



# Scottish Aeromodellers Association

## Summary of Minutes of the SAA AGM 2023 Held November 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 via 'Teams' online.

Participants: 7 SAA Council members took part as presenters  
12 members were 'online' representing SAA clubs  
The Quorum requirements as per the Articles of Association were met.

Previous AGM minutes were accepted as unamended from the draft already issued.  
Proposed as accurate:- Duncan Gray  
Seconded as accurate:- Richard Blanski

### Chairman's introduction outlining proposals to be discussed:

1. **SAA Membership process** - to be upgraded to a digital platform 'Just Go' allowing members an 'online' interactive facility.
2. **Changes to the SAA Council structure** - The Club Liaison role is to be split into four Areas to provide clubs with more local support and easier access to SAA Council management.
3. **Change of status for Guardians role** – the current Guardians would be able to become more involved with the management of the SAA if they adopted the role of Non Executive Directors.
4. **Proposal to merge Memsec and Secretary role** - as the Memsec role will be diminishing with the introduction of 'Just Go' online service and the current Secretary has completed two years in post and is not standing for re-election, it is proposed that these roles can now be combined.

### AGM Reporting:

AGM specific reports were presented by:

Chairman / Director	Steve McDonald
Secretary / Director	Bob Lemm
Treasurer / Director	Richard Blanski
Membership Secretary	Tony McElroy
Merchandising Officer	Mike Cipriani
CD Rep	Duncan Gray

These reports will be available in full with the unabridged version of the AGM minutes.

### Agreements reached at AGM:

- 1 Agreement was received to proceed with 'Just Go' online membership process for 2024 applications and renewals
- 2 Approval to introduce 4 new Area Club Liaison roles. Nominations proposed and accepted.

North Area Liaison Officer	Colin MacLean
East Area Liaison Officer	Duncan Gray
West Area Liaison Officer	Tony McElroy
South Area Liaison Officer	vacant
- 3 SAA Council members and the Guardians agreed the change of status to Non Executive Directors, and club members at the AGM were asked to approve this and to also agree amendments be made to the Articles of Association.  
No objections were raised and the role of 'Guardian' is now discontinued and the Non Executive Directors roles are to be appointed via Companies House.
- 4 Current Memsec (Tony McElroy) agreed to the proposal to combine the Memsec and Secretary roles – current Secretary (Bob Lemm) agreed to continue in post until early 2024 to facilitate a smooth handover. Agreement in principle received from AGM participants.

## **SAA Council Changes for 2024**

The election of new Office bearers was voted on and Council members holding previously co-opted roles were confirmed by a proposer /seconded and members vote.

The 2024 SAA Council is listed below:

Chairman /Director	Steve McDonald	Remains in post for 2024
Vice chair /Safety Officer	<i>Position Vacant</i>	<i>B Widley resigned (Nov 2023)</i>
Secretary /Director	<i>Merge with Memsec role</i>	<i>B Lemm completed 2 year term</i>
Treasurer /Director	<i>Position Vacant</i>	<i>R Blanski completed 2 year term</i>
Mem Secretary /Webmaster	Tony McElroy	Role be merged with Secretary post
Merchandising Officer	Mike Cipriani	Co-opted role confirmed
North Club Liaison /Non exec Director	Colin MacLean	Co-opted roles confirmed
East Club Liaison /CD Rep	Duncan Gray	Co-opted roles confirmed
Safety Committee Rep	John Lang	Co-opted role confirmed
Non Executive Director	Ian Sutherland	Status change confirmed

## **Voting on proposed resolutions and changes to the Articles of Association**

The following resolutions and actions were unanimously agreed after an electronic 'online' vote was undertaken on each point.

Change of Guardians to Non executive Directors.

Merging of Secretary and Memsec role.

Creation of four Area Liaison Officer roles.

New membership fees for 2024:- agreed as £39 Adult / Junior £18 / Family £47

Removal of the discount facility for early payment of membership fees.

Chairman's role is confirmed as a 2 year appointment - then re-election required.

## **Q&A session**

A few questions regarding clarification on the claiming of travelling expenses were raised by an SAA Examiner and these were duly answered to his satisfaction.

No further questions were raised.

## **Chairmans closing statement of AGM**

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Council members for their service over the term of their appointment and wished to record that he considered the SAA is now in a much better and stronger position than it had been in recent years. He added his thanks to all current Council members for their efforts and asked that club members give consideration to supporting the Council by assisting to fill the current vacancies.

The date of next AGM was proposed as Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024.