

Wirral Radio Control Flying Society

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Photo:- Something a little different – Skybug One – more on this one in a future issue

I aim to get down to the field on a regular basis so don't be shy of the camera if you see it pointing in your direction. In addition if you have anything interesting you would like to contribute then please forward to our wrcfscommittee@outlook.com email mark 'Newsletter' and it will find its way to me for inclusion in a future issue.

Committee News

Following our AGM back on 6th December (see notes below) there are a couple of key points for 2024 as follows.

It was agreed that membership for 2024 would be set at £45 for senior members which would be discounted by £5 if renewal was made prior to 31st Jan 2024. This is to aid admin and act as an incentive for early payment so don't moan if you are late and miss the opportunity. After 31st Jan club fees will be the full £45. Payments can be made by bacs or direct to Andy but any questions relating to renewal then please contact the committee at wrcfscommitte@outlook.com asap.

Membership to WRCFS BMFA and CAA renewals must be in place before you fly after 31st Dec, this is a legal requirement for your own safety and a requirement of our insurance and licence. Please make sure your membership renewals are in place as we might well ask for proof. NB CAA Operator Codes need to be displayed or readily accessible to be viewed on all your models. Again this is a legal requirement so don't forget.

Club Meetings

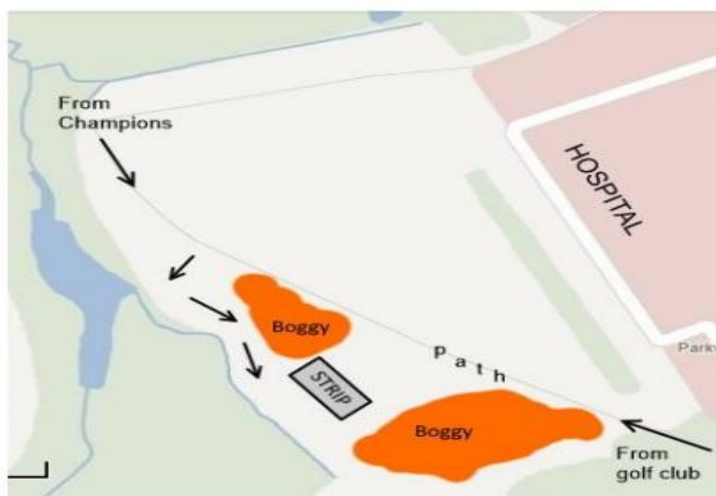
Yes we have finally agreed to get club meetings back so please don't let me down and do try to attend, we will go through issues relating to club business and try and provide some alternate point of interest be that models in progress, hints and tips discussion, quiz or anything we can think of to move things forward.

The first two dates have been set for the Lever Club as below

Thursday 25th Jan 8pm

Thursday 22nd Feb 8pm

Be aware that the field at this time of year is subject to soggy, boggy ground so please be sensible and use common sense when unsure as to the ground stability.



Clearly at this time of year we need to be conscious of weather conditions and monitor the park regarding driving onto site and stick to the guidelines when the site gets waterlogged.

Editors Column

Notes from the AGM

Well, we made it through another year with the same committee. The AGM held on the 6th December was rather a poor turnout of only 11 members of the 30 that had stayed with us during 2023. Come on guys just a few hours of willingness to participate, is that seriously too much to ask?

Anyway, it is what it is and those that did come along were treated to a fine Hot Pot Supper and at least have a chance to participate in what was a somewhat unorthodox approach because of a few factors not least our Chairman Paul Rice due to personal & health issues having to pull out at the last minute and Paul Devlin (secretary stepping in).

Some of the traditional protocols of procedure for voting and passing slipped by initially, not through any deliberate means but lack of known structure so we had subs being paid before the club had even voted on the fees which was a little odd however I think everyone understood that it was well meant and in the event we subsequently did get the procedures and protocols sought of kicked into shape such that at least from a constitutional perspective we just about ticked the boxes. Another learning curve and has been noted for future AGM's.

Andy McNulty has spent most of the year trying to sort the bank details and changes in place which has now been done and although cheque books are still to arrive, we have been assured that this will

occur in the next week or two so by the year end we are all good. The accounts, expenditure and assets were clarified, and we are at least stable moving forward which I think was general the target for the last year. The subs for 2024 for Wirral Radio Control Flying Society were set and agreed by vote at £45.00 with an early payment discount of £5.00 if paid before 31st Jan 2024. This was a proposal to both ease administration and offer an incentive for early payment which was felt to be a good idea.

Club subs are due from 1st Jan 2024 and should be supported by payment to the BMFA and CAA. These are legal requirements for flying at Arrowe Park and as a member of WRCFS. Your models should also have your CAA identification code readily accessible for view. We will be operating a strict and vigilant approach to fees being paid before flying so don't turn up if you have not paid. It is for your own safety, and it is simply not fair on those that have paid so don't say you have not been told.

Proposals for vacant committee positions were received from Gray Hawke who was duly voted in on the night and is keen to take on a role promoting our activities including targeting local ATC and similar organisations. An idea that was wholly welcomed and will no doubt seek assistance from anyone who feels they may have something they can contribute in due course.

From a safety point of view the consensus was that the appalling weather we have had has largely mitigated any such risks as so little flying has taken place. However, some issues relating to the site had been raised with particular reference to the path across the site but discussions with the BMFA regarding our site risk assessments confirmed that providing we maintained a 'common sense' approach we should have no significant concerns.

We had a brief chat about events and indeed the 80th Anniversary of DDay next year on or around 6th June. Our secretary is very keen to push the boat out so to speak on this day, take the day of work get the gazebo out and make a full day of it. We will look to come up with some commemorative event and a few others besides over the coming months. We don't have a specific events organiser but between the group I am sure we can make something happen. The traditional Club Cup Competitions did not occur this year and as a result the related trophies remain with previous winners. We will be looking into the various competitions with a view to possibly revising formats to re introducing a revised program during 2024.

It was also raised that at the last AGM a ban on FPV was voted on and passed. This should be put in place within the rules of WRCFS, this has been missed but as already we will make a suitable amendment to the rules and get this formalised.

On a final note, we did hold a vote for the John Mconnell Cup on the night, also know as 'the good egg cup'. A vote by the members for the one person who has contributed in a positive way to the club. This is a small way in saying thank you to a particular individual and on the night, it was our secretary Paul Devlin who received the largest vote and was quite visibly shocked by this gesture. In typical Paul fashion he then went on to thank Dave Buckingham and others for there support and contribution, it was like being at the Oscars!

So, for 2024 your committee is as follows: -

Paul Rice – Chairman

Paul Devlin – Secretary

Andy McNulty – Treasurer

Lindsay Todd – Newsletter Editor

Mike Smith – Safety Officer

Gray Hawk – Executive Member

2023 has been a strange year and one I would personally like to draw a line under, forget and move forward in a positive manner. We have reviewed the concept of monthly meetings and set dates each month. I do feel very strongly that this social gathering is so important to the future of WRCFS. We have all seen and heard the perils of social media and whilst it does have its plus points you just can't run a club that way, it needs to be inclusive, and it needs participation and for that we need to provide the opportunity for a 'get together'. I keep being told 'nobody will come' please prove them wrong.

If you would like to submit something for inclusion then just send articles photos or even just notes and I can kick into shape to our committee email at wrcfsccommittee@outlook.com

Lindsay