

Oxford LAA Group AGM

Wednesday 10th January 2024

Agenda

Meeting opened at 20:06 Rob Stobo (Deputy Chairman)

Attendees: Committee Members: Rob Stobo (Deputy Chairman), Geraldine O'Meara (Talks Organiser), Ian Melville (Treasurer), Jan Atherton (Membership Secretary).

6 Full Members

Apologies & Proxy Votes; Rob Harrison (Chairman), Jim De Salis (Deputy Chairman) + 2 Members

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the previous AGM

Passed unanimously.

2. Review and approval of Accounts for 2023

Approx £500 up on last year. We are a non-profit so shouldn't bring in too much surplus. Expenses for speakers kept in control. Unknown cost on the room but have provided for contingency.

Membership to freeze, but guest fee increasing to £5. Motion passed unanimously.

Memberships due at end of month – Jan to send membership forms around.

Accounts accepted unanimously

3. Appointment of club officials

- a. Chairman
- b. Deputy Chairman
- c. Treasurer
- d. Deputy Treasurer – change of role to 'Assistant to the Treasurer'
- e. Secretary, Membership Secretary, LAA & External Events Liaison
- f. Talks Organiser

Committee members, our Deputy Treasurer role hasn't been well defined. This is an Assistant to the Treasurer to collect the guest fees and check the members attendance off the list.

Proposal is to ask again at the next meetings. Also to improve layout of room to have a table with membership list to sign in and pot for guest fees.

All club officials re-standing with exception of Deputy Treasurer – passed unanimously

4. Fees for 2024

- a. Membership as above
- b. Visitors as above

summary of membership 31 full members inc 2 life members & Rob S!

Mailchimp email list grown by 21 to 208 subscribers, open rate of 46% (was 60%). Only a 5 unsubscribed due lack of interest. LAA membership list is helping to grow this list 16 in December.

5. Talks for 2024

Geraldine gave an update of the talks we have had in 2023.

Planned talks for 2024;

Feb: Anne Hughes & Ian Gee ; Waterbird

Mar: Geoffrey New ; Flying the Vulcan

Apr: Lucy Wooton; A Year as LAA Chief Inspector

Geraldine invited all to contribute if they have ideas or contacts

Vote of thanks passed for Geraldine.

6. Fly-ins for 2024

- a. Discussion about whether or not to hold one or more fly-ins

Weather related issues in 2023. Assuming good weather would be some interest

- b. If fly-ins are to be held require a volunteer to organise

Need additional help from members to get this organisation. Cut down to maybe 1 fly-in in middle of year TBC.

7. Fly-outs. Would the membership consider taking part in fly-outs?

East Kirby when Kath has taxi dates, Geraldine.

Ian M to communicate the WhatsApp group for fly outs

8. Visits 2023

- a. Visit to Geoffrey's hanger to view his Avro 504N
- b. Brooklands Museum
- c. Nuclear bunker at Onger
- d. deHavilland museum at Salisbury Hall

Discussion on visits 2023. Bletchley park VAC visit very successful, might be worth doing again.

9. Possible visits 2024

- a. 11 Group Fighter Command bunker/control room at Uxbridge
- b. Fighter Command Museum at Bentley Priory
- c. RAF Museum at Hendon
- d. Other suggestions Boscombe Down museum.

Rob S organising a trip to BMW oxford 15 people for mid April (Thursday 18th?) total £280. 2hr Tour.

10.AOB

Chairmans message to the Group. Vote of thanks to the committee.

Rob Stobo closed the meeting at 21:17

Fighter Command Bunker at Uxbridge

Website: www.battleofbritainbunker.co.uk

Opening Times:

Seven days a week 10am to 4:30pm (last admission at 3:30pm)

Need to book a Bunker Tour to visit the Bunker

Bentley Priory Fighter Command Museum

Website: www.bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk

Opening Times:

October to February

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm (last admission at 3pm)

March to September

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm (last admission at 4pm)

RAF Museum Hendon

Website: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/>

Opening Times:

10am to 5pm

Free entry, donations accepted

Parking 0-3 hours: £7.50 on-site £6.50 pre-booked, 3-6 hours £10 on-site £9 pre-booked