

1st MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2020

Monday 13 January 2020

At Deddington, 0930 hrs

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1. None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (11 November 2019)

2.1. Proposed RB. Second FT. All agreed. BD Abstained [not present in November]

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (11 November 2019)

3.1. None

4. ACTION LIST

4.1. 464 GW *Arrange for news items to be automatically notified to members.* GW had held a meeting with Webboutiques and this project has now started. **Open.**

4.2. 465 GW *To expand the detail on the website with regard to the history of the awards and making nominations.* No further details of awards have been received from Council members. GW to contact individuals to try to get more information. **Open**

4.3. 478 GW *BMAA Check Flying Video production.* Rob Mott has produced a plan for the video but as yet no flying or filming has taken place. RG to arrange to conduct and complete the flying no later than 1st March 2020. **Open**

4.4. 480 GW *To investigate how the database may be used to produce electronic membership cards.* GW had held a meeting with Webboutiques and this project has now

started. **Open**

- 4.5. 489 GW to approach CAA asking for assistance to obtain access to IP to support members' aircraft. CAA has included a review of A8-1 within the GA Unit plan. This will include addressing the BMAA request. Discussion: P&M Albatross are continuing to set up the factory to produce aircraft and parts. It is understood that approval will go with Graham Slater at Clench Common. **Open**
- 4.6. 490 GW To ask CAA to review the requirements for A8-1 approval following the decline in UK manufacturers. Awaiting action from the CAA GA Unit. **Open**
- 4.7. 491 TC Promote a Flexwing Instructor Bursary. BD has submitted further text for MF. GW has responded to several requests for further information. Promotion should run alongside Young Person's Bursary. **Closed**
- 4.8. 494 GW BMAA Member Survey 2019. GW is finalising the response to the survey which had over 300 responses. **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. JW has developed a system for members to add videos to BMAA Council Dropbox, which can then be published on the BMAA YouTube channel. Rules / suggestions to be written for guidelines. **Action 513 RH** has sent an invitation to JW to allow access as required. **Closed**
- 4.10. 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**
- 4.11. 505 TB & RG to invite gyrocopter pilots to enter Open Series in preparation for entering international competition as part of the British Team. Calendar for open series published. RG to contact BRA representative to publicise. Open. **Action RG** TB said that the competition website will be refreshed for the 2020 season. **Action 514 TB**
- 4.12. 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. Discussion has taken place and a site visit is planned. Prioritise for immediate action. Owner maintenance is a general concern which is to be addressed through instructor and inspector education and member notification. **Open**
- 4.13. 509 GW to agree with AL a format for the instructor seminar. Social and Educational. RG There has been less interest for a social event than envisaged, but sufficient to hold an event. AL to find location and TC will develop seminar programme. BD is concerned with student's understanding of their own aircraft as demonstrated in his conduct of the ground oral exam. BD asked that this be covered in the seminar. BD to advise RG of specifics. **Action with RG. Open**
- 4.14. 510 RH to talk with AL regarding making a BMAA promotional video as raised in her report. RH has spoken with AL but not agreed anything. Delayed until LAA merger decision resolved. **Open**
- 4.15. 515 JW New Horizons To discuss PR opportunities for the Benenden build with the school. RG queried whether there was room at the school to fly in to promote the New Horizons project. JW will look into the possibility. JW has been invited to Benenden to look at possible landing areas. **Open**

- 4.16. 516 *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** Both parts of this action completed. **Closed***
- 4.17. 517 *GW to ask for possible timescale for Brewster legacy. The second and final payment is subject to the sale of a house which is taking longer than anticipated due to associated planning applications. **Closed***
- 4.18. 518 *GW To ask the bookkeeper to produce a combined prior and budget report for the Treasurer's report. Completed. **Closed***
- 4.19. 519 *GW to see if there were still any BMAA members from the first year [1979]. **Open***
- 4.20. 520 *GW Discuss expanded social media with AL. **Open***
- 4.21. 521 *RH To discuss appointment of President and Vice Presidents in a merged association. This forms part of the BMAA/LAA discussions which are still ongoing. **Open***
- 4.22. 522 *GW 11/11/2019 To update the website with copies of Council Minutes. Completed. **Closed***

