

International Auster Club 2009

Minutes for the 2009 AGM

Introductions of Committee members and some long-term members.

Peter Gill PJG and Charles Sunter CS took the meeting

Apologies.

Received from 14 non-attending members and three committee members. Trevor Jarvis, Mark Rumble and Gary Siddall.

38 members attending.

Minutes of the last AGM. Available on the web site or in printed format in room. Accepted and agreed as correct.

Sales Report.

Done by PJG. Confirmed very poor sales due to combination of resigned old Sales Manager not having been replaced, but introducing Gary Siddall as the sales manager, Gary was on holiday at the time of AGM, prior arrangement to taking on the job.

Treasurers Report.

Done by PJG. Trevor away on company allocated leave schedule. Finances of club in very good shape, see statement available on the day and on club website.

Membership Report.

CS confirmed the current membership statistics are:

- Current 2009 paid up membership is 286
- 2009 expired members to date 20
- 2008 expired members 43

The processes that have been adopted in 2009 are:

- Pre renewal reminder letter
- Receipt of renewal confirmed by email & email process updates if required
- Late renewal reminder
- Standing Order offered to UK residents as primary payment method
- In March all lapsed members were contacted with regard to rejoining
- All UK non IAC members registered as Auster owners are to be contacted

Secretaries Report.

Done by PJG

Clarified Insurance for club events.

Explained the reason between the turnover and operating shortfall in the accounts.

Restated the new yearly membership fee and start dates, January 2010. Confirmed the membership data and new members.

The requirement to look at changes to Membership cards and card sponsorships.

The possibility of having a Family membership as well as or instead of a single members card and a Youth membership which would be the same cost as a HG members cost and may be incorporated into that section?

Introduced Rob Langham and explained who he was and what he would be doing, regarding tasters, etc in regard to Youth membership.

Talked about Middle Wallop fly-in, and gave details, etc.

Talked about the new meet and greet policy at all our fly-ins, mentioning Rob and Carol Cotterill and the work they have been doing.

Talked in details about sales and the problems associated with sales.

Confirmed that Ian Pawson and Mark Rumble had both stood down as of this AGM.

Suggested that the following committee members needed either Election / Re-election.

Peter Gill. Trevor Jarvis, Charles Sunter and Gary Siddall.

This was proposed and seconded and carried by vote.

Members Questions.

This covered a wide variety of topics, including membership matters, fly –ins, insurance, club sales.

Mike Preston gave a small insight into the Heritage Group and its ageing membership and its possible winding up. PJG asked that nothing precipitate was done and that further chats would follow.

Club Awards.

Dan and Polly O’Gorman were awarded the new club trophy “The French Horn Trophy” for epitomising the best of Club Spirit.

“The Greaser Trophy” for the best landing went to Al Mathie.

The “Auster Cup” quite rightly went to Ian Pawson for his long service running the International Auster Club website, the PayPal system and for setting up our computerised membership system.

Lastly the award for the member who traveled the furthest went to Mike Cleaver, the award for which consisted of a large framed picture for Fosters Beer, suitably ‘garnished’ with an Auster flying over Ayers Rock!