative
 - Youth Development and PRO
 - Merchandising Officer
 - Club Liaison Officer



- Web Master
- Airtime Editor

4 **AOCB**

1. On behalf of the Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club “I propose that the SAA pay the £9 registration fee to the CAA for the first year for members re-joining by 31/12/19”
2. Any question regarding the future transition to a limited company to be submitted in writing to arrive one week before the AGM.
3. A committee to be set up to examine changes requested to the articles of the new company.
4. Date of next AGM

5 **Election of Office Bearers**

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Liaison
- Youth Development/ PRO
- CD’s Representative
- Web Master

6 **Election of CD’s**

Meeting Start @ 13:00

3.1 **Chairman’s Report**

Good afternoon and welcome to our AGM for 2019, ladies and gentleman as you know each year we lose some of our colleagues and friends, in the past few weeks we have also lost a great supporter of the SAA who was also a previous chairman and guardian of the SAA, Peter McKenna. Can I ask that as a matter of respect for our colleagues and friends we stand for a minute’s silence for them. Firstly, my apologies for the late distribution of the agenda but we have been extremely busy sorting out the new registration scheme and making sure that we are fully compliant with GDPR in our dealings with your details that we need to send to the CAA. Since our last meeting I have been in contact with all the bodies I could think of who would have any interest in P.A.D.’s {Public Access Defibrillator}. I contacted the British Heart Foundation to find out their criteria for helping with or supplying them, on the whole they were only interested if the place had a power supply and even then they expected a donation of up to £600 to install one, it also had to be nowhere near another P.A.D. . I called the St Johns ambulance and St Andrews ambulance charities and they were not prepared to help at all. My final call was to the National Lottery, the lady I spoke to was very nice



and she advised me that all grants for defibrillators had been passed on to the Scottish government to be rolled out through local councils. I believe I tried my best and can only advise each club that wishes to have a PAD that they should contact their local council for a grant. As for our own members who attend our competitions in the middle of nowhere, I propose as per the AGM last year that we now spend you the members money on buying the number of defibrillators that we need to cover our competition sites at least.

Since last year I have attended many meetings with our colleagues in the BMFA, LMA and FPVUK with the CAA and the DfT, trying to work out a way forward after the ANO was changed by the DfT in 2018 without any consultation. After going around in circles and having to sign NDA's with the CAA to see the early parts of the registration system and proposed fee's, we had changes in personnel dealing with this who brought in their views and interpretation of how the process should move forward. The effect of this was constant changes in how we moved forward, in fact at one point the DfT froze us out for about 4 months. Things only changed when the Minister for Transport changed to Grant Schapp, who also was the MP for the area Dave Phipps lives in, Dave had been in contact with him prior to being appointed and was very supportive of our position. He took on board what we had been asking from the beginning, and he then presented the CAA and DfT a very short timescale to get things sorted how he wanted it. This is how we ended up where we are today. During this process there have been comments of support for what the council have been doing on your behalf which we appreciate, there have also been comments that perhaps we/me were out of our depths with this. We did have issues with the website and we have other issues which will be resolved today, what I would ask every member of this association to remember is we are the SAA run by this bunch of volunteers without which we would not exist. We are not the BMFA with a permanent staff of at least 6 and many other volunteers, that is the difference they are there 40 hours a week and have substantial salaries to get them there, your council only gets personal expenses for travelling to and from meetings. And that isn't always claimed, so I would like to ask for a round of applause for the hardworking volunteers who spend a lot of their own time attending meetings and working at home on behalf of your association. The DRES system is still flawed and the way the questions have been presented have been brought to the CAA's attention and the four association will continue to work with them to improve it as we move forward. The next step change will be when the EASA regulations come into force on 01/07/2020, the final draft for these is still to be finalised as again there are lots of questions being asked of the people writing the regulation. Many of the people involved with these regulations have no idea what we do as a community and this is why it takes so long to achieve anything, the case in point is the exemption for control line flyers it was barely 3 months before the DRES scheme was to go live that we got that exemption after they were pointed to YouTube videos of control line flying that they realised that it was totally irrelevant to their scheme. Unfortunately, as with DRES we can and will only send out information that we know will not be changed before the implementation date, if we don't do this, we would be continually sending out information which could be totally wrong a meeting later.



So please bear with us and we will get the website revamped and we will be sending out bulletins to the clubs as well when we have information to give you. That concludes my report for 2019, on that note I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all and your families. I hope when Christmas day arrives you get the aeroplanes or goodies you put on your list and have a great flying year ahead.

