



**ROYAL
AERONAUTICAL
SOCIETY**

Royal Aeronautical Society – Solent Branch

Minutes of the 77th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13th April 2021

Remote meeting - Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
(Note: There was no AGM in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions)
3. Matters from the minutes not covered by the agenda
4. Report by the Chairman
5. Report by the Hon. Treasurer
6. Approval of the draft accounts
7. Appointment of auditors for the coming year
8. Proposals for next seasons programme
9. Motions received for consideration
10. Elections
11. Any Other Business

The meeting was held online and chaired By Dr Scott Walker, Branch Chairman. Other Committee Members present are listed below. The Chair explained that any voting or questions could only be accomplished by posting a question or comment into the Q&A function. There were 32 attendees of which 18 identified themselves as members.

The formal meeting was followed by a lecture entitled “A Vertical Empire History of the British Rocketry Programme” presented by Nicholas Hill.

1 **Present/Apologies:**

Committee	Present	Apologies	Absent
Dr Scott Walker (Chairman)	✓		
Nigel Bradshaw (Secretary)	✓		
Rod Powell (Treasurer)	✓		
Tim Coffey	✓		
Brian Muddle	✓		
Trevor Pritchard	✓		
Antony Quinn (co-opted)			✓
Andy Rankine	✓		
Chris Taylor		✓	
Phil Taylor	✓		
Krishna Tilley (co-opted)			✓
Mike Westby			✓
Colin Whiteley	✓		
Alvin Wilby (co-opted)	✓		
Vyara Yazadzhiyan (Student Rep & SYP President)	✓		

2 Minutes of last meeting

The Chair gave a brief overview of the minutes of the 76th AGM held on 23rd May 2019. The Chair reminded everybody that there was no AGM in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The minutes for the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters from the minutes not covered by the agenda

None

4 Report by the Chairman, Scott Walker

The Chairman reported that, following a Committee meeting decision early in 2020 to deliver online lectures, the Branch delivered 6 lectures remotely throughout the season.

He pointed out that the Committee had to strike a balance between delivering good quality content to our respective community but also being sensitive to the work pressures of people within the aerospace community and of the committee since it was a huge learning curve for both the host and the presenter for these events.

He thanked the speakers, the committee and most notably Tim Coffey for making these lectures possible. Tim spearheaded the use of the platform and feeding back comments to the Main Society as well as helping other Branches.

He highlighted that the Branch had the highest attendance in years for one of our regular lectures, for Chris Brady's lecture (737 MAX), 4th Feb (380 attendees in the live event and 6400 on YouTube to date) and the excellent Mitchell lecture by Dr Paolo Ferri 'Shooting for the Stars, The First Half Century of ESA Mission Operations'.

It was noted that through these two recent experiences with the lectures, the Branch is getting real opportunity to not only deliver our lectures to everyone within our Solent Branch but also going beyond the boundaries of our branch and reaching people internationally.

As well as the lecture activity the Branch had an objective from last AGM to involved in the students (especially Southampton University) in the Branch Committee. Two key players involved in the Branch over 2019 2020 period and a year ago held their first Young Persons AGM and elected the Young Persons Committee. They have been active in the Solent Branch Committee over the past 12 months. They put on an Aero-Challenge competition (13th of Feb), promoting the use of podcasts and heavily involved in developing an update to the Branch website, due to go live at the end of summer.

Current challenges: Links and contact with the local Aerospace industry due to COVID-19.

Branch activity looking forward to next season involve thinking about how to deliver next seasons lecture programme. The Branch needs to be able to offer a hybrid solution of mixing virtual events with live events.

5 Report by the Hon. Treasurer, Rod Powell

The Chairman reported, on behalf of the Treasurer,

The report covered the finances for the last year essentially. There was very little financially activity for the Branch due to COVID-19.

One of the big expenses the Branch normally has was our Mitchell lecture, and obviously because we had to run it remotely, we did not incur those expenses for this year. So the Branch accounts are healthy.

The current account as of the 31st of March 2021 had a balance of £4766.95
The deposit account as of the 31st of March 2021 had a balance of £1730.05.

All the donations for the Mitchell Lecture for 2021 have been received and been added into our accounts.

Rogers Smallman will shortly be producing the financial report for 2020 and has kindly agreed to be reappointed as a branch accountant for the following year (Agenda item 7).

The Branch Making Tax Digital return for Q1 2021 has been submitted to the RAeS HQ and will be put towards their tax submission.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or objections to the Hon. Treasurer's report. None were received.

6 Approval of the draft accounts

Draft Accounts approved.

7 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

8 Proposals for next seasons programme

Proposals received from the attendees for next season: aircraft digital twins, small scale satellite companies, use of artificial intelligence.

9 Motions received for consideration

None received

10 Elections

Solent Branch Committee Retiring members seeking re-election and Co-opted members seeking election.

Name	Proposed	Seconded	
Tim Coffey	Dr Scott Walker	Nigel Bradshaw	Elected
Brian Muddle	Nigel Bradshaw	Dr Scott Walker	Elected
Rod Powell	Dr Scott Walker	Tim Coffey	Elected
Trevor Pritchard	Nigel Bradshaw	Dr Scott Walker	Elected
Andy Rankine	Tim Coffey	Dr Scott Walker	Elected
Phil Taylor	Tim Coffey	Nigel Bradshaw	Elected
Chris Taylor	Dr Scott Walker	Nigel Bradshaw	Elected
Dr Scott Walker	Nigel Bradshaw	Tim Coffey	Elected
Alvin Wilby	Dr Scott Walker	Nigel Bradshaw	Elected

11 Any Other Business

None

Nigel Bradshaw FRAeS
Branch Secretary
16th April 2021