

Oxford LAA Group
AGM 2017 Meeting minutes
Held at Duke of Marlborough Hotel, 11th January 2017.

Committee Attendees;

Pete Smoothy – Chairman
Rob Stobo – Deputy Chairman
Barbara Rose – outgoing Secretary
Dave Brookes – outgoing Treasurer
Geraldine O'Meara
John Broad
John Bean – outgoing committee member
Jan Atherton

Apologies; Colin Hughes – outgoing committee member

Club members in attendance;

Ian Melville
David Keene
Roger Rednap
Peter Beedham
Roy Noble
Brian Kimberley

The Agenda for the AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting explaining that there would be a lot of changes to discuss.
2. The Treasurer distributed copies of the accounts for discussion. The accounts were duly proposed and accepted.
3. The remaining meeting regarding the appointment of club officials and discussions and decisions summarised as below

Chairman

Pete Smoothy wanted to step down as chair as he has conducted this role for many years and is trying to retire. Discussions regarding affiliation with the LAA established that the role may not be required, or that the club could become a non-LAA group. Pete kindly agreed to stay on as Chairman, it was agreed that this role would be streamlined to simply officiate at the monthly talks, with Rob Stobo covering on dates that Pete could not make.

Secretary

Barbara Rose has resigned as Secretary as she is moving away this year and will no longer be attending the meetings. Barbara has been involved for 15 years, and thanks for her stalwart service was given. Jan Atherton has agreed to pick up this role.

Treasurer

Dave Brooks stepped down as Treasurer and will no longer be involved as a club official but will come to the events. Ian Melville kindly agreed to take over this role which involves collecting subs (£25 annual membership and £3 guest membership), and paying for the room and any service/expenses incurred by the club. Peter

Beedham volunteered to deputise this role for dates that Ian cannot make. Ian will be the primary signatory for the bank account. Rob Stobo remains as second signatory.

Other officials

John Broad – agreed to continue to present other related talks and events to the meetings, and also to continue to submit the LAA Annual Return.

John Bean – has decided to step down as a club official doing the website but will continue to come to events.

Jan Atherton – agreed to combine the Secretary with the Membership secretary role maintaining the monthly email list and membership list, act as liaison with the LAA for new articles etc as well as taking on webdesign from John Bean.

Geraldine O'Meara – agreed to continue to organise guest speakers.

Colin Hughes – absent at this meeting but understood wishes to step down as club official however would still support the talks and bring along projector

With no others standing, and no objections noted in the meeting, the following posts were therefore agreed;

Summary of new Club Officials & their roles

Pete Smoothy	Chairman	Officiate at monthly meetings
Rob Stobo	Deputy Chairman	Deputise for Chairman in his absence. Organise non-flying visits. 2 nd Signatory on bank account
Ian Melville	Treasurer	Collect subs, manage payments Primary signatory for bank account Produce end of year accounts for AGM
Peter Beedham	Deputy Treasurer	Deputise for Treasurer at meetings in his absence.
Jan Atherton	Secretary & Membership Secretary	Point of contact for LAA. Manage the membership & email list. Website design
Geraldine O'Meara	Talks Organiser	Organise speakers for monthly meetings
John Broad	LAA/External Events	Submission of Annual Return to LAA. Pass new local LAA member details to Membership Sec. Update meetings on any external talks and events of interest.

4. AOB

Discussion on the format of the club. It was agreed that this would be kept as informal as possible, with suggestion that no formal Committee meetings would be needed. However a meeting of the new committee will take place prior to the next talk at 6.30pm 8th Feb for those that could make it.

It was agreed to keep the annual membership at £25, and guest membership at £3 per visit.

Discussion on the venue concluded that whilst we pay for the sandwiches this is effectively very cheap venue hire and it was agreed to remain at the current venue for 2017. Barbara informed the meeting that the venue has been booked for this year however this is a duty that someone else will need to do for 2018. It was also confirmed that talks should continue to start at 8pm, all agreed this was an appropriate start time for a 1 hour talk.

There followed a great deal of discussion on the types of talks and events. Suggestions for speakers please contact Geraldine, for ideas for ground based visits contact Rob. The possibility of a summer evening visit to Enstone Airfield was discussed with a format of seeing the Spitfire builds and having a BBQ – John Bean to ask Paul Fowler, and Dave Brooks to ask Tom Gilbert.

There was also discussion on potential fly-outs and scrambles the proposal being that any member could organise getting people together for fly outs etc by ringing/texting/emailing others. This is something to be explored more this year.