5. **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- 5.1. TB There will be a UK team for World Microlight Championships in Czech Republic. Owain Jones and Colin Johnson are leading. GW to review the BMAA funding for UK team entry fees. **Action 523 GW.**
- 5.2. DL *Microlight Flying* Mike Morris has taken on advertising manager role. Seems to be a good start in terms of relationship with MF editorial and production staff. Slow start to advertising so far with changes to policy. We expect a few lean months. Push to revise ads and include digital media.
- 5.3. RH FAI report. The FAI General Conference adopted changes proposed to address finance. Concentrating on providing back up for sports. Has made changes in staff for better control of finance and activities.
- 5.4. RH CIMA meeting report. There is a general acceptance of 600 kg throughout Europe and so competition tasks are being revised so that 600 kg aircraft can compete.
- 5.5. RH There may be a UK hosted 2021 European Paramotor Championship. No request for BMAA involvement has been received.
- 5.6. RH BMAA Forum. The current platform is an old version which doesn't allow the control needed. Requested approval to update to latest version. Agreed.
- 5.7. RH The RAeC January meeting will review award nominations. Ted Barrett and Ben Ashman have been nominated by BMAA.
- 5.8. RH The latest RAeC Newsletter is again a very lengthy publication. It is considered too long and poorly edited. This will be discussed at the next RAeC meeting.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- 6.1. The Treasurer gave a brief report on the current financial position. He highlighted the benefit of reporting against a budget which allows better understanding.
- 6.2. GW no expected additional significant expenditure.

7. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

- 7.1. The written report was reviewed.

8. **CTO Report**

- 8.1. TB Reports. Suggested that key staff be invited to attend Council meetings either formally or informally to create a more open relationship between them and the Council. GW to offer to staff for opinion. **Action 524 GW**

9. **CI REPORT**

- 9.1. The written report was reviewed.

10. **SO REPORT**

- 10.1. Reviewed

11. **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- 11.1. Report reviewed with no comments.

12. **PUBLICITY AND MARKETING REPORT**

- 12.1. Written report reviewed.
- 12.2. GW to clarify with Amanda Lord [AL] which shows were to be visited and ask for the inclusion of County Shows where possible. AL to develop budget and decide upon shows/events to go to. GW to ensure that promotion and marketing priorities are clear for 2020 period. **Action 525 GW**
- 12.3. TB Suggested that Council members to be invited to Instructor seminar.

13. **NEW HORIZONS REPORT**

- 13.1. JW Benenden has started the build in conjunction with the local boy's school. JW intends to visit and see if there is room for a visiting microlight to land.
- 13.2. GW Reported on Aston and Rugby progress. Aston going ahead with help from four enthusiasts from Cosford and oversight from Kim Taylor. Rugby, GW has been in contact and will arrange a visit to check progress.

14. **BMAA/LAA MERGER TALKS**

- 14.1. RH updated members on progress so far. The joint working group had met several times and come to some agreements on the future joint association structure and working principles. Following a recent letter from LAA there is an apparent “back step” on some “agreed” matters. These to be reviewed. Role of Presidents, Membership categories, Articles of Association, Magazine. Certain deadlines towards a BMAA members’ vote in May have been missed which will probably lead to a delay. Employee roles largely agreed by the WG. BMAA staff salaries and contracts to be reviewed with assistance from our employment advisors. Service level agreements completed.
- 14.2. There followed a wide ranging general discussion. WG to respond to letter from LAA stating the BMAA position. **Action 526 RH**

15. **BMAA AWARDS**

- 15.1. Nominations received for BMAA Awards were reviewed and agreed as follows:
- Brian Cosgrove - James Clewer
Keith Negal Trophy - Allan Gilruth
Patricia Anne Trophy - Ruth Devlin. GW to request further citation details for this award.
Thanks Certificate – To all non-winning nominees **Action 527 GW**

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 16.1. None

17. **DATE/TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

All start at 0930

23	March	2020
2	May	2020
11	May	2020
13	July	2020
21	September	2020
7	December	2020
1	February	2021
12	April	2021