

2nd MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2015

Monday 20 April 2015

Present

Dave Bremner DB Chairman, Chris Draper CD, Rick Goddin RWG, Rob Hughes RH, David Robbins DR Vice Chairman, Terry Viner TV, Geoff Weighell GW Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rob Grimwood RG. John Moore JM

MEMBER'S REPORTS

CD: A CAA document regarding commercial activities is unclear. GW will try to write an even clearer guidance for the BMAA membership.

RH: Attended a GA Partnership meeting. The main points were: 90 day rule changes were generally not agreed with by members of GAP. The CAA is targeting Performance Based Regulation. Licensing for paramotoring activity was discussed.

RH: Attended Sports & Recreation Alliance Conference on Sport and Law. Sport England is pushing to increase women in sporting organisations. It's possible to positively discriminate at selection for non-paid posts.

RH: Attended the RAeC meeting. RAeC wants better value from FAI and RH has been appointed as chair of the RAeC/FAI relationship committee.

DR: Spamfield organisation is progressing.

DR: Work is continuing on marketing / publicity strategy, to include competitions.

RWG: Microlight Flying Foundation - Chris Finnigan is now Chairman. The charitable objects will be amended to widen the range of potential recipients. A panel of national volunteers is planned.

RWG: Duxford 2015. Arrangements are going ahead with an additional driving-in option for non-flight arrivals. The price will be as for flight arrivals. TV asked if Air Experience Flights could be made available. RWG said this will have to be negotiated with the on-site provider Classic Wings.

Discussions are ongoing with other possible venues.

RWG: Free landing vouchers - 2015 programme is fully booked, but suggests members to propose their own airfields. It's BMAA policy that the BMAA will reciprocate with help where possible for airfields that offer landing vouchers.

TV: Has had no offers to run simulator so the BMAA will have to decide upon its future. It was agreed that the simulator is a good asset for promotion and it was decided to approach schools for them to use it as a promotion tool. CD suggested that the BMAA could try a promotional event.

TV: New Horizons aircraft is almost complete. All Council members were in favour of another project. School selection requires a proper specification document to define school responsibilities and requirements prior to looking for possible schools.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Routine weighing - GW confirmed that production of a Technical Procedure for CAA agreement was being written and that a layman's guide would also be produced. This is being treated as a priority in the Technical Office.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RWG Forum reinstatement. A proposal was put that RWG be allowed to post on the forum for the remainder of 2015 on the understanding that if he transgressed the forum rules once his posting rights would be removed, this agreement to be reassessed in 2016. In the case of a transgression a vote of no confidence might be made by a member of the BMAA Council. The proposal was carried by a majority.