



Cotswold Radio Control Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 03-April-2025 / 6:30pm

Location Control Tower, Aston Down
Present Paul Swinscoe, Bob Maltby, John Veitch, Richard Brooke,
Simon Wareham, Graham Birt,

Apologies

1. Minutes from the meeting of 6-March-2025 were reviewed and approved.
2. Matters arising.
 - a. Frankie reported that over three days last month, our website was subject of a hacker's attack. They took advantage of a vulnerability in WordPress, the software used to write the website, to discover the "crcsadmin" username and with that they had tried 1.5K times to brute force a login. Because of the strong defences we have set on our website they didn't get through the first line of defence. As soon as the attack started, Frankie changed the master password and username just in case, even though it had not been compromised.
 - b. There is no action members need to take other than, as usual for logins, guard your usernames and passwords.
3. Finances Update **JV**

After the usual monthly payment for the website fees and a new member joining, the balance stands at £6,547.00.
4. Membership **GB**

Cain Barnish Joined. Membership now stands at 63.
5. Secretary
 - a. No one has yet come forward to take on the Secretary position, so the committee members will continue to share the task until the situation is resolved.
 - b. Frankie continues to manage the club's IT and Website.
6. Safety Issues **RB**
 - a. There was one incident with loss of control of a model. Action taken by the pilot ensured the model crashed into an unused part of the airfield. A wing servo coming loose due to vibration of the aileron hinge rod within the mounting bushes that was detected post crash was the suspected cause. Pilots are reminded to ensure they perform thorough preflight checks.



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7. Drone testing at AD **GB**
 - a. There was no drone testing at AD in March.
8. Rotary Wing Trial **GB/BM**
 - a. The trial continues. Members should remind themselves of the current draft rules for rotary wing models.
9. Turbines on Runway 21 **SW**
 - a. At a meeting with the CGC Chairman the flying of turbine models on runway 21 was discussed. An initial set of safety rules was proposed. The CGC committee are favourably considering this. A final CRCS decision for a trial will be made when all parties are in agreement.
10. Training Update **PS/SW**
 - a. We will post on the forum when a weather suitable evening is available (preferably Wednesday) for those who want to undergo training at either initial or advanced levels. On these evenings, the training models will be made available for initial training.
11. Events for 2025 **All**
 - a. These will be arranged at short notice due to weather challenges.
12. AOB
 - a. There is a risk of electric models causing a lipo fire in the event of a crash. Crops are then at risk.
 - b. It was agreed to purchase a CO2 fire extinguisher and two Fire beaters.

Next meeting – 1st May 2025 at 18:30

The Chairman thanked all attending and the meeting closed at 19.30.