

MINUTES OF 2ND BMAA COUNCIL MEETING 2020

Thursday 2 April 2020 1300hrs

Held remotely via GoToMeeting online conferencing

PRESENT

Rob Hughes	Chairman
Richard Bisiker	
Tim Burrow	Vice Chairman
Rob Grimwood	
Derek Lamb	Treasurer
John Waite	
Geoff Weighell	Chief Executive

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1. Bill Davis (No suitable internet connection)
- Frank Thompson (No suitable internet connection)

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

- 2.1. Accepted

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

- 3.1. None

4. ACTION LIST

- 4.1. 464 GW push notifications of News items from website. Started and ongoing.
- 4.2. 465 GW Awards background on the website. No further progress.
- 4.3. 478 RG Check flying video. Rob Mott has taken some images to see how the video may be made, RG hasn't done any filming yet.
- 4.4. 480 GW Database membership cards. This has now started.
- 4.5. 489 GW Ask CAA for assistance in obtaining IP to support members' aircraft when there is no manufacturer. GW has chased but no further news.
- 4.6. 490 GW Proposing review of current A8-1 process to benefit manufacturers. With CAA.
- 4.7. 494 GW To publish 2019 Member Survey. Completed Closed. Council to read with a view to using members' comments in future strategy planning **Action 528 All Council members.**
- 4.8. 501 GW Banner towing General Exemption. With CAA. Individual Exemption issued for Bill Davis.
- 4.9. 505 TB To invite gyro pilots to enter Open Series and update calendar on the BMAA website. Completed. Closed.
- 4.10. 508 GW Poor individual inspector standards. No individual inspectors had been assessed as a direct result of this item as yet. However, two senior inspector seminars had been run to emphasise the need for audit standardisation. Two further inspector seminars were run in early March 2020 to enforce the message of standardisation and working within the BMAA

inspector framework. Two further seminars have been postponed but will be held later in the year to ensure that all inspectors are given the same message.

- 4.11. 509 RG Instructor seminar 2020. Due to coronavirus postponed until November 2020. Content to be distributed by John Teesdale to instructors with a forthcoming newsletter.
- 4.12. 510 RH To discuss promotional video with Amanda Lord. No further action.
- 4.13. 514 TB Update competition website. Completed. Closed.
- 4.14. 515 JW To find out if there is sufficient room to fly into Benenden for New Horizons promotion. There is. Closed.
- 4.15. 519 GW To see if there were any first year of BMAA members still as members. Ongoing. Open.
- 4.16. 520 GW To discuss expanding social media presence with Amanda Lord. Open
- 4.17. 521 RH To discuss Presidents and Vice Presidents with LAA. This was done before LAA withdrew from talks. Closed.
- 4.18. 523 GW Review BMAA contributions for entry fees. Open. CIMA have not cancelled 2020 comps yet.
- 4.19. 524 GW to invite key staff to present their report at Council meetings. Open
- 4.20. 525 GW To clarify event programme with Amanda Lord. This was underway but now many shows have been cancelled due to corona virus so will have to be revisited when all clear.
- 4.21. 526 RH Respond to letter from LAA. Completed ahead of LAA withdrawing from talks. Closed.
- 4.22. 527 GW to request further details of support for the Patricia Anne award for 2019 nomination from proposer. Nothing received so Certificate of Merit awarded instead. Closed.

5. MEMBER'S REPORTS

- 5.1. RG Asked which pilot licence extensions had been requested by BMAA in light of problems caused by corona virus. GW had asked for the following extensions:

An extension to the validity of a certificate for pilots who have not been able to have a flight with an instructor to maintain the privileges of the NPPL by experience.

An extension to the instructor certificate for instructors whose revalidation test falls before the end of June 2020

An extension to the validity of student pilots' exams which may otherwise lapse before the end of June 2020

An extension to the C of V of an aircraft unable to have an inspection before the end of June 2020.

CAA has indicated that pilot extensions would be published within days. There was no detail available. Permit extensions would be pursued if not in the expected response.

