



White Sheet Radio Flying Club
2023 AGM

Minutes





White Sheet Radio Flying Club **2023 AGM**

19th November 2:30pm
The Dolphin, Gillingham, Dorset

The Committee

Jess Nicholls	Chairman
Mike Bleathman	Vice Chairman
Ian Duff	Treasurer
Den Larking	Membership Secretary
Jim Emptage	Scale Secretary
Nigel Witchalls	Competition Secretary
Graeme Mahoney	Competition Secretary

In attendance:

Andrew Beaven	Club Secretary
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Dave Camp	Rubin Bicknell	Geoff Willis	Jamie Bradfield
Ray Eggleston	Roger Matthews	Mike Holt	Richard Docketty
Louis Hawkins	Mike Perkins	Graham Woods	Tim Brocklehurst
Trevor Hewson	William Fourie	Barry Apostolou	Simon Minson
Graham Stallard	Chris Saunders	Mick Shepherd	Will Hosie
Neville Brownlee	Robin Saunders	Graham Hill	Arthur Gallagher
Mike Tetley	Dave Scott	Chris Williams	Andy Davey
Marc Panton	Steve Truckle	Colin Cooper	

Members Present

Richard Edmunds	Pete Cushion	Nick Whittaker
Alan Brocklehurst	Steve Vincent	Bill Ebdon
Jerry Stone	Julian Yelliah	Jeff Smith
Russell Whittam	Paul Bragg	David Bradfield

Chairmans Welcome

The Chairman Welcomed everyone to the 2023 AGM

Chairman Jess Nicholls extended a warm welcome to all attendees of the 2023 AGM and expressed gratitude to those present for taking the time to participate.

Members were invited to help themselves to refreshments at their convenience throughout the meeting.

The meeting commenced.

Quorate

At the 2023 AGM, WSRFC had a recorded membership of 152 individuals.

During the meeting, 20 members were present, and 32 apologies were received. From these apologies, 28 proxies were received.

(JN +4, AB +5, MB +5, COM. +9, DB +3, JS +1, A. Brocklehurst +1).

With the inclusion of these proxies, the meeting surpassed the 15% quorum requirement. (23 members) In total 48 participants, which equates to 31.58% of the total membership.

Consequently, the AGM proceeded as scheduled.

NOTE: In total, 34.21% of members responded to the AGM call.

Minutes of 2022 AGM

A copy of 2022 AGM minutes was available at the 2023 AGM.

Minutes of 2022 AGM had also been available for viewing at WSRFC website throughout 2023 and can be viewed from the following link:

<https://whitesheet.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Minutes-of-WSRFC-2022-AGM-edited-PDF-SMALL.pdf>

The Secretary inquired if members were satisfied with the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting and if they were willing to approve them.

Following this, a request was made for a member to propose the affirmation of the accuracy of the 2022 AGM minutes.

Agenda Item ONE: Verification of the Accuracy of 2022 AGM Minutes

- **Proposed by: David Bradfield**

- **Seconded by: Paul Bragg**

After the motion was presented, the Secretary requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendments

Club Secretary No Amendments

Handbook Amendments

The Secretary stated, During the 2022 AGM our former Chairman, David Bradfield, informed members about the following Handbook Amendments slated for completion in 2023:

- **The committee has the authority to, schedule, rearrange, pull any event that they like, for any reason. It could be safety, weather etc.**

This was completed by David Bradfield and can be found in the WSRFC Handbook p10 8.9.

- **The closest landline and facilities.**

This was completed by David Bradfield and can be found in the WSRFC Handbook p5 2.4.

Agenda Item TWO: Approve Completed Handbook Amendments

- **Proposed by: Jim Emptage**
- **Seconded by: Mike Bleathman**

After the motion was presented, the Secretary requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairmans Report

Chairman Jess Nicholls began by expressing gratitude for the collective effort that led to securing the BMFA Site Permit, acknowledging Jeff Smith's significant contribution. The NOTAM is now active, permitting flights up to 2300 feet MSL with models weighing up to 25kg. To sustain this achievement, ongoing consent for rulebook amendments is crucial.

Amidst bureaucracy challenges, Nigel Witchalls commended the committee's dedication, emphasising the achievement of site registration and the NOTAM reinstatement. He praised the committee's perseverance with both the BMFA and the CAA, allowing legal flights of larger models.

