

1. Welcome

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

None

2. Agenda approval, additional items

None

3. Approval of previous minutes (22 August)

Proposed: DL, seconded: RG, Unanimously approved.

a. Matters arising

None that are not covered subsequently.

4. Action list

557: Young Person's Award: No further action at this stage. The 2023 Young Person award could be announced at the 2022 award ceremony.

581: SSDR Data Analysis: Project given to Mark Bailey as a 'winter job'.

585: Ab-Initio Training: Ongoing. DL reports that CAA are conducting field surveys. RH points to the upcoming ICAO audit of CAA and how that is impacting CAA workloads. TB and CS ask how do pilots know of their responsibilities as aircraft owners and operators; CS proposed a Wings session on aircraft ownership.

590: Instructor Bursary: Completed. Payment is for the last £1000 (up to 25% of course fees); if a candidate does not present themselves for instructor test within 6 months, any bursary is to be refunded to the BMAA.

593: PoE and SEP Instructors: Few other options available. Meeting planned with Mark Young in late December/early January.

595: [REDACTED]
Discussion regarding the recent LAA loss of £64k to a scam. The current BMAA payment system is more robust than the LAA's and less liable to a similar scam.

596: Council Elections: Proposal to use Election Runner at a cost that is lower than the current solution.

597: Family Memberships: Completed.

Other discussions included the upcoming CAA A8-26 review, the CAA's ambition to introduce Permit Maintenance Release to microlighting, the CAA licence review and its potential impact on the BMAA. Microlighting is based upon 'on condition'; any change to regulations needs to be supported by a safety case that clearly demonstrates such a change will solve a current problem and improve safety in the future.

5. Reports:
a. *Chief Executive Officer*

Young Person's Bursary – change to a new format for 2023 with a Youth day or other similar event. For 2022, select the top 5 candidates, ask for update with the aim of making an offer of some kind. There should be a cut-off period for previous awards; those before 2019 will be deleted, those from 2019 onwards will have another 6 months to claim the monies. Also, BMAA members used to give £6k/year to the bursary; this should be reinstated from the start of FY2023.

Support for Panel of Examiners: BMAA collects fees from instructors and this can be used to support a portion of the expenses of the Panel. RH discussed the likely costs of Panel work during the year; a budget has been set to support the Panel – which is a CAA-appointed body, answerable to CAA and not BMAA. This is a voluntary donation towards costs and not a direct reimbursement.

Panel interviews (of prospective FICl) must be self-financing; this may lead to an increase in candidate fees to cover the cost of the interviewers.



- b. *Treasurer*
- c. *Chief Technical Officer*
- d. *Chief Inspector (continued airworthiness)*
- e. *FTL&SO*
- f. *Administration*
- g. *PR & promotion*
- h. *Activity graphs*

All other reports were discussed.

Publications: Given cost and price pressures, *Microlight Flying* will be restricted to 48 pages until further notice.

The backlog of work for the FTL&SO is high; Council agreed to increase hours on a temporary basis according to need.

6. Activities
a. *New Horizons – Eddie McCallum*

G-WEPW (Rugby) is ongoing.

G-WDUS (Benenden) is very near completion; it was built as a 450kg but supplied with parts to upgrade to 600kg. ACTION: RH to coordinate completion, including upgrade to 600kg.

b. *Wings – Cath Spence*

There are plans to organise maintenance-based sessions, including at Haverfordwest (Metal Seagulls). CS has further suggestions for courses for the future.

- c. *Publications – Derek Lamb*
- d. *Competitions / Open Series – Tim Burrow*
- e. *Flexwing Instructor Bursary – Rob Hughes*
 - i. *Policy 2022/23*
- f. *Round table*

Competitions: Owain Johns and Colin Johnson have indicated a wish to host the FAI World Microlight Championships 2024 and will liaise with RH.

No other issues of note.

7. Any other business

A dispute has arisen with a supplier; it is likely that the supplier will make a money claim against the BMAA for two invoices that the BMAA does not recognise. There followed an extensive discussion; the unanimous decision is that the BMAA must defend members' money against claims that are without merit.

8. Date & time of next meeting

16 January 23 (Zoom)
27 March 23 (Deddington)
29 April 23 AGM

Council Airwaves rota:
January - CS
March - BD
May - RG

December 2022