

1st MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2021

Monday 11 January 2021

By Zoom, 0937 hrs

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1. None

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

2.1. RB Proposed BD Second. Approved

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

3.1. None not covered by agenda items.

4. BMAA POSTS AND COMMITTEES

4.1. BMAA Posts, Roles and Committees were agreed.

5. ACTION LIST

5.1. 464 GW Look into enabling push notifications of news from the website to members. Due to complete 20/01/21 **Open**.

5.2. 478 RG Check Flying Video. Completed and posted on BMAA YouTube Channel. 1100 views on Flexwing version. Discussed query responses. Agreed a benefit in responding to comments. Suggested that Rob Mott / Roger Patrick be asked to respond to technical comments. **Closed**.

5.3. 501 GW Engage with CAA to obtain a General Exemption for banner towing with a microlight. No further action. Await CAA to progress. **Open**.

5.4. 510 RH to talk with AL regarding making a BMAA promotional video as raised in her report. No further contact. Promotion and Marketing SC to review BMAA Approach to PR Strategy. To meet following this Council meeting. **Action 547 Promotion and Marketing SC**.

5.5. 537 RH To obtain Forum page access information so as to judge value of retaining the Forum history.

RH No response to request for last backup, RH will ask again. **Open**. To keep historic information would require some form of system to host which brings with it the same requirements for moderation and associated costs. GDPR must be considered to ensure that

regulations are not broken. JW to look into how the existing forum content can be made useable and linked to the BMAA website. **Action 553 RH and JW.**

- 5.6. 540 GW *To appeal against the decision of Cherwell District Council not to award a Business Grant.* The sum of £25,000 has been received from CDC into the bank on 25/09/2020. **Closed.**
- 5.7. 542 GW *lead a promotion of the BMAA's talents with respect to airworthiness ability and create a reach-out plan to make the most of the 600 Kg changes.* A promotional leaflet has been generated, to be finalised. Agreed to promote the BMAA's ability and readiness to handle new 600kg projects. Leaflet content to be form the basis of an MF article and make the leaflet available to BMAA members through the website and eMF. **Closed**
The meeting discussed the potential financial and labour effects on BMAA Technical Office and response time. DL reiterated the need to plan for BMAA capacity of 600kg and determine likely demand and ability to handle. **Action 554 GW** to lead by collating known projects and resources to progress with DL, JW, RH, EMc Due date 20/01/21.
- 5.8. 546 TB *To ask Graham Slater of Pegasus Sport Aviation Ltd if Mainair aircraft were still supported following the demise of P&M.* **Closed**
- 5.9. 547 Promotion and Marketing SC AGM *Promotion and Marketing SC to review BMAA Approach to PR Strategy.* TB, JW, GW To meet soonest and review to include planning for 2021. **Open**
- 5.10. 548 GW *to ask members for views and experiences which may be suitable for inclusion in MF.* **Closed**
- 5.11. 549 RH *to relay to SS of the LAA that the BMAA could be open to future merger talks but that the LAA must demonstrate a change in approach without influence from non-Board members to make it worthwhile starting.* **Completed Closed.**
- 5.12. 550 GW *Include the number of winners of each Wings Award on the website.* **Closed**
- 5.13. 551 GW *New Horizons, Rugby. Suggest to build leader that the aircraft is sold if it cannot be completed soon.* **Planned to complete end January. Closed.**
- 5.14. 552 GW *To respond and reject the suggestion that the BMAA actively becomes involved with FLM training and membership.* **Completed Closed.**

6. MEMBER'S REPORTS

- 6.1. RH Talk online with Cheshire flyers.
- 6.2. RH FAI activity, General Conference new President and Board member from UK.
- 6.3. RH RAeC Rodney Blois died in January 2021
- 6.4. RH Has given a talk at the Severn Valley MC
- 6.5. RH Popham keen to have AGM in May 2021. Plans for STOL competition during the Trade Fair and has asked for BMAA support.

7. TREASURER'SREPORT

- 7.1. DL Report based upon November financials was reviewed. Close to budget. Effect of current lockdown not yet known. Advertising costs include an agreed bonus for raising advertising

income. Will consider the same bonus for next year based upon an increased target.
Increased copy and advertising make MF attractive and sends a good message to members.

- 7.2. Consider potential for furlough if lockdown has significant effect on income. GW to continue to review.

8. **CE report**

- 8.1. The
8.2. GW Appraisal to be conducted at some point.

9. **CTO REPORT**

- 9.1. The written report was reviewed.

10. **CI REPORT**

- 10.1. The written report was reviewed.

11. **TL&SO REPORT**

- 11.1. The written report was reviewed.
11.2. A comment from member Mr Courtney Chambers suggested that the BMAA were not actively supporting him as a student pilot whose exams were expiring due to Covid-19 restricting training. GW explained that he had asked CAA to extend original extensions, which they would not do, and create new extensions for other students whose exams were due to expire.
11.3. RB asked how numbers awarded through the Wings scheme is progressing. The numbers are recorded on the website and new awards reported in MF.

12. **ADMIN REPORT**

- 12.1. The written report was reviewed.

13. **NEW HORIZONS**

- 13.1. JW No new news from Benenden, but continuing the build as best they can with Covid restrictions.

14. **BMAA AWARDS 2020**

- 14.1. Nominations for BMAA Awards were reviewed and the following were agreed.

Brian Cosgrove Award	John Hunt
BMAA Certificate of Thanks	Lawrence Bell
Technical Award	Hylton Reid Awarded by the Technical Office
Photographic award	Balázs Michnay Awarded by the Editorial Team

- 14.2. Council to revise award eligibility, criteria and description. **Action 555 RG, EMc, RH, TB. GW.**

15. **AOB**

- 15.1. RH Has been asked if there a database of people willing to give talks. None at the moment but will open a webpage list. RB add PR link. **Action 556 RH Generate list.**
15.2. RB Election period listing. BMAA Maximum term of membership agreement to be discussed at the next Council meeting.
15.3. MF Article Calendar. RH to update. Members to select month option.
15.4. RG Questioned whether a physical AGM is necessary following success of 2020 online event. It was agreed to change the format planned for May1 to a Members' Q&A session with the an

Award Ceremony and hold a virtual AGM on 8 May. GW to notify members. **Action 557 GW.**

16. **DONM**

8/3/21	Virtual 0930
26/4/21	Virtual 0930
Pre AGM 1/5/21	Popham
Remote AGM 8/5/21	Virtual 1000
5/7/21	Virtual 0930

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