The Secretary credited Jeff Smith for his groundwork on the BMFA Site Permit and highlighted his invaluable support. The Chairman mentioned the communication with the Bath and Wilts Gliding Club, noting their interest in witnessing the models during low-altitude flights.

The Chairman then handed over the floor to the Honourable Treasurer, Ian Duff, concluding the report.



Treasurers Report

The Treasurer rose to deliver the report, welcoming the light-hearted banter about altitude before beginning. Acknowledging the club's busy 2023, he highlighted the new two-year license secured with the National Trust, giving special thanks to David Bradfield for his efforts in obtaining it.

He continued by addressing the committee's extensive negotiations concerning the NOTAM and navigating concerns about potential flying site restrictions, notably after events in Cornwall. These efforts led to increased expenditures, primarily due to an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held during the year.

Post-lockdown, the club experienced elevated expenditures, totalling around £700 more than previous years. Anticipating a return to lower expenses in 2024, the Treasurer expected a reduction to approximately £1,000 per annum. He emphasised the club's stability financially, highlighting minimal ongoing expenses like the National Trust license at approximately £300 per year.

Reflecting on the purpose of holding funds in the club's accounts, he questioned the benefits, especially given that any surplus would have to go to charity should the club close. Expressing doubt about the need for significant reserves, he proposed another year of free membership for existing members, intending to reinstate fees in 2025.

Ian Duff

WHITESHEET RADIO FLYING CLUB

Statement of Account Year Ending December 2023 – General Account

Opening Balances	2023	2022	2021	2020
Deposit				
Current	£5145.07	£5437.37	£4866.67	£5,586.76
Cash				
Total	£5145.07	£5437.37	£4,866.67	£5,586.76

Closing Balances	2023	2022	2021	2020
Deposit				
Current	£2662.14	£5,115.07	£5,437.37	£4,861.67
Cash		£ 30.00	£ 00.00	£ 15.00
	£2662.14	£5,145.07	£5,437.37	£4,866.67

Income	2022	2023	Expenditure	2022	2023
Membership Fees	£178.00	£180.00	NT licence	£262.19	£300.00
			Committee Expenses	£125.04	£154.05
			ECM expenses	£200.00	£193.50
			Charity Donation	£000.00	£250.00
BMFA Subscriptions	£000.00	£000.00	Sundries (open slopes)	£ 00.00	£ 30.00
Transfer from Road Fund	£000.00	£000.00	Room Hire/Food	£000.00	£252.70
			Stickers/Posters (2021)	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
			AGM raffle prize	£156.48	£ 00.00
			Gratuities	£ 00.00	£100.00
English Open 2021	£305.91	£305.05	Hoodies/ beanies	£000.00	£ 00.00
			Stickers (2022/23)	£000.00	£229.74
			BMFA Subscriptions	£000.00	£000.00
F3F contributions	£135.00	£000.00	F3F gear (chair)	£ 49.50	£000.00
			Wordpress Domain	£150.00	£000.00
			BMFA 'A' certs - expenses	£ 00.00	£000.00
Additional Contributions	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	WSRFC Web Hosting 2022	£150.00	£ 150.00
Total Income	£610.91	£485.05	Total Expenditure	£ 903.21	£1069.99

Surplus/Deficit	- £1184.93
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Outstanding Commitments

WSRFC website 2023 – hosting costs	£150.00
Posters/membership cards	£200.00
Postage 2023	£ 11.50

Membership Analysis	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Senior members (paid)	18	17	111	103	100	93	91	86
Senior members (committee)	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	7
Junior member (free)	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1
Senior members (free)	122	112	1	1				2
Total	152	140	123	115	110	102	100	96

WHITESHEET RADIO FLYING CLUB

Statement of Account Year Ending December 2022 – Additional (Road Fund) Account

Opening Balances	2023	2022	2018
Deposit			
Current Cash	£000.87	£000.87	£392.87
Interest			
Total	£000.87	£000.87	£392.87

Transfer of £392.00 to general account in 2018 for payment to National Trust for road/track repair – access to Whitesheet Down.

Closing Balances	2023	2022	2018
Deposit			
Current Cash	£000.87	£000.87	£392.87
Interest			
Total	£000.87	£000.87	£392.87

This annual accounts statement – General Account and Additional (Road Fund) Account - has been prepared by Ian Duff (Hon. Treasurer WSRFC) as a report to the Annual General Meeting of the Whitesheet Radio Flying Club, scheduled to take place on 18th November 2023, and presented to the committee at its meeting on 9th November 2023 for scrutiny.

