

6th MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2021

Monday 27 September 2021
0930 hrs

MINUTES

PRESENT

Rob Hughes	RH Chairman	
Tim Burrow	TB Vice Chairman	
Bill Davis	BD	
Rob Grimwood	RG	From: 1000
Derek Lamb	DL Treasurer	
Eddie McCallum	EM	
John Waite	JW	
Geoff Weighell	GW Chief Executive	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1. Richard Bisiker RB

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (July 2021)

2.1. DL Proposed JW Second. Approved by all present. RG Absent

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (July 2021)

3.1. None

4. ACTION LIST

- 4.1. 510 RH to talk with AL regarding making a BMAA promotional video as raised in her report. Funding agreed, £2,000, for a promotional video to be made immediately. Action RH, TB, AL. **To be discussed later in the meeting. Closed**
- 4.2. 537/ 553 RH To obtain Forum page access information so as to judge value of retaining the Forum history. DL to forward SharePoint details to JW to investigate its use. **No progress due to illness. Open**
- 4.3. 555 RG, EMc, RH, TB. GW. Council to revise award eligibility, criteria and description. A meeting has been held to discuss. RH to complete actions resulting. **Closed**
- 4.4. 556 RH to generate a list of speakers. None at the moment but will open a webpage list. RH add PR link. RH has approached some potential speakers to include in the list. **RH will contact schools to publish availability of speakers. Open**
- 4.5. 557 RB to develop for agreement by Council a Young Person Award **Open**
- 4.6. 558 GW to look at potential liability for the BMAA if its insurance is used to cover the Paramotor Endurance Event **Closed**

- 4.7. 559 GW DL *To review financial cost/benefits of selling premises and renting accommodation.* Discussion on possibility of selling BMAA property and potential of moving entirely to home working. GW had distributed management figures in May 2021 that show no substantial saving in renting against owning. It was agreed that moving entirely to home working could have a detrimental effect on team spirit and future employee recruitment and training. **Closed**
- 4.8. 560 TB *To work with AL to develop Pooley's pack content.* **See AL report. Open.**
- 4.9. 561 RB, TB, JW, RH *Promotion Video WG to set plan for content before filming or production start.* **To be discussed later in the meeting. Closed**
- 4.10. 562 ~~RB~~ **Changed to RH** *To revise wording of Article 20.3 to remove time limits for directors.* Discussion on principle and effect of time limits. **Open**

5. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- 5.1. DL MF Higher number of pages has been successful and considered affordable at the moment. Council considered a suggestion from D Connelly to have an optional hard copy magazine at reduced cost if not taken. Council does not support the option of a reduced fee but agreed that members could opt out of hard copy if they wanted to.
- 5.2. RG Flexwing Instructor Bursary. Due to popularity there may be a problem with providing pre-entry assessments in a timely way. Discussion around availability of FIC Flexwing instructors becoming a blockage for further development of flexwing flying. Is there potential to give BMAA assistance to encourage further FIC instructors? RG put forward the idea of running a course for several potential Flexwing Instructors to clear backlog. RG to discuss with Marcus Dalgetty. **Action 563 RG.**
- 5.3. RH Differences training. Email from Joan Walsh regarding new requirements for 450kg microlights. **Action 574 GW to respond.**
- 5.4. RH Has been appointed as CEO from 8 October and will spend handover week with GW until that date. RH has meeting with CAA for appointment as AM during that week.
- 5.5. RH attended Popham, LAA Rally and GAA "Meet CAA Chairman" at Turweston. Subsequently spoke with CAA Chairman to promote microlighting and the benefit of the BMAA. Met Grant Shapps SoS for Transport.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1. DL presented his report and proposed budget for 2021-2022. The budget suggests a forecast surplus of £31K taking into account current inflation and suggested working arrangements. DL Proposed the budget be accepted. EC Seconded. Approved by all.

7. CE report

- 7.1. Report reviewed.
- 7.2. RH noted that this is the last CE report from GW.

8. CTO REPORT

- 8.1. The written report was reviewed.

9. CI REPORT

- 9.1. The written report was reviewed.
- 9.2. Discussion on process for increasing MTOM for existing 450kg types. In progress with Technical Office as part of 600k preparation.

10. PROMOTION

- 10.1. AL Demonstrated 3 Videos that have been made to promote microlight flying and the BMAA. All agreed that the videos were excellent and could lead to further in a similar manner being produced.
- 10.2. AL written report was reviewed.

11. ADMIN REPORT

- 11.1. The written report was reviewed.
- 11.2. Staffing. Future arrangements for in office working were discussed and it was agreed that the policy should be for a full return to office based working, although the option of home working in some cases might still be available.

12. NEW HORIZONS

- 12.1. JW. Benenden. Planned completion end of November.

13. AOB

- 13.1. GetHigh Volare airfield. Approach for BMAA seed funding. Discussed and agreed not to offer funding. **Action 575 GW to respond. (After meeting note: Email sent 04/10/2021 GW)**
- 13.2. DL Should the BMAA be promoting green initiatives within microlight flying? Will circulate information paper.
- 13.3. RH to stand down as BMAA Chairman following the meeting. Discussion on process to replace Chairman following RH retirement. RH proposes TB as replacement Chairman. BD Second. All in favour.

14. DONM

- 14.1. 06/12/2021

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