

December 2015 Council Meeting

Present

David Bremner, DB, Chris Draper, CD, Rob Grimwood, RG, Spencer Harvey, SH, Rob Hughes, RH, Deepak Mahajan, DM, David Robbins, DR, Terry Viner, TV, Geoff Weighell, GW, Chief Executive

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairman; DB was elected. Vice Chairman; RG was elected. Treasurer; RG was elected.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE POSTS

Posts and subcommittee positions were discussed and agreed as listed on the back inside cover of MF.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

CD Suggested total deregulation and rethink of BMAA strategy.

RG World Air Games. The flexwing microlight competition was a real success. A vote of thanks to RG was approved.

The event format could be used to showcase microlights and might be used by the BMAA to promote microlight flying in the UK. RG was asked to develop a budget for equipping and running similar events for the BMAA in the UK which will eventually be self-funding. RH explained that the FAI had sponsored the development of the event and has the rights to the event. However it is likely that the FAI would not prevent further use of the event as it is exactly the type of event that the FAI wants to develop for airports promotion.

SH Marketing subcommittee has been formed and will meet in January 2016. Membership benefits including a first aid course, ditching and Rotax course are to be investigated. Merv Middleton may be able to take on Landing Vouchers, Duxford, Airfield Reports.

RH Peter Kelsey had requested to be allowed back on the BMAA forum. RH proposal to accept the moderator's suggestion not to accept this request and have automatic rejection of any similar requests for two years was approved.

RH The Colibri scheme is now managed by Frank Hodgson and Neil King.

RH Thanked Rob Grimwood and his team for creating and managing the World Air Games event. He gave a report of the event as an organiser and encouraged the marketing team to use the event footage for BMAA promotion.

RH Sandown is under a change of management and may be available for Spamfield in 2016. An offer by John Moore to run Spamfield was declined.

TV Raised the matter of funding and manning of the simulator as a recruiting tool. He agreed to provide an estimate of time spent each year and a budget proposal for consideration within the marketing budget. SH asked to be trained on the use of the simulator.

DM Suggested a BMAA "Diploma in Sports Aviation" certificate which could also act as a Provisional Pilot's Licence. GW explained that it would not be in the gift of BMAA to issue a 'provisional licence', but sending a certificate with the return of application documents would be achievable. DM proposed a 'Foundation Degree or Diploma in Aviation' to promote early engagement in aviation to a recognised course and standard. And will develop details and present ahead of the February meeting.

DR asked about production of a video of pylon racing for promotional purposes.

DR Hampshire Microlight Flying Club would be willing to organise Spamfield again if asked.

DB The 2014 Strategy document was proposed for approval and accepted.

CTO REPORT

Progress on the changes to the Check Flying system were discussed. It was planned to be fully implemented before 1 April 2016.

The new pilot information leaflet on weight and centre of gravity was presented.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SH asked if the BMAA could handle bookings for member benefit courses. GW agreed this would be possible.