Signed :

Date :8th November 2023

Treasurer(Continued)

Following the Treasurer's report, a discussion unfolded about the potential implications of another free membership year. The Vice Chairman expressed concerns about distorting membership figures, advocating for a return to fees. Members exchanged views on the necessity of funds in the club's accounts, debating potential membership fees and their perceptions.

The Competition Secretary suggested alternatives for membership fees and payment methods, considering the administrative aspect and the club's financial status. The Treasurer highlighted improved payment methods but reiterated the need for clarity on the club's financial reserves. The Secretary echoed sentiments about the value members received for their membership fees and cautioned against reducing fees potentially affecting the club's perceived value.

After a comprehensive discussion reflecting various viewpoints, the Secretary congratulated the Treasurer on the report and thanked everyone for their input.

Agenda Item FOUR: Approve Fees Seniors £10.00 Juniors £0.00

- **Proposed by: David Bradfield**
- **Seconded by: Russell Whittam**

After the motion was presented, The Chairman requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried unanimously.

In a light-hearted exchange, the Treasurer thanked the Vice Chairman, triggering laughter among the members.

Richard Edmunds queried whether the minutes would note the Vice Chairman's proposal for a final free year followed by a return to the standard fee.

The Treasurer confirmed that reinstating the membership fee for 2025 was his intention. Prompted by the Vice Chairman, he teased about finding a way around the decision, eliciting more laughter.

Nigel Witchalls joined in, proposing humorously that the minutes state free membership for everyone as of October 31st, 2023, except for the Vice Chairman, who would pay £10.00. This jest amused the members further.

The Treasurer humorously suggested a larger sum for the Vice Chairman, continuing the light-hearted banter.

The Secretary then sought a volunteer for the Honourable Treasurer's Proposal—a further Free Year for 2024, inclusive of 'full members as of October 31st, 2023.

Treasurer(Continued)

Agenda Item FIVE: Approve a fee free year for 2024 (detailed above)

- **Proposed by: David Bradfield**
- **Seconded by: Bill Ebdon**

After the motion was presented, the Chairman requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried by majority.

Before proceeding the Secretary remarked “Noted Jerry Stone” (Who had not raised his hand for the vote) eliciting laughter from the members and Jerry.

Treasurer(Continued)

Charitable Donations

The Secretary and Treasurer discussed simplifying charitable donation decisions at AGMs. A proposal was made: members choose donation sums and charities for the current and subsequent years in the same AGM for streamlined decision-making.

The aim was to decide the donation amount for the same year, enabling informed decisions based on the club's current finances. The Treasurer confirmed no financial obstacles to this change, supporting the proposal.

The discussion emphasised the benefits of prompt decisions aligned with the club's financial state and future projections. The recommended charities were Somerset & Dorset and Wiltshire Air Ambulances, both often seen at the flying site.

Suggestion: Maintain last year's £250.00 donation, split equally between the two air ambulances, as feasible for the club in 2023. The proposal was to approve the 2023 donation sum at the AGM based on current finances.

Agenda Item SIX: Approve charitable donation sum for 2023 of £250.00 based on current club finances.

- **Proposed by: David Bradfield**
- **Seconded by: Mike Bleathman**

After the motion was presented, the Secretary requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary proceeded, "Next, Item SEVEN..."

David Bradfield interjected in jest, exclaiming, "Proposed, I win!" which elicited laughter from the members.

Continuing, the Secretary noted, "I believe that was Nigel Witchalls with his hand up first this time."

David Bradfield interjected in jest once more, adding, "I'll second then," prompting more laughter from the members.

Treasurer(Continued)

Agenda Item SEVEN: Approve charitable donation in equal parts to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance Trusts.

- **Proposed by: Nigel Witchalls**
- **Seconded by: David Bradfield**

After the motion was presented, the Secretary requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary noted consistent support for Air Ambulances and proposed potential aviation-related charities, including the Supermarine Seaplane Charity led by member Will Hosie. Peter Cushion suggested Yeovilton's Historic Flight, also seen as a worthy consideration.

Encouraging proposals before AGMs, the Secretary, in jest, admitted not presenting the Seaplane Charity due to timing, prompting chuckles.

Expressing a preference for active causes, the Secretary sought opinions.

Richard Edmunds supported Air Ambulances, suggesting individual choice for Will Hosie's Charity.

David Bradfield cautioned about funding vintage planes but highlighted informing members for personal contributions.

