

BMAA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
22nd August 2022



1. Welcome

a. roll call, apologies, conflicts of interest, confidentiality

Present:

Tim Burrow (TB)	Chairman
Bill Davis (BD)	Vice-Chairman
Derek Lamb (DL)	Treasurer
John Waite (JW)	
Cath Spence (CS)	
Rob Grimwood (RG)	
Eddie McCallum (EM)	
Rob Hughes (RH)	CEO

2. Agenda approval, additional items

a. none

3. Approval of previous minutes (20 June)

a. Matters arising - none

20 June Minutes proposer: CS and seconder: JW. Approved unanimously

4. Action list

See list for details

557 Young Persons Award; responsibility is given to CS. **ACTION 557: CS**

581 SSDR: Discussion regarding BMAA's ability to influence safety awareness or disseminate other related messages. Initial research suggests approx. 650 SSDR aircraft; if, as suspected, many of the operators are not members of a club that represents their interests, they may be adversely affected by regulation change due to lack of representation.

The discussion moved to Electronic Conspicuity and CAA's intention to mandate ADSB 1090MHz transponders for all manned aircraft within surveillance mandatory zones. These zones would be created according to RPAS need. Essentially, an RPAS operator could create a SMZ whose coverage included a farm strip, meaning all farm strip users would be required to be electronically conspicuous when using that strip.

Consider liaising with BHPA on training requirements. Currently there is no prescribed training scheme for Sub-70kg; the intention would be for Sub-70kg to follow a recognised path so that training they undertake could be logged for future credit.

590 – Flexwing instructor bursaries. RH to draft a policy to clarify what BMAA expects from candidates. RH to contact [REDACTED] to check they are happy with the proposal to move to more, smaller awards. **ACTION: RH** [Afternote: completed]

593 – Influence over SEP instructors teaching on microlights. Following a change at Blackbushe, CS to discuss with the new school what help BMAA could offer.

[REDACTED]

596 – Council elections. RH has been approached by a second election company. [Afternote: their quote was significantly higher than the existing provider].

5. Reports:

Reports were discussed.

Budget 2022/23: After prolonged investigations by DL and RH, proposals were made to achieve a zero surplus budget for the upcoming year. General fees (excluding membership) will increase at a level well below inflation. Staff salaries will also increase at a well-below inflation rate.

It was agreed to re-visit the budget preparations for 2023.

GASCo contribution: BMAA is a generous contributor to GASCo and agreed a slightly reduced contribution this year, though still ranking BMAA among the more generous donors. The amount is £1500 and BMAA will underwrite further contributions based on the delivery of microlight-related safety events.

Young Person's Bursary: TB was not clear regarding the value of giving money to young people and asked RH to investigate the statistics. TB preferred a concentrated period of activity aimed at young people. KT to be tasked with considering a 'Youth Week' in 2023.

BMAA member Owain Johns has experience in gaining grants for training and development and has offered to assist BMAA in this area.

6. Staff member recruitment – *Rob Hughes*

[REDACTED]

Mark Bailey has gained Minor Modification signatory status.

7. Activities

New Horizons – Eddie McCallum

RH had visited Rugby ATC and process is slow but steady. The Benenden project is mostly complete and Rob Mott is overseeing flight testing and final build items.

EM indicated he intends to visit both projects.

Wings – Cath Spence

The Wings scheme is busy with 5 Gold Wings awarded recently. CS continues to organise several courses. CS will liaise with Kelly Thacker regarding the use of the BMAA website.

Publications – Derek Lamb

The net cost of Microlight Flying has steadily increased for many years. Given the budgetary constraints, MF will be restricted to 48 pages, thereby reducing print/distribution costs.

There was discussion regarding the Editor's contract and RH was given instruction to discuss with Geoff Hill. **ACTION: RH** [Afternote: completed]

Competitions

TB attended the recent FAI World Microlight Championships in CZE. As usual, there is concern among competitors regarding costs.

Owain Johns is entertaining a bid for WMC2024 and has asked if he can rely on BMAA administrative support. This is a developing conversation.

8. Any other business

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Trek House is in need of refurbishment. RH to draw up a list of the more urgent maintenance.

9. Date & time of next meetings

7 November (Zoom)

16 January 2023 (Zoom)

27 March 2023 (Deddington)

Possible pre-AGM in late April (Zoom)

Council Airwaves rota:

November - JW

January - CS

March - BD

May – RG

R Hughes, 01 November 2022