- 5.2. DL It is important that publications are maintained as an important conduit with the membership at this difficult time. Costs should be reduced where possible. The meeting discussed the possibility of offering members a .pdf option of *MF* to save postage fees. This would be looked into by DL as a possibility. **Action 529 DL**
- 5.3. May issue of *MF* is full with lots of articles submitted by members. A further email will be sent to members asking for more contributions. **Action 529 GW**

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1. DL had submitted a report ahead of the planned March meeting. GW had provided a position statement which showed the loss of expected income if no flying took place to allow for Permit renewals and NPPL applications over the three months April to June 2020. These were reviewed and the Council took the decision to place all members of staff on furlough, in order to save costs and take advantage of the Government offer, from 6 April for three weeks except GW and one other to manage membership and other tasks still needing attention. GW might work reduced hours if still possible to run the BMAA on that basis. GW tasked with furlough measures. **Action 531 GW**
- 6.2. The Council will meet again on the 16 April to review the situation with the aim of returning staff to work as soon as the UK lock down allowed further flying.
- 6.3. Other measures to reduce costs to protect BMAA's future activity include all Amanda Lord's activity suspended. John Teesdale tasked with completing two tasks and then no further activity until recalled.
- 6.4. RG The Bursary will be held back until funding is clear, although initial selection will go ahead.
- 6.5. DL BMAA should be looking for cost cutting measures where possible. GW to review all costs and stop where possible. All agreed. **Action 532 GW**
- 6.6. Communicate to members actions taken. To protect BMAA for the future long-term health. **Action 533 GW**
- 6.7. DL Reserves in stock Build a Plane projects. JW expected the Benenden aircraft to be completed next summer at soonest. Possibilities for completing the other aircraft were discussed including bringing the work in-house to bring forward completion.
- 7. CE REPORT**
- 7.1. Submitted ahead of the meeting and discussed.
- 8. CTO REPORT**
- 8.1. RG queried, on behalf of Paul Dewhurst, apparent delays in processing an application for the latest Flylight Demonstrator. GW will ask CTO for details. **Action 534 GW**
- 9. CI REPORT**
- 9.1. Submitted ahead of the meeting and discussed.
- 10. JT REPORT**
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- 11. ADMIN REPORT**
- 11.1. Submitted ahead of the meeting and discussed.
- 11.2. AL wants greater communication. JW will help out with comms.
- 12. BMAA ACTIVITIES**
- 12.1. Submitted ahead of the meeting and discussed.
- 13. PROMOTION**
- 13.1. Submitted ahead of the meeting and discussed.
- 14. NEW HORIZONS**

14.1. Covered in earlier discussion.

15. BMAA/LAA TALKS

15.1. LAA magazine cites BMAA as not agreeing internally and therefore talks stopping. RH has written an MF article giving BMAA record of events.

16. DONATIONS.

16.1. GAAC and GASCo amounts agreed as proposed but payment deferred at this time.

17. BMAA MEMBER SURVEY REQUEST

17.1. Survey published see earlier Action 528

18. AOB

18.1. The AGM has been postponed. It can be held any time within 2020 to comply with the Articles of Association. Possibly a delayed Popham or SSDR event.

18.2. The proposals for accepting the accounts, appointing the auditor and increasing fees have been included with the 2020 Council Election ballot paper. Fees; consider response to fee proposal.

18.3. TB suggested that extending the Monthly DD option to existing members may encourage renewals at a difficult time. GW to see if this is possible. **Action 535 GW**

18.4. RG suggested that the BMAA host an event to replace Popham for members to look forward to. Possible to liaise with Popham to host? RH to follow up with Mike Pearson. **Action 536 RH**

18.5. GW suggested that an extended SSDR at Enstone might be possible if Popham not available. GW to ask. **Action 537 GW.**

18.6. It was agreed to post Frank Thompson's Certificate of Thanks rather than wait until he may attend another meeting. **Action 538 GW**

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

19.1. 16/04/2020 1000 by GoTOMeeting.

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