Acknowledging agreement on the discussion, the Secretary moved to Jim Emptage's Scale report.



Scale Report

Scale Secretary Jim Emptage began by acknowledging the challenging weather throughout the year, yet found it to be a good one for Scale.

Following the 2022 Scale Day season, improvements were anticipated and fortunately realised. Except for one exception, we managed a Scale Day each month, enjoying favourable weather conditions in most instances. However, the final event in October did not pick up until after lunch.

Most events attracted good attendance, drawing visitors from neighbouring clubs. Despite a less attended event due to a Bank Holiday clash and other simultaneous events, overall participation remained strong.

The year saw a gratifying number of new models, signifying sustained enthusiasm in this aspect of the hobby. Chris Williams continued impressing everyone with his prolific production of new models. His garage must be larger than mine!

This year has upheld White Sheet as one of the premier Scale Flying Clubs, and that's exactly how it should be.

Overall, it's been a positive year for Scale, and here's to an even better one next year. Roll on March.

Jim Emptage

Scale (Discussion)

David Bradfield praised Jim for his work, prompting a round of applause. The Vice Chairman remarked that he wasn't aware of any other clubs in the area hosting Scale Days, questioning if any others held similar events. The Scale Secretary concurred, suggesting there likely weren't any within a 1500-mile radius.

The Treasurer chimed in, mentioning that members from the West Mendip Club often participate in our Scale days.

The Scale Secretary added, "West Mendip have almost folded."

The Chairman noted the presence of Pat Teakle at our Scale Days, highlighting that White Sheet was initially built around Scale Gliders, a legacy from Cliff Charlesworth's time who attracted many Scale enthusiasts.

The Vice Chairman acknowledged Jess's involvement in this as well.

The Chairman expanded on the evolving landscape, stating, "With some aero-tow sites being lost, such as 'Middle Wallop,' a club like White Sheet might be drawing more Scale enthusiasts."

The Scale Secretary emphasised Chris Williams's significant impact on the Scale gliding landscape.

The Chairman echoed, "Chris indeed generates a lot of interest in Scale."

Richard Edmunds shared news about Paul Barnock's aero-tow event at Chieveley in January, expressing his hopes for its continuation in July next year. He mentioned that Middle Wallop historically had a strong following.

The Vice Chairman added an anecdote about a German modeller, a keen fan of Chris Williams, who expressed dismay when Chris was absent from an event, jokingly quoting him in Mike's best German accent. Members shared a laugh, acknowledging Chris's widespread recognition and respect within the Scale community.

Richard Edmunds recalled another big Scale meet hosted by Steve Cross from Thatcham, which had ceased.



Competition Report

Nigel Witchalls, one of our esteemed Competition Secretaries, addressed members during the Annual General Meeting. Last winter, we conducted the second year of monthly events, primarily scheduled for Sundays with Saturdays as reserve dates. Regrettably, only one winter league event took place due to challenging weather conditions, with six dedicated regulars from White Sheet participating despite unfavourable circumstances. Unfortunately, the remaining events were canceled due to inadequate wind, weather direction, or rain.

Graeme Mahoney's initiative salvaged one competition during last winter, rallying six individuals to participate and ensuring the event's success. However, it remained the sole competition conducted during that period. For the upcoming winter, we have planned three weekend dates: the last weekend in November, January, and February 2024.

During the summer, only one BMFA F3f competition event occurred at White Sheet. Unfortunately, both the primary and reserve dates were affected by adverse weather, resulting in the cancellation of the summer league event.

Nonetheless, the highlight of the year was the immensely popular White Sheet English Open, which attracted a substantial number of pilots, boasting 21 entrants. An impressive 19 rounds were flown on the Bowl, and Graeme orchestrated impeccable organisation, ensuring an enjoyable experience for all participants. Several club members also attended, showing keen interest in the event.

John Phillips emerged as the victor, having recently joined WSRFC and piloting the Saker, a design by White Sheet member Ian Mason. Graeme Mahoney secured second place, followed closely by Dave Rumble in third and William Fourie in fourth. Notably, the top three winners were club members, with the winning model being designed by Ian Mason and piloted by John Phillips. Another accolade for the club is that we have a member who is conversant with model design. The English Open generated approximately £300.00 in income for the club.

This concludes the Competition report for the year.

Competition (Discussion)

The Treasurer expressed gratitude for the F3f Competitions' contribution to WSRFC.

