

BMAA COUNCIL MINUTES EXTRACT JUNE 2016

PRESENT

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

MEMBER'S REPORTS

TV outlined some more possible candidates for the New Horizons programme and proposed that the BMAA fund an additional kit prior to the sale of the current one. Approved.

TV suggested possible funding plans for future projects involving outside sponsorship. RG & DB felt that whilst the BMAA has sufficient financial reserves it would be better to keep the schemes within the BMAA total control. TV suggested that volunteers are sought to assist with future projects on a regional basis.

TV proposed the audio recording of Council meetings. It was agreed that Council meetings be recorded for use by CEO in assuring accuracy in writing the minutes. The recording would not form part of the Minutes. The recording to be available to Council members until the minutes have been approved.

DM was at Aero Friedrichshafen. Czechs and Germans are keen to change microlight weights and would like to discuss with BMAA. DM Proposed that CEO and Chairman should attend Aero Friedrichshafen as an official BMAA delegation to learn about current European, and other countries', approach to future microlight aviation development. DB and DM to develop a costed plan for discussions and liaison.

DM Has been asked to be a mentor for an aircraft design project by London City University.

TV might be interested in some involvement.

RH World Microlight and Paramotor Championships opening ceremony to include promotion with press attendance. BMAA representatives could be included in opening and closing ceremony.

RH Attended FAI Commission President Meeting. 2016 is Election year. Airsports promotion activity requires BMAA input if we want it to benefit us.

RH Forum migration to vBulletin has proved impossible. A request that payment for vBulletin software be made to John Waite was approved. RH Presented an option to move existing forum content to a new server on a new system with new software. Details of set up and annual costs were approved.

SH Budget for marketing will need to be discussed with the Treasurer for further detailed analysis. Just four responses from MF appeal for volunteers means that plans to attend Three Counties Show 2016 had to be dropped. Events for 2016 include Duxford, World Microlight Championships and Flyer Live.

RG Training Committee reviewed the syllabus and felt it was unwise to attempt to change syllabus to match Bronze Colibri requirements as this would significantly increase the syllabus solo flight time minimum.

RG. GW has completed the staff reviews. GW's review to be conducted by RG and DB.

ACTION LIST

RG SH Develop policy for future salary review process. Paper on staff salary reviews was submitted for discussion and it was agreed that a policy statement should be created on the process of staff appraisal/review including review of performance.

DM & RH suggested that the BMAA should prepare for the potential opportunity and effects on the BMAA for microlights to have a maximum AUW of 600kg with a stall speed of 45 knots. GW and Technical Office will provide RH with information to write an article for MF. RH suggested that the membership be widely consulted for their opinions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that P Kelsey's membership should not be renewed after its expiry in 2016.

It was agreed that the Simulator should be made available to schools for training / promotion other than for agreed events subject to conditions.