

Summary of December 2016 BMAA Council meeting by Patricia Mawuli Porter

Present

Richard Bisiker RB, Rob Grimwood RG, Spencer Harvey SH, Rob Hughes RH, Deepak Mahajan DM, Patricia Mawuli Porter PMP, Terry Viner TV, Andy Aiken AA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Geoff Weighell GW Chief Executive

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS / REPRESENTATIVE POSTS

In accordance with the vote taken at the 2016 pre-AGM meeting on 3rd December 2016, Andy AIKEN was invited to join Council as a co-opted member until the 2017 AGM.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

SH had made contact with a school headmaster, with regards to taking on a build-a-plane project within the next 3 years. He would report back after a further meeting.

SH asked that the revised BMAA website undergo a test phase before being released. Upon completion, the website should be made available to Council for beta-testing and feedback. On completion of the beta-test phase, the website would then be able to go live.

SH The new website should be used for campaigns; to promote issues or events during the year. This would require someone to undertake the necessary work to make changes to the website and lead campaigns.

TV New Horizons Build a Plane was progressing well. A current school project had indicated that they would be interested in purchasing the completed aircraft.

TV Disabled flying. TV to draw up a list of disabled microlighting facilities and submit to GW for inclusion on the BMAA website for information.

TV would hand over the running of the simulator to Frank Thompson in January 2017.

DM Rotax Europe have a database of stolen aircraft serial numbers. Rotax UK had already contacted Rotax Europe to ask for this information to be made more widely available.

RG The Training Committee were re-writing the NPPL student exams. Currently any amendments had to be passed to CAA for approval, which caused delays. The Training Committee would like to see responsibility for updates transferred to BMAA.

RG had accepted an invitation to join CIMA's Air Sports Series Working Group, whose aim is to create media-friendly air sport events.

RH The BMAA forum was offline. RH had asked the current host to make the forum and database available. RH had identified two potential providers to upgrade and then move the forum to a new server. Awaiting a response from the host.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sandown events: Danial SUBHANI has asked to run Spamfield 2017 at Sandown. Approved; BMAA would offer advertising and support where necessary. Danial would be asked to submit plans (including entertainment, food, toilets, ticket/entry prices) and his risk assessment. BMAA would reserve the right to FOC on-site advertising and prime trade space, as required. Sandown would be able to donate charity collections during the event to its chosen charity.

Family Membership: PMP: asked whether the BMAA family membership card recognised children? Response: The card simply carried an 'F' to indicate family.

Inclusive content in magazine: PMP: proposed to include content targeted at women and children in Microlight Flying.

Thanks to Sandy Airfield: TV: recorded his thanks to Sandy Airfield for their help in running the BMAA Simulator.

Membership by instalments: TV: Proposed that the BMAA could offer the option to pay BMAA membership fees by direct debit in 12 monthly instalments. Approved.

SSDR Rally Enstone: proposed that the BMAA staff members organise the SSDR Rally at Enstone. Approved unanimously. PMP offered her help in finding speakers for a programme of presentations.