The Vice Chairman inquired about John Phillips' membership status when he won the English Open, wondering if he was the first White Sheet member to achieve this. Competition Secretary Nigel Witchalls wasn't certain.

Competition Secretary Graeme Mahoney confirmed The Vice's query, mentioning previous winners. Light-heartedly, the Chairman urged Graeme Mahoney to aim for better results, prompting laughter among members.

The Treasurer humorously suggested Graeme should "cook the books" due to his previous role. This remark elicited laughter, followed by the Secretary's jest about the Treasurer advising Graeme to manipulate records, amusing members further.

Nigel Witchalls highlighted changes in competition leadership, mentioning Graeme Mahoney's shift away from a formal role while still assisting. Graeme, still possessing equipment, playfully declared his necessity, prompting laughter.

Nigel revealed John Philips' offer to take the lead in most Winter League competitions, and outlined his own plans to continue administrative duties until the next English Open, signalling a potential step back thereafter.

Regarding national F3f trends, Nigel observed a decline in pilot numbers overall but praised WSRFC's strength and influence in the F3f scene, attracting flyers from diverse regions. He emphasised European discussions about encouraging juniors and women in competitions, encouraging the club to consider opportunities for support.

Discussion shifted to the cancellation of an event due to weather, updates on rulebook reviews, and technological advancements in F3f models, with a GPS module for course practice.

Nigel concluded the conversation, providing members with the latest updates from the competition scene.

The Chairman thanked the Competition Secretaries, expressing the club's commitment to sustain these events at White Sheet.

Moving forward, the Secretary humorously asked members if they wanted to retain or oust the committee, sparking laughter among attendees.



Election of WSRFC Committee

The Secretary addressed members, acknowledging David's decision to step down as Chair despite attempts to dissuade him. A round of applause followed as gratitude was expressed for David's tenure as Chairman and stint as Vice Chairman alongside Chris Lamming, appreciating his dedication and support.

Recognising the void created by David's unexpected resignation, the committee sought an Interim Club Chairman, and Jess volunteered for the role. I use the word volunteered lightly!

The AGM notice highlighted the committee's standing down after a year, inviting members to consider reelection. No volunteers emerged for Chairman or other roles. The Secretary stressed that any member could stand for election to the committee, following specific nomination procedures.

Highlighting Ian Duff's reluctance to vacate the Treasurer post, humorous remarks were shared, evoking laughter from the members.

Reflecting on a return to the hobby prompted by an invitation from Chris Lamming, the Secretary humorously recounted being "pressed into service," initiating his involvement with the club.

Moving swiftly, David proposed electing the committee en bloc.

All members in the room expressed interest.

The Secretary jested about David's missing twitching hand this time!

With no objections to David's proposal, the committee members were listed: Jess Nicholls as Club Chairman, the Secretary, Ian Duff as Treasurer, Mike Bleathman as Vice Chairman, Jim Emptage as Scale Secretary, Den Larkin as Membership Secretary, and Nigel Witchalls continuing as Competition Secretary. Jonathan Smith was designated as Education Officer (Club Examiner).

Volunteers promptly offered support, Jerry Stone first followed by David Bradfield and remaining members.

The Secretary awarded the proposal to Jerry Stone, jesting about David's overuse of airtime, sparking laughter among the members.

Election of Committee (Continued)

Agenda Items EIGHT through to item Fifteen (*en block*): Approve Proposed members to Committee positions as stated above.

- **Proposed by: Jerry Stone**
- **Seconded by: Richard Edmunds**

After the motion was presented, the Secretary requested a show of hands for approval.

Result: The motion was carried unanimously.

Elections (Discussion)

After the Elections...

The Scale Secretary lightheartedly remarked “all the hands come out now” prompting laughter from members.

The Secretary expressed gratitude for the 2023-2024 committee, the committee received applause from the members.

David Bradfield commended the committee, echoed by members' applause.

The Secretary acknowledged the applause and proceeded to address the members about additional committee discussions. Mentioning concerns regarding Open Slopes attendance. The committee emphasised the need for an Open Slopes Secretary to promote the event and elevate its status beyond a regular club day.

Jim Emptage supported the notion, highlighting the need for dedicated organisation to elevate Open Slopes' prominence. The Vice Chairman suggested investing in beginner-friendly equipment, albeit disclaiming any interest in the role of Open Slopes Secretary himself, sparking laughter among members.

Amid laughter, the Secretary stressed the necessity for someone to enhance Open Slopes' profile and suggested implementing ideas like those proposed by the Vice Chairman.

