

3rd MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2020

Thursday 16 April 2020
By GoToMeeting, 1000 hrs



MINUTES

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1. Bill Davies BD (Poor internet connection)
- 1.2. Frank Thompson FT (Poor internet connection)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (2 April 2020)

- 2.1. Approved

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (2 April 2020)

- 3.1. None

4. ACTION LIST (those considered requiring immediate attention only)

- 4.1. 529 DL *To assess options to offer a digital only MF option to members to reduce costs.* DL had discussed with the editorial staff and felt that there was a potential to increase print run costs which would negate any saving. DL also questioned whether this is a good time to possibly reduce contact with the membership. Members of the Council agreed that maintaining good communication at this time is important.

DL had also spoken with Mike Morris (MM) who had advised that advertising income may drop if less hard copies were produced as a result of offering .pdf copies which are seen by advertisers as less attractive.

JW made the point that there would be a cost saving by reducing the number of copies posted to members who choose not to receive hard copies.

It was agreed that there needed to be further understanding of the possible savings and a .pdf version as an alternative to hard copy could be an option for the future. No further action at this time. **Closed.**

- 4.2. 537 GW *To ask if it would be possible to extend the BMAA SSDR as the May event at Popham has been cancelled.* GW reported that Enstone could host a larger event in July. **Closed.** RH reported that Mike Pearson (MP) was keen to hold an event at Popham after lock down. RG suggested that the event should be 60 to 90 days after lock down rather than the 30 that MP has suggested. RH to pass this comment on to MP. **Action 539 RH**

There was general discussion on when and where the BMAA AGM might be held. No firm decision can be made at this time due to the current health situation, but it should be communicated to the membership that options are being considered.

- 4.3. 538 GW *To post Frank Thompson's Certificate of Thanks*. This has been done and FT has received the Certificate. **Completed. Closed.**

5. CE REPORT

- 5.1. Staff have responded well to furlough and kept in touch daily through a WhatsApp group. Karen Judd visits the office on most days to handle postal needs and is doing a great job holding the fort and processing permit/licence/membership applications. GW is continuing to assist with day-to-day work and representation.
- 5.2. Licence extensions have been granted by the CAA and notice of these has been published to BMAA members. A number of other extensions are still outstanding and being sought. An extension to Permit validity is unlikely but GW is to discuss with CAA following this meeting.
- 5.3. GW has asked CAA for a progress report on both the 600kg and remunerated training in amateur built aircraft consultations.

6. FINANCES

- 6.1. GW had prepared an updated financial forecast for months April to June which included the affect of furlough and planned CE reduced working days on costs. A financial report to end of Month 7, March 2020, was also reviewed in the report. Other cost savings were also considered although their actual contribution to saving is not quantifiable as yet.

Prior to the effect of coronavirus on normal working the actual annual results were very close to budget to break even over the year.

- 6.2. GW has applied for the £10,000 grant available to small businesses affected by the current financial climate.

7. DONM

- 7.1. 05/05/2020 1030 by GoToMeeting

END 1100 hrs