3.2 Vice Chairman's Report

The testing and training programme has continued throughout the year and I would like to thank the examiners who have manned the training days and to the clubs who have hosted the events. My thanks in particular to the Hamilton Club who organised a extra training weekend at very short notice in the hope of getting some of the members through the bronze before the CAA dead line. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with us. Due to the new CAA rules, the Achievement Scheme will have to change to reflect these rules changes. The Safety Committee will be meeting to go through the scheme with a view to updating it, sometime in the New Year. However, members who have no achievement award will be required to sit the online CAA test. I feel that it would be beneficial for all the members to take the test as it is not about flying, it's about knowing the law and the new rules for operating model aircraft and drones.

This year I have been keeping the Scottish Flag flying in the in the field of international model flying by continuing to judge scale competitions in the South and in China. People don't ask me where Scotland is as I have now educated them. The Chinese Jet World Masters was a great success thanks to the very efficient organisation carried out by the Chinese. It was also good to see that the F4C Scale Trophy was presented to a Scotsman at the BMFA AGM and came north of the border for the first time ever. This year I did manage to assist Jim a little better and attended three CAA meetings in two weeks at Gatwick. I also attended the BMFA AGM and the LMA AGM in November. One of the main points that came from the BMFA AGM was the fact that they have lost substantial numbers of members. This is a trait that the SAA have found with our membership. We must address this matter, not only by the Council, it needs to come from the Clubs and the members also as they are the front line in recruiting and finding out why the membership is dropping so much.

On the matter of the proposal to have the SAA pay the £9 for the membership registration was raised which I am against. It was pointed out that it had taken from 2012 to 2019 the get the finances to a comfortable level. If the proposal was carried it would require an increase of £4 and take two years to bring the financial assets back to present day level and that the fees would probably not be reduced after that period of time. It was also pointed out that the SAA fees had not increased since 2012 and would possibly remain the same for the coming year. It was further pointed out that our fees were in fact £9 less than the BMFA fees. Application for PVG's has been disappointing this year as nobody has applied. The new CAA rules will make it more important for some of the members to have a disclosure.



3.3 Secretary's Report

This has been another busy year answering emails and informing the clubs about the changes in email address for council. I travelled to Buckminster along with the chairman to meet with the insurance company Intrego and some insurance underwriters to preview some of the implications for insurance cover after the implementation off the DRES regulations. There has been more paperwork generated because DRES has significantly changed our data sharing agreement with the clubs under GDPR. Since the rollout off DRES live it has been particularly fraught with inconsistencies as what we were told we could do on the registration website has not materialised.in practice and is still a work in progress.

3.4 Assistant Secretary's Report

A trying year for the council and the members alike with all the formalities of GDPR and currently active DRES regulations. Many thanks to all who supported me in the role, committee and members alike. I can only wish the SAA future success and also the affiliated clubs/members.

3.5 Treasurer's Report

Questions requested, none aired. Approval of the treasurer's report, proposed by Jim McGlynn and seconded by Don Imrie.

In financial terms it's been a straightforward year but the surplus for the year has fallen by a third. Membership income fell by £1919 and merchandising income fell to £14 from £134 over the previous year. There was an increase of £1200 in the costs of the membership renewals process. In spite of this total expenses were reduced by £800 The fall in income is reflected at the bottom line where the surplus has dropped by a third down to £1951 for the year. The retained surplus increased by the same amount from 77,540 to 79,491. There is a motion before the meeting to pay the £9 government registration fee on behalf of members. This would in effect reverse the committee's policy of attempting to build a reserve fund year by year. The contribution last year was 2.72 per member and this has fallen for the reasons mentioned earlier to £2 per member. This is at the same time as the risks to the association through legislation are increasing. There are two scenarios of concern.

- 1) A general and substantial increase in insurance premium could be triggered by an event not related to the association or its members.
- 2) An ambulance chaser claim which is rejected by the insurance company could be pursued against the association and we would have to defend or possibly, defend and settle it with our own funds.

The reasons for moving to a limited company were well aired at the last AGM. The limited company formation documents are with OSCR who are querying our assertion that aeromodelling is a sport. We are preparing to rebut and we are hoping to finish the process in the very near future and make the transfer if approved by members. (Also see Appendix 1 and 2)



3.6 Membership Secretary's Report

Hello my name is Andrew Anderson and have taken on the position of Membership secretary in June this year. I have been processing insurance cards as well as safety Achievements and sending out Certificates. I remember asking if anyone had any questions.

