

## **BMAA COUNCIL MEETING Minutes**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, by zoom**



### **Present:**

|                 |    |           |
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| Richard Bisiker | RB |           |
| Tim Burrow      | TB | Chairman  |
| Bill Davis      | BD |           |
| Rob Grimwood    | RG |           |
| Rob Hughes      | RH | CEO       |
| Derek Lamb      | DL | Treasurer |
| Ed McCallum     | EM |           |
| John Waite      | JW |           |

### **1. Welcome**

a. All present, no apologies.

No changes to conflicts of interest.

b. Agenda approval, additional items

No amendments

c. Approval of previous minutes RB, RG

d. Matters arising – none

### **2. Action list**

557 [Young person's award] Ask the new council to take this on.

577 [Exhibition plan] Progress has been made; RH and Kelly Thacker will finish it.

581 [SSDR survey] No action, leave open

582 [Darley Moor liaison] Complete, closed.

585 [Ab-initio training in kit-built a/c] The current requirements are not acceptable as they change the basis of microlighting. BMAA Technical Procedures describe the 'engine maintenance schedules provided by the engine manufacturer of non-certified engines are considered advisory'. **ACTION: RH to liaise with LAA and then clarify with CAA that BMAA will not operate under the requirements as stated.**

588 [Electric Flight seminar] BD and DL are well prepared. Closed.

589 [Auditors] Ellacotts have been asked to continue as BMAA auditors for 2022.

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593 [Influence over SEP instructors] **ACTION: RH to ask Mark Young of CAA how the Panel of Examiners can ensure their careful maintenance of training standards can be extended to SEP instructors.**

### 3. Reports:

**Chief Executive Officer** – noted. RH was asked to confirm staff reactions to one confidential item. **ACTION: RH**

**Treasurer.** Noted. DL raised the fact that inflation was rising and that fees, as well as the membership fee, would need to rise in line with inflation to avoid a loss-making situation. He suggested the cash reserves were moved to an interest-bearing account. **ACTION: RH to investigate alternative accounts.**

**Chief Technical Officer.** Noted.

**Chief Inspector** (continued airworthiness). Noted

**Administration.** Noted

**PR & promotion.** Noted. The events plan for 2022 was work in progress. The first event would be Popham, followed closely by Private Flyer at Wycombe Air Park.

Amanda Lord had given notice on her contract for personal reasons. Council wished her well and thanked her for her valued contribution.

**Activity graphs.** Noted. Trend lines were on trend with no reason for concern.

### 4. Staff member recruitment.

RH proposed to bring the outside contractor work of the Advertising Account Manager (currently Mike Morris) and the retiring Promotions Officer (Amanda Lord) in-house, creating a new employee position. He asked for Council's opinions and advice, though this internal staffing decision was within the CEO's role. Council agreed to the proposal.

### 5. BMAA Airspace Team – TB

TB described his recent communication with Adrian Whitmarsh, lead volunteer on the BMAA Airspace Team. Adrian had complained of over-work and a lack of support from the CEO. RH agreed, citing his own workload and the need to prioritise some work over others. TB agreed to meet with RH and Adrian at the upcoming Popham Trade Fair to decide a future strategy to deal with the large number of airspace change proposals.

### 6. Activities

#### a. AGM & Popham preparation

Kelly Thacker reported that preparations were in place for the BMAA trailer, gazebo and also AGM. The update Wings scheme would be launched at the event.

#### b. New Horizons

The Benenden project was nearing completion; BMAA has taken out insurance and the aeroplane will be moved to Headcorn in the near future for final fitting before test flying. The new Council will ask for one council member who is more local to Rugby to oversee that project.

#### **7. Directors' activities**

RB thanked Council for his Certificate of Thanks as his two terms of 3 years had come to an end and he was not seeking re-election.

DL reported no issues of significance with Microlight Flying

#### **8. Any other business**

There was none

#### **9. Date & time of next meeting**

Start at 0930 unless otherwise stated.

30 April 2022 @ 1230 (Saturday) AGM, Popham Airfield

Meeting closed at 14:15

Rob Hughes

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