



ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Royal Aeronautical Society – Solent Branch

Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23rd May 2019
Held at Solent Sky Museum, Southampton

The Meeting was chaired by Dr Scott Walker, Branch Chairman. Other Committee Members present are listed below. The formal meeting was followed by a talk entitled "Operating at Range", a talk on issues associated with in-flight refuelling operations during the 1982 Falklands conflict presented by Wg Cdr Paul Shepherd (retd). Approximately 24 Branch Members attended the meeting.

1 Present/Apologies:

| | Present | Apologies | Absent |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Dr Scott Walker (Chairman) | ✓ | | |
| Mike Westby (Secretary) | ✓ | | |
| Rod Powell (Treasurer) | ✓ | | |
| Sandra Driffill (Asst Secretary) | ✓ | | |
| Tim Coffey | ✓ | | |
| Andy Rankine | ✓ | | |
| Andy Cockerill | | | ✓ |
| Carl Graham | | | ✓ |
| Lt Oliver Burrows RN (co-opted) | | | ✓ |
| Dr Dinesh Kahanda Korlage | | | ✓ |
| Brian Muddle | ✓ | | |
| Trevor Pritchard | ✓ | | |
| Adam Slater | ✓ | | |
| Chris Taylor | | | ✓ |
| Colin Whiteley | ✓ | | |
| Alex Hine (co-opted) | | | ✓ |
| Dimo Iordanov (co-opted) | | | ✓ |
| Phil Taylor | ✓ | | |

2 Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Minutes for the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

None.

4 Chairman's Statement

The Chairman introduced himself and briefly described his role as an Academic on the staff of the

Engineering Faculty at the University of Southampton. He went on to propose a formal vote of thanks for Mr Coffey to recognise his efforts as Chairman.

The Chairman stated that a main objective of the Branch was to present a series of high quality lectures, supporting both the academic knowledge and development of the students as well as the continual professional development of aerospace professionals within the Solent region.

He added that we are also active in supporting STEM and outreach events, encouraging membership of the society, supporting communication through the aerospace community no matter what stage people are at through their career.

The Chairman noted that there had been a balanced representation of lectures across our region which has been achieved this year. Nine lectures had been presented, including that to follow the AGM: four at Southampton University; two HMS Sultan, and one each at CEMAST, the University of Portsmouth and Solent Sky Museum).

He stated that, in order to be able to run these events, the Branch had been supported by the local aerospace community. This included significant support from: University of Southampton, the Air Engineering Training School at HMS Sultan, CEMAST and Solent Sky Museum and more recently the University of Portsmouth.

The Chairman said that the Branch had been trying to increase student engagement with local industry, noting that there were now three student members on the committee. He added that we have also been trying to support more engagement with student members of other national branches and Society Headquarters in London, as well as supporting STEM events.

Dr Walker said that he was looking forward to next year's season. He hoped that the Branch would be able to put in more preparation for next year's events, leading to more advance warning and advertisement of the lectures.

Finally, the Chairman thanked both the committee for its ongoing support and members and friends of the branch, without whom we would not have such an active and successful Branch.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer noted that, while the Branch had had a financially challenging year, it was still in a reasonably healthy financial position. This had largely been achieved by economies realised during the hosting of the RJ Mitchell Lecture, which would be continued in the following year.

The 2018 accounts were approved.

6 Appointment of Auditors for the Coming Year

Mr Roger Smallman agreed to continue as auditor for the upcoming year. His services were accepted and the Chairman thanked him for his continued support.

7 Proposal for Next Year's Programme

None received.

8 Motions Received

None.

9 **Elections**

The following Committee members were re-elected unanimously: Sandra Driffill; Adam Slater; Mike Westby; Colin Whiteley.

In addition to the re-elections, two new proposals were made: Mr Lian Ming (proposed by Dr Walker, seconded by Mr Coffey) and Mr Nigel Bradshaw (proposed by Dr Walker, seconded by Mr Coffey). Both were elected unopposed.

10 **AOB**

Nil

Mike Westby
Branch Secretary
13th August 2019