

4th MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2015
Monday 3rd August 2015 at Deddington, 0930

Present

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

Note. On 31 June John Moore has offered his resignation as a director of the BMAA and has cancelled his BMAA membership. His resignation was accepted.

RWG was appointed as Chair Staff and Remuneration Subcommittee.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CD questioned progress on the Farnborough Airspace Change Proposal (ACP). GW reported that a formal application had been made with the CAA that was little changed from the proposal consulted upon. The General Aviation Alliance were making a formal approach to the CAA to object to the proposal. The BMAA would assist in drafting that objection.

CD Asked about progress on the Check Flying review by the Technical SC. A Members' Seminar has been proposed for members to gather information and express opinions. The BMAA Staff are developing an option for Tech SC consideration.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

RH: Awards. Richard Bird and Richard Foster have been given an FAI Colibri Diploma. Karen Skinner (GB) has been awarded the FAI Anne Welsh Diploma.

RH has been appointed Chair of the RAeC FAI subcommittee. RAeC is trying to make FAI more active in concentrating on sports rather than promotion.

TV: New Horizons project. The video was completed and agreed as finalised for public viewing. TV attended a wash-up meeting with the college and was disappointed at the lack of publicity generated by them. TV suggested an invitation in MF to locate a school and asked if we could have two projects running.

Simulator. Member Pete Cheney has expressed an interest in running the simulator. A user manual has been written and a programme for future use is being developed. The question of insurance is to be clarified.

RWG: BMAA day at Duxford. RWG recorded his thanks to Pete Jarvis and the Sandy club members for his operation of the simulator. 65 BMAA visitors attended. £60 in donations was raised for the Microlight Flying Foundation (MFF).

MFF. A pledge model for BMAA flying members to donate to MFF based on flying hours had been suggested. RWG asked for more direct access to the MFF web site from the BMAA web site.

DR: Spamfield 2015 cost to the BMAA was in the region of £350 which means it has broken even over two years. £500 was raised for the MFF and Air Ambulance. BMAA office will write to owners of non-paying aircraft asking for payment. Expert demonstration of precision landings was very popular and will be included in future event promotion.

RG: Bursary. A very successful selection day was run by RG, DR, Paul Dewhurst and GW. 12 applicants. 10 will receive an award from BMAA funds and 2 from the Geoffrey de Havilland Flying Foundation of £3,000 each. The BWPA has promised £500 to be added to funds available for a female recipient in 2016. Total awards given was £19,700.

Competitions. The final nationals at Sywell was cancelled. One BMAA member will be going to the 2015 European Championships as the British Team. the 2016 World Championships cannot now be held at Damyns Hall because of a change of policy. The organisers are seeking an alternative site.

DR to list various suggested possibilities for promotion and encouragement of youth in the strategy.

ACTION LIST

Depreciation. RG Had met with our accountants to clarify how to account for depreciation. We had accounted for depreciation of items not including the building twice in the budget. it was agreed to renew the building valuation for the 2015 Audit and at five yearly intervals thereafter.

Approved Schools. A discussion raised concerns over BMAA liability. A Discussion on opportunities for improving instructor standards and relationship with students led to no conclusion.

The Anglo French competition went ahead - the UK won. Rob Keene has provided a Trophy.

TREASURER'S REPORT (attached).

Income for the period is up on last year which was not planned. There was concern with continuing reduction in MF advertising revenue. Staff pensions will have to be considered for 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (attached).

SSDR Rally. the Final cost to the BMAA was in the region of £350. A proposal to hold the event at Enstone over the weekend of 1-3 July 2016 was agreed.

A8-26 Council thanked the BMAA team for achieving the A8-26 Sporting Organisation Approval.

DB noted that EASA Annex 2 will be changed as the result of the review of the european Basic regulation.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DB A BHPA Request to distribute copies of MF to BHPA members was rejected formally by Council.

DB raised the matter of non-elected directors. This was not supported by other members.