# Shalbourne Soaring Society Annual General Meeting
# 7th March 2018

Meeting convened at 19.30 with 24 members present

**1. Apologies** were received from 4 members.

2. Minutes of 2017 meeting were accepted unanimously

3. No matters arose from those minutes

**4. Reports**

**Chairman's Report**

Fellow Members,
I apologise that I can't be with you for the AGM, unfortunately I have to be in the North trying to earn additional money for food although I think I've been a little too successful because I'm currently too fat to fly!
Our focus throughout the year was to continue with the Strategic Plan furthering the development of the club and its facilities as well as attracting new members and making the club more attractive to the current membership. I hope you agree that we have had some successes this year as well as some challenges. In line with our strategic plan, the Puchacz was purchased from a Club syndicate, many thanks to that Syndicate for the smooth process of purchasing the glider, it has certainly benefitted the club. In line with our Strategy, we've sold one of our gliders, I know it was my favourite 2 seater that went but sometimes change requires exactly that... change.
The New Winch is getting nearer to being completed. I'm sure that others will cover this in their reports so all I will say is a huge thank you to all those that have spent endless hours in allsorts of conditions working on it to try to progress it to completion.

We've continued our 'awareness' activities with the open day, Women Glide day and other activities including increased social media activities and the excellent participation by our excellent PR person Steve Ottner on the local radio station "Join our Club" slot on Kennet Radio.
In the coming months, now that I have food on the table, I will be spending a little more time at the club.

Depending on whether I'm voted in again? I will be concentrating a little on getting through some of the legal loopholes such as DBS checks etc so that we will be complying with safeguarding recommendations by the BGA and the required protection for the club's directors. These are some of the things we, the committee, don't bother the membership with but are non-the-less necessary for running a successful club. If it wasn't for the committee and their dedication, we wouldn't be able to operate effectively. I would like to thank the whole committee for their continued support and efforts throughout the year.
I must say though, that when it comes down to it, the membership step up and do their part also. This was more than evident with two of the activities that I can think of. Firstly the underpinning and partial rebuild of the workshop and also the working weekend where everything was turned upside down, rubbish thrown away or burned and everything spring cleaned. Thanks to the membership and thanks to Pete and Clare for sorting out food.
Finally, thank you all for coming to the AGM and supporting the club. In anticipation, I thank you for your support to the club into the future nomatter who the chairman is or who is in the committee.
Many Thanks

**CFI Report 2018**

1) Brief review of accidents and incidents over the past 12 months focussing on accidents during failed winch launches was given to the assembled members. One key point covered was that it has been brought to my attention by some of our instructors, that some members are not following recommended practice when faced with a launch failure. I personally have witnessed this when conducting daily

check flights or annual checks. I will be advising our instructors to focus on looking out for a safe and timely recovery from launch failures shortly. To reinforce the message, I will ask that the spin off a failed winch launch exercise is undertaken during pre-solo and post solo checks.

2) I'm pleased to see that more and more members are joining in with club expeditions. It was especially pleasing that Nick and Alex were able to take the Vega away to the Long Mynd recently and thanks to their work on getting the Vega trailer roadworthy other members will also benefit when they wish to go XC or off on an expedition.

3) I'm also pleased to see that some of our more recent solo pilots are investing in their own gliders. Martin and Charles are now the proud owners of a K6 and Bob Symonds is searching for a Discus.

4) On the instructor front it is hoped that during 2018 we train up at least 2 more BI's and progress with the FI rating of Chris and Nigel. Hopefully in the not to distant future we will be able to re-instate Martin Hoskins' rating to enable him to eventually take on Stephen Ottner's team as Stephen is now looking after Wednesday flying.

5) It is very likely that by May 2020 we will have to be transitioned over to EASA pilot licencing, if this is the case it is will vital that you do not leave making the change to the last minute. More on this as soon as things become clearer.

6) Finally, we hope to have the option of giving aerotow training at Aston Down in one of their K21's later this year, more on this as things develop.

**Financial Report appended**

**Future Plans**

- Promotion of organised and ad-hoc expeditions. All gliders are available for offsite weekend, midweek and weekly hire. This is subject to normal flying fees, a small minimum charge and CFI and committee approval (on the basis of fleet availability and pilot experience).
- Installation of a MT Hangar for vehicle and winch servicing and maintenance.
- Refurbishment of EGF.
- Complete the 2nd winch
- Complete the Launch Point facility
- Repurpose the clubhouse so that it is easier to use as a workshop while remaining ability to host club meetings and events.

