

BMAA COUNCIL 2015 Monday 16th of February 2015

Present Dave Bremner (DB), Chairman, Chris Draper (CD), Rick Goddin (RWG), Rob Grimwood (RG), Rob Hughes (RH), John Moore (JM), David Robbins (DR), Vice Chairman, Terry Viner (TV) Geoff Weighell (GW). Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

MEMBER'S REPORTS

RH: The transfer of old Forum data to the new platform has been completed, with some formatting to complete before launch. It wasn't possible to put a date of the introduction of the new platform but is expected to be imminent.

RG attended the CIMA meeting with RH. The BMAA bid for 2016 World Championships was accepted and will be combined with World Paramotor Championships at a location in the UK.

RG has been appointed to liaise with the organisers for the Microlight event in the World Air Games 2015. The CAA has been asked to allow the UK team to practice in UK. A discussion on how the BMAA can benefit from the event led to DR raised the wider concern that in his opinion the BMAA needed to have a clearer idea of its strategy when selecting events to attend or support. Members felt that a plan of priorities should be agreed.

There was overall support for RG for the World Air Games event and RH agreed to be responsible for planning how the BMAA can make the most of the publicity options to promote microlighting and the BMAA. DB suggested that the Strategy SC should include a Marketing subcommittee to report to the SSC. DR agreed to lead.

DR: Spamfield 2015 Planning is going ahead. The use of Sandown Airfield has been agreed and additional activities are being planned.

Lee on Solent may be bought by Fareham Council who will introduce aviation learning activities onto the airfield. This may give opportunities to promote microlighting which could include building a microlight.

RWG: Microlight Flying Foundation (MFF). Chris Finnigan was appointed Chairman at the recent meeting of Trustees. The Trustees see that event organisation should not be the responsibility of the MFF and should not be associated with BMAA activity exclusively. The trustees intend to recruit further assistance to promote fundraising and assist their activities. The MFF will write and publish a Mission Statement which the Council agreed may be published in MF at no cost. It was agreed that an MFF Web site should be linked to pages hosted on the BMAA web site.

TV: Greg Burns has adapted a C42 for hands-only. TV will ask Greg Burns for an article for MF.

The New Horizons project is almost complete ready for moving to an airfield for final assembly and test flying, following which it will be offered for sale. GW advised TV that prior to the aircraft being moved insurance would have to be arranged to cover hull risks. TV will look for opportunities to promote the first test flight for publicity purposes. DB will contact film makers about making a promotional video on the day of the first engine run and/or flight test.

TV was concerned that on any future projects the school is able to better manage the project so that BMAA direct involvement is reduced as there have been problems with the New Horizons build. GW will meet with the school to obtain feedback.

DB: At the Royal Aero Club (RAeC) meeting in January the 2014 Awards were decided including some for BMAA members.

DB Had met with Chairman of the BHPA and discussed the widening of BHPA Insurance scheme to include two seat Microlights. It is not felt that this will be a threat to BMAA membership as these members require the BMAA services for their Permit renewals. DB considered there may be an opportunity to link with the BHPA insurance in return for the BMAA making technical services available to their members. Council agreed that initial discussions should go ahead.

Action List

Handover of Simulator operation for 2015. TV and RWG had discussed and written a proposal for operation of the simulator for the future based upon the simulator being hosted by Microlight flying clubs. DR Said that the operation of the simulator should be part of a marketing plan. TV will run simulator for 2015 Aero Expo, LAA Rally, Popham Trade Fair, Flying Show, Duxford.

To review voting options available with ERS. Details were submitted to Council. RH felt that changes to the database linked to the web site can provide an alternative method of voting and have other benefits for membership too. RH will discuss with GW

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JM asked if the BMAA should be more active in the management of individual's memberships to prevent 'undesirables' joining or re-joining? A discussion reached no conclusion.

TV asked if there was any action that the BMAA can take against instructors that transgress BMAA Guidelines. JM will consider with GW.

TV asked if there would be a saving for the BMAA if a Pool car was used rather than paying expenses. GW will investigate.