

Monday 15 Jun 2015

Present

David 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

TV - New Horizons. The Final flight event was successful. There had been no further contact from the school. Future projects need better control of the process and promotion to make the most of publicity opportunities.

RWG - Duxford members' event; registrations were going well. GW to provide proof of insurance.

DR - Spamfield. Registrations closed at 330. The budget indicates a £500 surplus.

DR - Recent Competition promotion - around one third of attendees showed an interest.

RH - Chief Forum moderator has resigned with effect from completion of the installation of the new software.

RG - Bursary. Initial selection was ongoing from over 30 applications. A review of the application process and criteria had been started, including the possible expansion of awards to include instructor training.

RG - Competitions; two rounds of Nationals had been held. The Foot launched competition was affected by poor weather. The European Foot Launched competition may be cancelled due to poor organisation. The European Classic competition is unlikely to have a UK team, partly because there is a strong UK team for the World Air Games, and costs preclude attending both events.

DR - Rob Keene is organising an Anglo French event at Over Farm 6-10 July. He suggested making it a team event with a BMAA cup. Approved.

TV Asked for details of funding for UK competitors for World Air Games (WAG). RG suggested that the BMAA might make a contribution for competitors' costs. RG is to ask competitors for estimates of costs to help Council to make a decision.

TV asked what the BMAA would do to make the most of the possible publicity that the event might bring to the benefit of UK microlighting. RG explained that it was up to the BMAA to decide what it wants to achieve and then plan to do it.

There was a general discussion on PR and Marketing and BMAA Strategy for the future. DB and RH are to take "expert advice".

RG asked if World Championship makes a profit can the profit be ring fenced for future competition events.

TREASURER'S REPORT (attached).

MF advertising is continuing to fall. RWG suggested considering widening its distribution to encourage advertising. DB will write an options paper on possible alternatives for Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

A8-26 progress – slow but is being chased up.

Routine weighing – we are currently waiting for a response from the LAA to ensure consistency.

Check flying proposal from a member has been passed to the CTO. *(Post meeting note: a seminar is being arranged to enable interested members' views to be heard).*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Regional Representatives; a paper putting forward the idea of regional representatives of the BMAA was discussed and approved.

Independent Directors; DB put forward a paper indicating that best practice on boards of member associations was to include up to 25% independent directors from outside the activity. There was not a majority support for the proposal.

Farnborough Airspace. A proposal to make up to £500 available at GW's discretion from the fighting fund was approved.

The death was reported of Dominique Méreuze of the French organisation, FFPLUM.