**5. Election of Officers**

As no addition candidates had identified a desire to stand PS proposed that the entire board & committee be reappointed. Seconded by KR. No dissenters were recorded and as such the board and committee were appointed as follows

| Post | Name | Email |
|---|---|---|
| Chairman: | Jonathan Garner | chair@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| CFI*: | Phil Morgan | cfi@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| Treasurer: | Jeremy Knight | treasurer@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| Publicity Officer: | Stephen Ottner | publicity@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| Aircraft Officer: | Jim Clarke | aircraft@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| Equipment Officer: | Rowland Pantling | equipment@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| Airfield Officer: | Colin Baines | airfield@shalbournegliding.co.uk |
| Safety Officer*: | Graham Tanner | safety@shalbournegliding.co.uk |

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| Secretary:<br>Deputy CFI*: | Pete Smith | secretary@shalbournegliding.co.uk |

* Appointed position

**6. No proposals were submitted.**

**7. Any other Business**

KH: Advised that signallers must give a proper lookout, PM, also reiterated that the caravan light operator must not pre-empt the signaller.

KR: Advised that EASA licensing will be required by 2020, PM will keep the membership updated as to the requirements.
LC: Asked if the BI rating will disappear, PM confirmed it will to be replaced by an IFP rating for “rides”
CW: Asked about the insurance arrangement for the 3 2-seaters. JK confirmed that all 3 2-seaters are insured no matter how many are flown on a particular day. We get a premium reduction if we do not fly 3 2-seaters on a certain number of days.

KH Advised that the N side of the clubhouse roof was corroded and that the Oil Heater was without redemption.

SO: Recorded a dep of thanks to SUGC who have been a great benefit to the club.

**Meeting closed at 20.10**

**Shalbourne Gliding**

**Financial Highlights for AGM**

| Income | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | Variance | Change % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Income from Members | 44497 | 54873 | 10376 | 23% |
| income from TLs | 11521 | 12763 | 1242 | 11% |
| Other | -505 | 9676 | 10181 | -2016% |
| | | | | |
| Total Income | 55513 | 77312 | 21799 | 39% |
| | | | | |
| Fuel | 3870 | 5425 | -1555 | -40% |
| Equipment and aircraft | 22511 | 20142 | 2369 | 11% |
| Rent & Rates | 14129 | 14589 | -460 | -3% |
| insurance | 6893 | 7621 | -728 | -11% |
| Airfield Maintenance | 3695 | 8646 | -4951 | -134% |
| Subs and licences | 3082 | 3370 | -288 | -9% |
| Depreciation | 2604 | 5023 | -2419 | -93% |
| Interest on loans | | 251 | | |
| Other | 5414 | 3887 | 1527 | 28% |
| | | | | |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | -6685 | 8358 | 15043 | -225% |
| Cash Balance | 43461 | 39253 | -4208 | |
| | | | | |
| Less individual Accounts | -3470 | -5745 | -2275 | |
| Less Loan | | -10414 | | |
| | | | | |
| Free' Cash | 39991 | 23094 | -16897 | |

| Launch Summary | 2015/16 | | 2016/17 | | Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Club | TL | Club | TL | | |
| O | 242 | 13 | 216 | 10 | -11% | -23% |
| N | 64 | 0 | 217 | 8 | 239% | |
| D | 65 | 0 | 169 | 0 | 160% | |
| Q1 | 371 | 13 | 602 | 18 | 62% | 38% |
| J | 43 | 0 | 191 | 1 | 344% | |
| F | 107 | 0 | 23 | 2 | -79% | |
| M | 279 | 1 | 140 | 5 | -50% | 400% |
| Q2 | 429 | 1 | 354 | 8 | -17% | 700% |
| A | 285 | 5 | 473 | 22 | 66% | 340% |
| M | 262 | 45 | 340 | 45 | 30% | 0% |
| J | 199 | 100 | 252 | 57 | 27% | -43% |
| Q3 | 746 | 150 | 1065 | 124 | 43% | -17% |
| J | 323 | 27 | 271 | 82 | -16% | 204% |
| A | 297 | 35 | 349 | 31 | 18% | -11% |
| S | 260 | 9 | 202 | 25 | -22% | 178% |
| Q4 | 880 | 71 | 822 | 138 | -7% | 94% |
| Total | 2426 | 235 | 2843 | 288 | 17% | 23% |