

BMAA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES extract

April 2016

ATTENDEES:

David Bremner (DB) Chair, Rob Grimwood (RG), Rob Hughes (RH), Chris Draper (CD), Terry Viner (TV), Spencer Harvey (SH) (late arrival)

APOLOGIES

Geoff Weighell, Deepak Mahajan, and Dave Robbins

MEMBER'S REPORTS

TV explained that 'Build a Plane' was now part of a BTEC course on offer at Colwyn, and at Benenden School in Kent. Agreements had been signed, and kits were to be delivered in July.

RH explained that progress was being made on the World Microlight and Paramotor Championships, and queried the rules on VAT for an event of this type.

RG noted that a £2000 sponsorship had been agreed with Pooleys for the event.

RH suggested that YouTube-style short presentational videos were a must for promoting this event and future events. He suggested a minimum of ten instructional videos, featuring all aspects of Microlighting and said he will be willing to take this project on from September, but not until then, due to his commitments with the WMPC.

A proposal for an outline promotional budget of £2500 for WMPC, to come out of the BMAA annual marketing budget, was agreed.

RH said that the FAI and Royal Aero Club reports were available to view in the Council Dropbox. He brought up the proposed European Microlight Forum amendment to the exemption from European regulation to raise the current limit for factory-built aircraft from 450kg to 600kg. The Technical subcommittee was asked to formulate a response.

RH said that Steve Uzochukwu (SU) was looking into ways of incorporating the existing forum into the proposed new forum framework.

RG suggested expanding his own stand at the Hertfordshire County Show by incorporating the Simulator and other BMAA items. **RG** will liaise with **TV** to arrange this.

CD raised the subject of the BHPA collective insurance scheme, and queried why this could not also happen within the BMAA. **DB** explained that previous negotiations showed insurers believed the BMAA to be too small a pool to offer any collective discount. He also noted that negotiations for a deal including the BHPA broke down.