

Present

Dave Bremner (DB), Chairman, Chris Draper (CD), Rick Goddin (RWG), Rob Grimwood (RG), Spencer Harvey (SH), Rob Hughes, (RH), David Robbins, (DR), Terry Viner (TV), Geoff Weighell, (GW), Chief Executive.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

RH.

Awards. Nominations discussed and voted on as below:

- Brian Cosgrove Award – Jill Douglas
- Keith Negal trophy – Rob Keene
- Patricia Anne Trophy – Jo Pickles
- BMAA Medal – Gordon Douglas

Suggested a Lifetime BMAA membership for Paul Dewhurst.

FAI General Conference. The FAI has released a Strategy paper which includes a plan for airports to be made spectator attractive. RH and Patrick Naegeli to become involved in development of strategy.

RG.

World Air Games (Dubai). Preparation for the microlight event is progressing well. UK practice has taken place and film will be published by the BBC.

A proposal that the BMAA financially support UK competitors by paying their airfares was approved.

SH.

A proposal 'to form a sub-committee to develop a marketing strategy and develop a marketing plan, including an event programme for 2016, to form a basis for a job description for a salaried BMAA marketing employee.' was approved. The plan is for the volunteer subcommittee to arrange attendance at two or three public events during the first half of 2016, with carefully briefed people on the stand and a very detailed analysis of the outcomes. The results of these trials will inform the debate on whether to progress the proposal to allocate a budget and employ an expert.

RWG.

The Microlight Flying Foundation has had its first tax refund.

Requested a full report on the outcome of all bursaries.

TV

Build a Plane. Several expressions of interest from educational establishments in running projects are being actively followed up.

DR

Had conducted a review of the BMAA Articles of Association with regard to the Election process. A Guidance document and nomination form are to be created.

A proposal to establish a maximum term of service on Council was approved. Detailed proposals are to be discussed and agreed at the next Council meeting.

DB

Paul Dewhurst had submitted a report from the European Microlight Forum which is considering various proposals of potential interest to the UK microlighting industry.

These are:

a possible increase in the weight limit (at least four suggestions are being discussed);
to try to harmonise airworthiness standards across as many European countries as possible;
to try to harmonise the requirements for visiting microlights across as many European countries as possible; and to share information on recruiting strategies.

The Technical Subcommittee had hosted a Check Flying Seminar, the outcome of which, having been endorsed by the SC was put to Council and approved. The proposal is to make the following changes: Accept check flight data to support a permit revalidation application where the check flight has been flown by any pilot nominated by the owner of the aircraft, who may be the owner of the aircraft, who is licensed to fly the aircraft.

Accept check flight data to support a permit revalidation application where the check flight has been flown no more than 60 days before or after a successful inspection carried out by a BMAA appointed inspector.

The BMAA Technical Office will progress the development of a proposal to make to the CAA for the change.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The annual report and audited accounts were reviewed. A proposal to not increase fees and accept a budget loss of £10,000 was approved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Work is progressing on replacement of the current database (which will not be supported in future) with another of greater capability and potential for integration with the website.

The BMAA is fully engaged with the Farnborough Airspace Change Proposal through GAA.