

4th MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2020

Monday 11 May 2020
By GoToMeeting, 1300 hrs



MINUTES

PRESENT

Rob Hughes	RH Chairman
Richard Bisiker	RB
Tim Burrow	TB Vice Chairman
Bill Davis	BD
Rob Grimwood	RG
Eddie McCallum	EM
John Waite	JW
Geoff Weighell	GW Chief Executive

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1. Derek Lamb DL Treasurer

2. BMAA COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS AND CO-OPTION OF EDDIE MCCALLUM TO THE BOARD

2.1. GW confirmed the result of the Council election re-electing Rob Hughes and Electing Eddie McCallum. The Chairman confirmed that Frank Thompson had resigned from the Board asked the Council to approve EM as a co-opted member until the AGM. This was agreed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (16 April 2020)

3.1. Approved

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (16 April 2020)

4.1. None not covered by agenda items.

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

- 5.1. 464 GW *Look into enabling push notifications of news from the website to members.* **No progress.**
- 5.2. 465 GW *To expand information on website relating to the history of the BMAA awards and how to make a nomination.* **No progress.**
- 5.3. 478 RG *Check Flying Video.* **No progress. RG will try to get some footage later in the week if allowed to fly.**
- 5.4. 480 GW *To investigate how the database might generate electronic membership cards.* **The company hosting the database had quoted over £800 to provide the necessary information for this to progress. GW had stopped project until the cost could be reduced. Open**
- 5.5. 489 /490 GW *A8-1 review.* **GW has discussed with the GA Unit at CAA and this was now being progressed. GW has asked for a fundamental review of the airworthiness requirements for the UK as part of the work. Open.**
- 5.6. 501 GW *Banner towing General Exemption.* **GW has raised with the CAA and this is now being reviewed within the CAA GA Unit.**
- 5.7. 508 *Unairworthy aircraft.* **No individual contact or onsite audits have been made. Inspector seminars and an inspector notice had been used to highlight the need for**

diligence and a uniform approach to inspecting. RB suggested that video conferencing might be used in future for communication with the inspectorate.

- 5.8. 509 RG *Instructor Seminar*. **No further action.**
- 5.9. 510 RH *Promotional videos*. **No further action.**
- 5.10. 519 GW *BMAA First year members*. **No further action.**
- 5.11. 520 GW *Expanded use of social media*. **No further action.**
- 5.12. 523 GW *Review funding for British teams*. **No further action.**
- 5.13. 524 GW *Key staff to be invited to present at meetings*. **No further action.**
- 5.14. 525 GW *Planning events for 2020*. **No further action.**
- 5.15. 528 All. *To read BMAA member survey ahead of a Strategy Review*. **Open.**
- 5.16. 530 GW *To ask members for MF contributions*. **Closed.**
- 5.17. 531 GW *To arrange furlough for staff*. **Completed. Closed.**
- 5.18. 532 GW *To review all costs with a view to reducing*. **Open.**
- 5.19. 533 GW *To advise members of furlough measures*. **Completed. Closed.**
- 5.20. 534 GW *To look into Flylight complaint of delay responding to an application*. **GW had done so. Part of cause was staff holidays. Closed.**
- 5.21. 535 GW *to look into the possibility of member renewals by Direct Debit being offered on a monthly basis*. **Open.**
- 5.22. 536 & 539. RH **Popham plan to run an event supported by, but not co-organised by, the BMAA after lockdown. They consider 30 days after a suitable period.**
- 5.23. 537 GW *to ask if Enstone could cater for an expanded SSDR*. **GW confirmed that subject to the airfield being open it could cater for greater numbers than normal.**

6. MEMBER'S REPORTS

- 6.1. RH reported that he and GW had taken part in an online meeting of the Royal Aero Club. There had been an exchange of views on how the various associations were reacting to the Covid-19 restrictions.
- 6.2. RH It has been suggested but not yet confirmed that the 2020 World Microlight Championships will be postponed until 2021.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 7.1. Derek Lamb was unable to join the meeting following the recent death of his mother. The members of the Council wish to pass on their condolences at this difficult time.
- 7.2. GW confirmed the result of the members' vote to accept the 2018-2019 Accounts and appoint Ellacotts as auditors for 2019-2020. The accounts for 2018-2019 would be forwarded to Companies house by Ellacotts.
- 7.3. Ahead of the meeting DL had emailed a report which had been read by the members. GW has also provided an activity report valid to end of April 2020. The report showed that there had been a slight reduction in membership renewals, although because these are often delayed exact numbers are yet to be confirmed. There had been a significant reduction in the number of NPPL and Permit revalidation renewals as had been expected.

8. CE REPORT

- 8.1. GW had submitted a report and briefly went through those parts not already discussed. There had been a meeting with CAA and DfT to discuss plans for preparing pilots for returning to flying following a long lay-off. Although the PM had indicated within his speech the previous evening that there is to be a relaxation on movement and some sporting activity it is not clear whether this will apply to recreational flying. GW will review further information that is expected and publish guidance for members to decide whether they choose to fly or not if there is any change in guidance. The BMAA is keen that pilots resume flying when possible.

9. NEW HORIZONS

- 9.1. The Rugby project is on hold due to lockdown. Aston have said they want to move the build out of the school to allow for more space for classes. They have suggested moving to Cosford where the volunteers helping the construction can continue to help the school students when lockdown allows. GW has concerns that this will lengthen the time that the project takes to complete and is looking for alternatives.

10. AOB

- 10.1. RH had received a letter from a member complaining about the way the LAA merger talks had been handled. GW had responded. RH would copy the letter and his own response to the Council.
- 10.2. RH asked for views on further response to the LAA public comments regarding the breakdown in talks. The general opinion was that there is nothing to be gained by issuing further comment.
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- 11.1. 02/06/2020 0930 by GoToMeeting

END 1235hrs