

6th MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2019

Monday 11 November 2019
At Deddington, 0930 hrs

AGENDA

PRESENT

Rob Hughes	RH Chairman
Richard Bisiker	RB
Tim Burrow	TB Vice Chairman
Rob Grimwood	RG
Derek Lamb	DL Treasurer
Frank Thompson	FT
John Waite	JW
Geoff Weighell	GW Chief Executive

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1. Bill Davies BD

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (September 2019)**

2.1. With minor corrections to 5.4 and 5.10 Proposed by TB. Second by FT. All in favour.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (September 2019)**

3.1. None

4. **ACTION LIST**

4.1. 464 GW *Arrange for news items to be automatically notified to members.* The transfer of the BMAA database has now been completed and so GW will work with Webboutiques to complete this action. **Open.**

4.2. 465 GW *To expand the detail on the website with regard to the history of the awards and making nominations.* Some work has been done on this. GW asked members for if they had records of previous citations to help complete the record on the website. GW will continue to work on the website as more detail becomes available. **Open**

4.3. 478 GW *BMAA Check Flying Video production.* RG has spoken with Roger Patrick and Rob Mott. They have agreed to clear any modifications needed to place cameras and will conduct flights using RG's aircraft. The films captured will be sent to a Kemble student, Ben, for editing. **Open**

4.4. 480 GW *To investigate how the database may be used to produce electronic membership cards.* GW will investigate how this can be done now that the BMAA

database move is complete. **Open**

- 4.5. 489 GW to approach CAA asking for assistance to obtain access to IP to support members' aircraft. A response has been received from the CAA which suggests that a future review of BCAR Section A8-1 might include a requirement for manufacturers to make technical information available in the event of being unable to support their products, although at this time CAA is reluctant to try to request this information from current/recently demised manufacturers. GW to write to CAA to promote this idea and encourage an early review of the document. **Open**
- 4.6. 490 GW To ask CAA to review the requirements for A8-1 approval following the decline in UK manufacturers. This action will be included in the response required by Action 489 **Open.**
- 4.7. 491 TC Promote a Flexwing Instructor Bursary. It is unclear whether a second notice has been published in MF. GW reported that although there had been interest in the bursary at first all the applicants were ineligible at the time. Details had been sent so they were aware of the requirements for future reference. The meeting agreed not to put as much emphasis on age in future promotions which could be putting good applicants off applying. BD to re-advertise. **Open Action BD**
- 4.8. 494 GW BMAA Member Survey 2019. Over 300 responses to the on-line survey have been received. Some responses have been forwarded to parts of the BMAA team for detailed response. It is hoped to publish the results by December. **Open.**
- 4.9. 497 & 498 FT to write an article for MF promoting the BMAA YouTube channel and asking for members' contributions. To manage the task of reviewing and uploading video content to the BMAA YouTube channel. FT has asked Geoff Hill to publicise the video channel in MF and eMF but has not seen it so far. There was discussion about how videos would be received, reviewed and posted. RG proposed to develop guidelines for content to avoid content that could be construed as illegal or unsafe. There is also to be a competitive element introduced, similar to the photo competition running in MF. JW and RG are willing to assist in the process. It was agreed that JW will set up a Google drive from which video can be loaded to YouTube. FT will, with assistance from JW and RG, review and upload. **Action 513 RG, FT, JW**, to prepare a press release for insertion in January MF to promote the YouTube Channel and invite contributions. **Action 513 RH** to pass YouTube Channel password to RG.
- 4.10. 499 GW To write an article for members to promote the BMAA's involvement with the GASCo and GAAC. Completed although not very prominent in MF GW will ask for more prominence for articles. A similar article on CHIRP has also been submitted. **Closed.**
- 4.11. 501 GW Engage with CAA to obtain a General Exemption for banner towing with a microlight. Roger Pattrick has been in contact with CAA. It is on the GA Unit list of activities. BD has been informed. **Open**
- 4.12. 502 GW to publicise that the exhibition trailer is available to clubs and schools for promotion of their local events. Completed. **Closed**
- 4.13. 503 GW to provide final account for events attended 2019. Completed. **Closed**
- 4.14. 504 DL to approach Amanda Lord with proposal to take on advertising for MF, otherwise to agree alternative with Ian Norris. Neither AL or IN were interested in taking on the role of advertising executive. Following publicising the post Mike Morris has been selected to propose how he would run the advertising for MF. A proposal has been received and would be considered by DL and GW. **Closed**