Discussions revolved around organising Open Slopes akin to Scale Days, ensuring weather-based flexibility. (Saturdays inc)

Members agreed on the necessity of an Open Slopes Secretary to oversee weather calls and organisational aspects, leading to a light-hearted suggestion to appoint David Bradfield in his absence. (David had temporarily stepped out of the meeting)

Members echoed their support for David Bradfield, resulting in a lot of laughing and cheers.

The Secretary reiterated the committee's perspective, emphasising the need for an Open Slopes Secretary to manage and promote the event.

Russel Whittam supported the concept of a White Sheet Open Slopes Secretary was a good idea, as did members.

Elections (Discussion Continued)

Responding to member inquiries, the Secretary clarified that Open Slopes days welcomes all glider classes as well as pilots from other clubs. (To meet NT Licence requirements, BMFA membership or appropriate insurance is compulsory)

The Secretary asked members if there was anyone in the room who would like to take on the challenge of Open Slopes secretary, anyone who could spare the time to do this or did anyone know of another who was not there who may have been willing to take on the role?

David Bradfield rejoined the meeting and members enjoyed the humour around David Bradfield's potential role as Open Slopes Secretary, in jest affirming unanimity.

Despite discussions and suggestions, finding a volunteer for the Open Slopes Secretary role proved challenging. The Secretary emphasised the need for someone to revitalise Open Slopes.

The Scale Secretary highlighted the role's importance in making weather calls and the risk of Open Slopes losing significance without dedicated management.

In jest, Nigel Witchalls proposed consulting a former committee member for promotion, David Bradfield shook his head evoking laughter.

The Secretary acknowledged the positive reception but noted the absence of volunteers for Open Slopes Secretary.

The agenda moved forward, delegating Club Liaison Secretary responsibilities to Jess Nicholls as Club Chairman.

This concludes items sixteen and seventeen on the agenda, allowing for further discussion on Other Business.



Other Business

White Sheet access



During Other Business, Richard Edmunds updated on White Sheet track repairs. Despite ongoing efforts, promised work by Wiltshire Council hasn't materialised fully. Channels to divert water were partly cleared but crucial tasks remain. David Bradfield emphasised the need for complete channel clearing to prevent water buildup. Despite progress, Edmunds emphasised the job remains incomplete.

Photograph by David Bradfield

Transmitter power 100 milliwatts to 250 milliwatts!

Regarding transmitter power, BMFA restricts to 100 milliwatts. Concerns arose about potential interference; BMFA's response was deemed inadequate by the Treasurer. Mobile phones transmit at 1/4 watt, prompting precautions at RC events. Chairman noted the challenge of policing such issues.

Peter Fell

The passing of Pete Fell, a cherished club member, was mourned. The Chairman advised members plans for a service was on November 19th.

In lighter moments, technical discussions led to laughter, showcasing the camaraderie among members.

Awards



And finally...

“Mike Bleathman presents” “WSRFC 2023 Awards”

Vice Chairman Mike Bleathman initiated the awards ceremony, assuring members about the funded mugs.

Amid laughter, he clarified the exclusivity of the mugs.

He awarded 'Scale Supremo' to Geoff Crew and 'The Wrong Way Up Award' to Jerry Stone, prompting amusement and applause.

The 'Hooper of the Year' was presented to Graeme Mahoney, and 'Worst Launch of the Year' or 'Tosser of the Year' to William Fourie, evoking much laughter.

Graham Hill secured 'The First and Last Award', surprising everyone with his slope presence.

Russell Whittam received 'The Plain Mug Award' for printing and graphical endeavours amid applause.

Nick Whittaker, although not precisely for a Land-Out, received the award and an honorary mention for his skilful flying with what should have been a Land-Out

Mike Bleathman was delighted with his own award, wrapping up the ceremony with gratitude and well-wishes for absent and unwell members.

Club hats were distributed, and the Secretary expressed gratitude to the Vice Chairman for his lively presentation!



Closing Remarks

The Chairman lightened the mood with a quip, prompting laughter.

David Bradfield shared SpaceX's term, "Rapid Unscheduled Disassembly," invoking more laughter.

Discussion ensued about fitting the term on a mug, eliciting amusement.

Mentions of poor old Elon Musk, led to humorous remarks.

Members were reminded of the available food.

Russell Whittam's work producing the new calendars and cards were praised.

The Secretary wrapped up, concluding the AGM.

Jess Nicholls thanked attendees for their time.

Thank you!

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