

2nd MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2021

Monday 8 March 2021

By Zoom, 0935 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 (January 2021)

2.1. TB Proposed JW Second. Approved

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (January 2021)

3.1. None not covered by agenda items.

4. ACTION LIST

4.1. 464 GW *Look into enabling push notifications of news from the website to members.* This has been completed. **Closed**

4.2. 501 GW *Engage with CAA to obtain a General Exemption for banner towing with a microlight.* As the CAA intend to charge a fee of £800 and very few, if any, members will benefit it was agreed to close this action. **Closed.**

4.3. 510 RH *to talk with AL regarding making a BMAA promotional video as raised in her report.* This action is on hold.

4.4. 537/ 553 RH *To obtain Forum page access information so as to judge value of retaining the Forum history.* RH had not obtained a recent back-up. JW had searched for his previous copies but these are no longer available. With a copy he could only be able to restore information in a different format with limited search facility. RG suggested asking membership if anyone willing to take on task of formatting information into a usable format. **This action is merged with action 553.**

4.5. *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 This had been completed. **Closed.**

- 4.6. *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. The SC had met and detailed Amanda Lord to undertake a telephone contact of schools focusing on their opinion of BMAA and where the BMAA can help them, also, their view of students joining the BMAA whilst under training.* **Closed**
- 4.7. *553 / merged with 537. JW to look into how the existing forum content can be made useable and linked to the BMAA website.* **Closed**
- 4.8. *554 GW 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* **Completed. Closed**
- 4.9. *555 RG, EMc, RH, TB. GW. Council to revise award eligibility, criteria and description.* **Open**
- 4.10. *556 RH to generate a list of speakers. None at the moment but will open a webpage list. RB add PR link. RH has begun a list. RG suggested Brian Milton. David Bremner – Scout. Competitions.* **Open**
- 4.11. *557 Virtual AGM on 8 May. GW to notify members. Action 557 GW.* **Completed. Closed.**

5. MEMBER'S REPORTS

- 5.1. RG Asked for clarification of DfT guidance for recreational flying. BHPA guidance is that their members can fly. GW has taken advice from the DfT who do not support the BHPA approach. GW to monitor situation and continue to inform members.
- 5.2. RG Instructor bursary. Limit of numbers? DL dependent on financial ability. Need to agree an annual limit for all bursaries. How will the bursary be paid? RG suggested BMAA fund second £2,000 of course fees. Agreed. RG suggested maximum of 3 bursaries for 2021. Agreed unless outstanding candidate. (After meeting note. The bursary will be paid as the second £2,000 of a course fee, the first being paid by the student instructor.)
- 5.3. DL MF. Advertising going well. Merv Middleton no longer writes for MF so looking for additional contributors.
- 5.4. RH RAeC meetings attended. CIMA, WMC2021 scheduled to go ahead 4-14 August Czech Republic hosts. CIMA replacing loggers. FAI intent on turning finances around.
- 5.5. TB Re-engaged Amanda Lord. Asked to directly contact schools and ask how the gap between BMAA and Schools can be filled. Many responses. There has been a very good response from many schools to the contact from the BMAA. Next step to review outcomes and plan for future targeted work.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1. DL Summarised report. Poor income during the start of the year due to Covid restrictions. Expects that income will recover and final year results will be close to budget. Has included balance sheet in the report for information.

7. CE report

- 7.1. Report reviewed
- 7.2. GW explained that there had been problems following the CAA removing the 2000kg option on the PMD website information and the application form. He had requested that these be reinstated immediately.

8. CTO REPORT

- 8.1. The written report was reviewed.

9. CI REPORT

- 9.1. The written report was reviewed.
- 9.2. RH asked for details of the inspector complaint process after he had been advised that one was to be made. (After meeting note: It turned out that the complaint was not related to an inspector's function as a BMAA Inspector.)
- 9.3. RG asked that reports should be written so that redaction is not needed to protect the individuals or businesses.

RG left the meeting at 1145

10. TL&SO REPORT

- 10.1. The written report was reviewed.
- 10.2. The reference to the Budget within the report was considered and it was agreed that the budget set for 2021 must be kept within.

11. ADMIN REPORT

- 11.1. The written report was reviewed.
- 11.2. Early submission of applications for Permit revalidation advice is being given, and will be repeated, to help avoid potential future delays due to Covid-19 flying restrictions causing backlogs of work.

12. NEW HORIZONS

- 12.1. JW. Rugby completion delayed. Benenden, JW to be advised of progress following their return to school after Covid.

13. AOB

- 13.1. TB Had been asked if the BMAA could lobby insurance providers to give a reduction for schools following poor flying year due to Covid. To ask insurers whether they can reduce premiums for schools due to reduction in business. **Action 557 GW**
- 13.2. RB Asked for confirmation that the BMAA Staff understand GDPR security. GW confirmed this

14. **DONM**

26/4/21	Virtual 0930
Remote AGM 8/5/21	Virtual 1000
5/7/21	Virtual 0930

Close 1205