- 4.15. 505 TB & RG to invite gyrocopter pilots to enter Open Series in preparation for entering international competition as part of the British Team. TB has had no contact with any gyro pilots yet. RG had discussed with Will Garton-Jones who believes Gyro pilots would like to be involved. WG-J will publish to Gyro pilots through the BRA magazine. RG to provide information for an article to BRA. **Action RG** TB said that the competition website will be refreshed for the 2020 season. **Action 514 TB**
- 4.16. 506 GW to confirm refund of entry fees for European Championships has been received. A full refund has been received. **Closed**
- 4.17. 507 GW Implement fee changes as agreed at the September meeting. **Closed.**
- 4.18. 508 GW RG reported that an aircraft that he had seen appeared unairworthy and he believed that there was also evidence of incorrect procedures related to maintenance and signatory status. GW to follow up with CI. GW had discussed with the CI and agreed that a site visit to review aircraft that had been inspected by the same inspector to look for evidence of poor inspector standards. RG mentioned another individual that he felt should also be reviewed in a similar way. GW would discuss this additional person with the CI. **Open**
- 4.19. 509 GW to agree with AL a format for the instructor seminar. Social and Educational. GW has discussed with AL as part of the planning for the coming year. AL is looking for a suitable venue. As Chair of the Training Committee RG will discuss with AL. **Action with RG. Open**
- 4.20. 510 RH to talk with AL regarding making a BMAA promotional video as raised in her report. Still to complete. **Open**
- 4.21. 511 JW New Horizons To discuss PR opportunities for the Benenden build with the school. The kit has been delivered to Benenden School. Delivery images are to be sent to JW and these will be published on Facebook and in MF. RG queried whether there was room at the school to fly in to promote the New Horizons project. JW will look into the possibility. **Action 515 JW**
- 4.22. 512 BMAA/LAA WG The working group will develop proposals for details of how we see a new association. These will be agreed by the BMAA Council ahead of a presentation to the LAA ahead of their AGM in October. Target date for completion, end of September. **Completed. Closed**

During discussion it was noted that there were a disproportionate number of posts from one person on the BMAA Facebook page. Although interesting these were considered as advertising. He also posted similarly on the Competition Group where the posts were not relevant to competition. TB to remove the poster from the Competition Group. **Action 516 TB.** RH to write to request less repeat posts. **Action 516 RH**

5. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- 5.1. RH The FAI General Conference will take place on the 5th and 6th December 2019. The UK has been liaising with other member states to generate proposals to overturn what are considered to be unworkable FAI proposals for future activities and expenditure.
- 5.2. RH will attend the next CIMA meeting 20th November 2019.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- 6.1. DL Reported a loss of almost £70k for 2018/2019 £35k was planned expenditure for promotion. For the current year the promotion expenditure is less and included in the budget.
- 6.2. GW to ask for possible timescale for Brewster legacy. **Action 517 GW**
- 6.3. The budget is now included in Sage reporting for 2019/2020. Month 1 shows better than budget figures for income. MF costs are higher. Members asked for a report that would show current income/expenditure against budget and prior year. GW will ask the bookkeeper to produce a combined prior and budget report. **Action 518 GW**
- 6.4. DL reminded members that because of the cycle of BMAA income and expenditure some months the BMAA accounts will show a loss and these should be compared to the budget and not taken in isolation.

7. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

- 7.1. An email had been sent to all opted-in members encouraging them to respond to the 600Kg consultation launched by the CAA. GW will send a reminder with the explanation of choosing the opt-out and microlight option.
- 7.2. The BMAA has been in existence for 40 years. Members suggested that the AGM should be themed as a celebration of the anniversary. GW to see if there were still any members from the first year. A banner of achievements was suggested. **Action 519 GW**

8. **CTO Report**

- 8.1. The report from Roger Patrick was reviewed with no comments.

9. **CI REPORT**

- 9.1. The report from Rob Mott was reviewed. It was noted that he is looking for Wings "Strip Skills" course providers.

10. **SO REPORT**

- 10.1. The report from John Teesdale was reviewed with no comments.

11. **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- 11.1. Report reviewed with no comments.
- 11.2. RH has discussed workload with KT following Jo Pickles leaving and her work largely going to the administration office, and reports that workload is manageable.

12. **PUBLICITY AND MARKETING REPORT**

- 12.1. To help promote the BMAA a separate copy of Microlight Flying is now going to all schools listed on the BMAA website for students to read.

- 12.2. *I would like to propose that we look how we can expand our Social media audience? GW to discuss with AL. **Action 520 GW***

13. **NEW HORIZONS REPORT**

- 13.1. GW Reported on the progress with the Aston build. He hopes that it will be completed for July 2020 now that a team of volunteers from Cosford and new students at Aston have come on board the project to help.
- 13.2. There was a brief discussion about how LAA projects are run. These are run by Stuart Luck as a separate entity to LAA.

14. **BMAA/LAA MERGER TALKS**

- 14.1. RH reported on the meeting of the joint BMAA and LAA Working Group (WG) on 8th November to update his report previously circulated to the BMAA Council members. At the conclusion of the WG meeting a timescale was proposed to publish agreed details to BMAA members in early January 2020 to elicit feedback so that a final proposal could be made upon which members could vote in March 2020.
- 14.2. The WG had agreed that the LAA CEO will produce a Budget for the new association. The BMAA CE will produce Articles of Association and Rules; a scoping paper for the magazine to be published for tender; and a staff organisation chart together with reporting and responsibility detail. These documents to be with the WG by 1 December.
- 14.3. Members considered the appointment of Presidents and Vice Presidents within a new association. RH to discuss directly with Tim Hardy from LAA. **Action 521 RH**
Struts Ok
- 14.4. There followed extensive discussions on the details of a potential merger and how the BMAA members would be informed, give feedback and mould the final consultation document that would underpin the vote that will decide whether or not the BMAA members support a merger.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 15.1. DL Asked that the missing Council Minutes be uploaded to the website. **Action 522 GW**

16. **DATE/TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

- 16.1. 13/01/2020 Deddington Start 0930