



**The SAA Annual General Meeting opened on 4<sup>th</sup>. December 2016 at 13.0**

**Hillcroft Hotel Whitburn**

**1. Attendance**

Council Present:	Bill Grimsley	Chairman
	Jim McGlynn	Vice Chairman
	Tom Love	Treasurer
	Willie Jack	Secretary
	Peter Millar	Ass. Secretary
	Carolyn Law	Membership Secretary
	Graeme McKee	Club Liaison Officer
	Tom Laird	Airtime Editor
	Leslie Nicol	Merchandising Officer

**Apologies:** Les Madden, Jim Arnott, , Dave Hambley, Stewart Smith,

**2. Previous AGM Minutes Adoption**

**Proposed**  
**Seconded**

**3. Reports from Council**

**3.1 Chairman**

The meeting was opened by Bill Grimsley who welcomed everyone and introduced our guests, Dave Johnston from the LMA, Wing Commander Colin McCrae and Squadron Leader Tom Gray and explained about our new trophy, donated by Ron Fraser's family and to be awarded to the best improved air cadet. We had about 50 attendees with some new faces in the crowd but mostly it is the same group who turn up each year. This is generally a 3-hour meeting with tea, coffee, sandwiches, and a lot of humour and definitely well worth escaping the Christmas shopping for.

Bill covered his work through the year and thanked all the clubs for their hospitality. 4000 miles travelled!!

He gave a report on the ATC work and the presentations to the various squadrons he had attended, and covered the funding received from the RAF Benevolent Fund, for models and equipment, and thanked the cadets for their excellent work at the air show manning the gates and directing traffic in the car park. Further thanks were given to the large number of SAA members who helped set up the site for the show, and he put out a call for helpers to set up the 2017 show on the 24th & 25th June. Although

Bill is standing down as Chairman he is still involved in the air-show so please let him know if you can get along to help. £1000 was donated to each of the hospices.

The membership for the International Jet Association has been renewed keeping Scotland on the world map, and Bill is once again one of the judges. He expressed a desire to see a Scottish pilot at Finland next year.

He then covered the CAA and Ministry of Transport meeting and reported that both are very happy with how we operate. On the EASA front, discussions and meetings are ongoing in response to their 72 page document for the control of UAV's which resulted in all the national organisations meeting to look at how best respond. UAV's include model aircraft so needs to be resolved in a way that does not stop our flying activities.

Bill covered the FPV Championships at the Dundee club and reiterated that he would like to see more multi-rotor pilots in the SAA clubs, and becoming members of the SAA.

Bill finished with a thanks to the members and the council for all their support.

### **3.2 Vice Chairman / Safety Officer**

Jim McGlynn was up next and covered the CAA meeting in more detail, and gave an update on the situation facing one club with encroaching houses. At the forthcoming CAA meeting he will be seeking clarification on a few FPV & Multi-rotor points.

He thanked all the clubs and examiners for their help and assistance and encouraged other clubs to host an event. In total this year we had 60 passes

### **3.3 Secretary.**

Willie Jack gave a report but basically said it had been another quiet year, though he did get us back onto the Sports Scotland web site, and importantly, we are the first sport mentioned. Aeromodelling beats Angling. On Sport Scotland's web site, <https://www.sportscotland.org.uk/sport-a-z/>

### **3.4 Assistant Secretary**

Peter Miller also reported another quiet year and is looking forward to building further links with the schools to deliver model related presentations following his departure from the Council.

### **3.5 Treasurer's report**

Tom Love Reported on the the past years financial results, and the current balances, and the lack of opportunities to receive worth while interest on savings accounts.

### **3.6 Membership Secretary**

Carolyn reported that the current membership is 1164 and over 300 renewals have been processed already.

### **3.7 Competition Directors Representative**

Bill Grimsley was also acting as the CD's Rep and commented favourably on the number of competitions we have, but asked for more reports please. The 2016 Scottish Scale Nationals attracted another large entry beating last years, so hopefully we are seeing a growth in this area. According to the scale CD, there are a lot of really nice models "out there" and at the fly-ins but not at the competitions

### **3.8 Merchandising Report**

Lesley reported a pretty poor year on the merchandising front, so please, if you need a new fleece or sweatshirt, see her first.

### **3.9 Club Liaison Report**

Graeme reported a fairly quiet year but had visited a few of the waterplane events, the fly-ins and the static display at the Thornton Highland Games.

### 3.10 **Airtime Editor Report**

Tom Laird reported that 3 x 48 page magazines, were produced, helping with the new recruitment brochure, the editor's YouTube channel, the Flickr page and the Facebook page for the Airshow. 350 copies of Airtime go out by e-mail, 90 by post, and the release is communicated to about 1000 people through Social Media

### 3.11 **Business**

Two proposals had been submitted as per the SAA constitution.

- a. to allow 3 members from any one club to be a voting members on the council.
- b. to increase the number of SAA Guardians from 3 to 4.
- c Tom Love proposed as for the guardian role

All three were approved by a show of hands, after no amendments were tabled

### 3.12 **Prize giving.**

Flt Sgt Callum Kerrigan was presented with the Ron Fraser trophy for the best improved cadet. Calum is also now teaching other cadets.

The Chairman's Trophy went to Squadron Leader Tom Gray. Scale Class III trophies went to Charlie Galloway (3rd), Steven Fox (2nd), Duncan Gray (1st) and Flying Only went to Bill Grimsley (3rd), Simon Louden (2nd) and Lindsay Dickie (1st). Gerry Marchbanks' Popular Scale trophy was not presented this year but hopefully will be in 2017.

J Pinkerton / R Cameron won the Control Line team race trophy.

Fellowships went to Peter Miller for his work with the schools and to Stewart Smith for his work as webmaster.

### 3.13. **Election of Office Bearers:**

Chairman: Alex Mackie proposed by Bill Grimsley, seconded by Don Imrie

Vice Chairman: Jim McGlynn has stayed on to see the EASA challenge through, and also to provide an offset between the Chairman and Vice Chair being up for re-election.

Treasurer: Gordon Hunter Proposed by Alex Mackie, seconded by Brian Barclay

Assistant Secretary: Colin Thomson Proposed by Ian Campbell seconded by Jim McGlynn

PRO: Les Madden will be continuing

CD's Rep: Bill Anderson proposed by Jim McGlynn, seconded by Graeme McKee

Webmaster: A replacement is expected soon.

All were approved by a show of hands, after no amendments were tabled

Alex Mackie then spoke to the meeting about his flying history, and his hopes for the future, more of which you will have read in "Chairtime".

The meeting closed shortly after 4 and the 2017 AGM will be on the 3rd December.