

BMAA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
16th January 2023



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

1. Welcome

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

None

2. Agenda approval, additional items

None.

3. Approval of previous minutes (7 November)

Proposer: John Waite, Seconder Bill Davis. Approved without amendments.

a. Matters arising

None.

4. Action list

557 (Young Person's Award): CS to attend Instructor Seminar to obtain ideas.

581 (SSDR analysis) – findings to be presented at next meeting.

585 (Ab-initio training in kit-built) – Closed. Any requirements that are specific to one type of microlight is to be included in the manufacturer's maintenance manual or Pilots' operating Handbook.

593 (PoE influence). Raised with Mark Young with no effect. Repeated to Laurence Baxter (CAA Licensing Review) for his attention at this stage. Ongoing.

595 (Savings accounts): On hold, subject to other issues.

596 (Council Elections): Council agreed that elections could be held via the BMAA website. **ACTION on RH to create system in time for elections 2023.**

5. Reports:

a. Chief Executive Officer

Building: Council agreed to pursue the purchase of Unit 6, Somerville Court. **ACTION: RH to liaise with estate agent and to conduct necessary surveys.**

Advertising account manager: DL to search for relevant emails. RH to respond to mediation request.

GASCo contribution: GASCo has re-organised and reduced its financial needs, setting a viable business model for the future. Council agreed to a contribution for 2023. **ACTION: RH.**

New Horizons G-WDUS: The project is almost complete. Rob Mott has been tasked with ensuring the final tasks are completed before the aeroplane is offered for sale.

b. Treasurer

The accounts are in good shape and running slightly above budget. There was discussion regarding the provision of some services to members vs. non-members. It was agreed to look into the different fee levels offered to each group with a view to encouraging non-members to join the BMAA. This is particularly true regarding the issue of pilot licences.

The annual audit was conducted and the accountants congratulated the BMAA on the condition of its accounting. RH would pass those congratulations on to Angie Parry. Council agreed to offer a sandwich 'picnic' to staff members later on in January to thank them all for their part in the successful audit outcome. ACTION: H to organise and choose a suitable date.

c. Chief Technical Officer

d. Chief Inspector (continued airworthiness)

There is an increasing number of applications from gliding clubs as they adopt Eurofox tug planes. Some wish to become BMAA inspectors. Rob Mott proposed a focus on these clubs to identify and treat any particular issues that arise from the use of microlights as tug planes.

e. FTL&SO

f. Administration

g. PR & promotion

Kelly Thacker had produced a 'tour' plan for 2023. This included Booker (Private Flyer Fest). CS agreed to liaise with the resident flying school to see about organising a WINGS event during the weekend of the exhibition. ACTION: CS

h. Activity graphs

6. Activities

a. New Horizons – Eddie McCallum

G-WEPW at 29ATC Rugby; progress is slow. RH to investigate visiting or else arranging for experienced Skyranger builders to attend in order to accelerate progress.

b. Wings – Cath Spence

WINGS continues to be popular, especially with instructors who understand that the scheme can successfully be used to add income streams to their businesses. Discussions are being held with Simon Keeling regarding his weather courses, with the aim of obtaining a discount for a WINGS-related course.

c. Publications – Derek Lamb

Costs are slightly reduced as a result of the decision to move to 48pp for Microlight Flying.

d. Competitions / Open Series – Tim Burrow

It is intended to include Sub-70kg in the Open Series.

Owain Johns continues plans to host the FAI World Microlight Championships in 2024, most likely at

Manston, Kent. Council agreed in principle to offer a similar level of support to the event as that offered to WMPC2016.

e. Round table

7. BMAA Award Nominations for 2022

Awards were decided and are available separately.

8. Any other business

a. Introducer fees/free memberships

Council agreed that the complex system of offering a free membership if a member introduced 3 others within a 12 month period will stop. Instead, members will continue to be offered £10 per member.

Ed Termini had requested that we re-visit his bursary application. Council agreed to a XXXX extension to his bursary for reasons specific to his application.

9. Date & time of next meeting

The Chairman prefers that Council meets in person in the future. The March meeting will be in person; meetings further into the future will be determined at the AGM2023.

Next Meetings

27 March 23 (Deddington)

29 April 23 AGM

Council Airwaves rota:

March - BD

May - RG