

PRESENT

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

MEMBER'S REPORTS

DR A Competition Group meeting had been held to plan 2016 events. There will be a Franglais competition in May.

Spamfield. HMFC running the event at Sandown with enthusiastic backing from the lease holder. Discussion on event title confirmed that in November 2005 Spamfield became a BMAA event at the request of John Moore.

TV New Horizons schools kit-building projects. One in Wales was virtually agreed. Two others are still in discussion.

Simulator. Guidelines prepared by RH for a formal budget for running the simulator were agreed.

RH Colibri awards; more badges and certificates are required. There will be a promotional article for MF. There will be no fee for BMAA members' awards as a member benefit. DB suggested that Colibris might be presented at the awards ceremony at the BMAA AGM.

SH A Marketing subcommittee meeting agreed to attend three events in 2016. At least 20 volunteers will be needed; a request will be made through MF.

The importance of social media was stressed. SH will join the BMAA web design project. The continuing need for a social media representative was confirmed.

The subcommittee identified a target of 500 additional members in the first two years. DM suggested a marketing initiative; enlist three new members and get a free membership year. SH will flesh out this proposal.

The possibility of creating flight opportunities in conjunction with event attendance was discussed. SH will prepare and present a budget proposal prior to April meeting.

RG Possible demonstrations of pylon racing are being explored at Old Warden and Farnborough in conjunction with P&M Aviation.

The World Microlight Championships may be held at Popham in August. *(Post-meeting note. This has been confirmed).*

CD asked if it was possible to change the training syllabus so that it automatically qualifies a NPPL holder for a bronze Colibri? RG will ask to the Training Committee.

The Microlight Flying foundation was discussed with its Chairman, Chris Finnigan (CF).

CF will prepare an article to be published in MF for MFF promotion. BMAA to consider how best to manage BMAA members' donations for best tax benefits. CF asked if future promotion for MFF can be included within BMAA marketing budget. SH asked for contact details of BMAA bursary recipients for marketing / promotion purposes, both for BMAA and MFF.

ACTION LIST

DM "Foundation Degree or Diploma in Aviation" to promote early engagement in aviation to a recognised course and standard. It was generally agreed that if it could be accredited by an Awarding Body it should be progressed. DM will pursue accreditation opportunities for a BMAA Diploma.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

GW outlined progress so far on the new database and revised website. RH does not want to stay as Council web representative and questioned the wisdom of progress so far with Web Boutiques. SH to be included in design development.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A request from the **Carr Valley** airfield request for financial support was reviewed, and it was agreed that a donation of £500 from the BMAA Fighting Fund should be made towards the costs incurred with thanks for keeping a microlight site open and available for the future use of BMAA members.

The BMAA Policy in regard to proposed changes to EASA Annex 2 was discussed, and it was agreed that where possible any weight increase should be linked to additional payload available.