3.7 Club Liaison Officer's Report

No Report.

3.8 CD Representative's Report

No Report.

3.9 Youth Dev. / Pro's Report

No Report.

3.10 Merchandising Officer's Report

No Report.

3.11 Webmaster's Report

No Report.

3.12 Airtime Editor's Report

This year we will have released 3 issues and as the forthcoming one is my 13th edition I think it is time to hand the baton over to the next editor so that the magazine can stay fresh. While I have enjoyed it very much, I think it is time to hand the baton over to the next editor so that the magazine can stay fresh. If you would like to take over the running of the magazine and want to know more the please text before you call on 07761-645644. As this is my last edition I would like to give a big "Thank You" to the major article contributors namely Don Imrie, Jim Arnott, and Bill Grimsley without whom the magazine would be very much smaller, and another big "Thank You" goes to the major photographic contributors namely Alastair Nicol, John Lang and Bob Johnstone, plus all the Facebook uploaders from the various fly-ins and competitions.

AOCB & AGM Agenda points:

Voting slips issued by the Memsec, to confirm accurate numbers of eligible voters;

1. The proposal that the SAA pay the £9 registration fee to the CAA for the first year for members re-joining by 31/12/19.



- Proposed by Alex Mackie and seconded by Dave Hutchinson
2. A counter proposal the council to spend the on-heart equipment
Proposed by Alasdair Sutherland seconded by Jim McGlynn
 3. A counter proposal the SAA don't refund any reregistration fees.
Proposed by Bill Anderson and seconded by Bill Grimsley.
- Proposal 1 got 5 votes
Proposal 2 got 11 votes
Proposal 3 was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Tom Love co-opted to the committee to overviews limited company progress

Election of Office Bearers

Chairman	Jim McGlynn
Vice Chairman	Bill Grimsley
Secretary	Wullie Jack
Assistant Secretary	Arty Fisher
Treasurer	Geoff Stevens
Club liaison	Carolyn Law
Youth Development / PRO	Dougie shepherd
Cd Rep	No volunteers Bill Grimsley to stand in
Air time Editor	No volunteers
Webmaster	Arty Fisher
Awards:	
Award	Presented to:
SAA Chairman's Award	Dick Marsden

Meeting Closed. :

Thanks, from the Chair and Wishes for A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : December 06th 2020 .



Appendix 1

SCOTTISH AEROMODELLERS ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 September 2019



INCOME	30 September 2019		30 September 2018	
	£	£	£	£
Membership Fees	28,359		30,278	
Competition Income	0		0	
Merchandise & Miscellaneous Income	14		134	
Airtime Advertising	0		0	
Airshow	0		0	
Marketing	0		0	
Bank Interest Received	21		21	
TOTAL INCOME		28,394		30,433
EXPENDITURE				
Insurance	14,727		14,538	
Honoraria	4,050		4,050	
Competition Support	653		1,952	
Council Members Expenses	908		1,001	
Merchandise	71		99	
Stationery & Membership forms	2,532		1,340	
Airtime & Associated Costs	802		1,134	
AGM & Council Meetings	1,020		1,438	
Miscellaneous Expenses	638		980	
Airshow Expenses	0		150	
Website and Software	0		204	
Safety & Training	627		84	
Affiliation Fee IJMC	0		66	
Scottish Sports Council	55		55	
Audit & Accountancy Fees	360		360	
Bank Charges	0		29	
SAA Promotions	0		0	
Office Equipment	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		26,443		27,480
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		1,951		2,953



SCOTTISH AEROMODELLERS ASSOCIATION**BALANCE SHEET AS AT****30 September 2019**

	30 September 2019		30 September 2018	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank - Current Account	26,803		32,344	
Bank - Bus Instant Access Account	42,800		42,779	
Bank - Membership Account	8,103		561	
Stock SAA Merchandise at cost	<u>1,785</u>		<u>1,856</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		79,491		77,540
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Sundry Creditors	0		0	
Accruals	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		0		0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>79,491</u>		<u>77,540</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>79,491</u>		<u>77,540</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Membership Funds bfwd.	77,540		74,587	
Plus Surplus/(Less Overspend)	<u>1,951</u>		<u>2,953</u>	
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		<u>79,491</u>		<u>77,540</u>

Prepared by: G Stevens

G Stevens FCCA

Reviewed by:

Alexander Lewis FCCA (RETIRED)

