

3rd MEETING OF THE BMAA COUNCIL 2021

Monday 26 April 2021

By Zoom, 0930 hrs

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1.	Bill Davis	BD
1.2.	Rob Grimwood	RG
1.3.	Eddie McCallum	EM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (March 2021)

2.1. TB Proposed DL Second. Approved

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

3.1. None not covered by agenda items.

4. ACTION LIST

- 4.1. 510 RH to talk with AL regarding making a BMAA promotional video as raised in her report. This action is on hold.
- 4.2. 537/ 553 RH To obtain Forum page access information so as to judge value of retaining the Forum history. No workable solution found to retain the forum content so far. DL suggested that SharePoint may be able to convert database. DL will forward SharePoint details to JW to investigate its use. **Open**
- 4.3. 555 RG, EMc, RH, TB. GW. Council to revise award eligibility, criteria and description. A meeting has been held to discuss. RH to complete actions resulting. **Open**
- 4.4. 556 RH to generate a list of speakers. None at the moment but will open a webpage list. RH add PR link. RH has approached some potential speakers to include in the list. **Open**
- 4.5. 557 GW To ask insurers whether they can reduce premiums for schools due to reduction in business. GW has approached two insurers who recommend that members ask for a rebate at renewal. This has been offered when asked for. GW had written to instructors to advise them and will add to the next newsletter he sends to members. **Closed**

5. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- 5.1. DL *MF* report. Merv Middleton and Paul Kiddell have stopped writing for *MF*; however Geoff Hill has been able to find other writers to assist with copy. There will be a four page extra bumper issue to celebrate return to flying in May.
- 5.2. TB P&M SubC had held a meeting with Amanda Lord (AL) following her report of school contact. The contact targeted BMAA visibility at schools and early student membership. AL has been tasked with developing a BMAA Branding policy and to plan and cost BMAA branded posters for schools aimed to help further engagement with schools and membership awareness. RB suggests poster distribution includes clubs as well as schools. TB suggested this will be dependent on costs. GW had begun a dialogue with Pooley's to develop a BMAA branded starter package including membership. AL to continue to work with Pooley's. The report from schools also included some criticism of website as being too difficult to navigate, although there were no specifics given. AL is able to arrange a free appraisal of website.
- 5.3. TB GW had asked if TB could attend a flexwing event called Troutflex to represent the BMAA. The restricted event aims to bring together accomplished flexwing flyers to discuss the apparent current flexwing decline. JW said that Owain Johns is possibly creating a similar event in the Midlands to discuss concerns among flexwing flyers.
- 5.4. RH Mr Pike, part owner of the flight school at Eshott, had made a complaint against member who he claimed had claimed to represent the BMAA in a legal case involving the airfield. GW and RH had looked into the complaint and found that there were no grounds for the complaint and responded to Mr Pike with that opinion. **Closed.**
- 5.5. RH AGM Q&As Several questions had been submitted ahead of the AGM which RH would ask the chairs of the relevant sub committees to answer.
- 5.6. RH Had attended a Cima meeting.
- 5.7. RH Member G Carwardine had made a complaint against the BMAA and CE regarding Airspace Infringements. S Uzochukwu (SU) had similar concerns about the CAA's AI process. RH and GW have a meeting arranged with SU post this meeting to discuss his concerns.
- 5.8. RH Has put two Instructor Seminar excerpts on YouTube. Mark Bailey has made an excellent tuition video on how to calculate CofG which has also been published on the BMAA YouTube channel.
- 5.9. RH With respect to the questions regarding Strategy being raised by members. TB agreed that the Council should have a more obvious and documented policy with targets and achievements. Discussed and agreed to review strategy and performance.
- 5.10. RH BMAA has received a request from a Mr Cropper for compensation for damaged aircraft following purchase. GW is dealing with the claim.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1. DL Finances looking good for the current year. Expecting recovery of income as flying resumes. Finances are close to budget for a break-even at the year end. The legacy has been

included in income rather than allocated to a particular task. We should consider whether to allocate these funds to a particular use or leave as general income.

- 6.2. DL has received copies of the 2019-2020 Accounts for signature following the results of the pre-AGM ballot.
- 6.3. RB questioned the amounts shown in the accounts for Consultancy fees and Salaries. These were clarified with the Consultancy fees' differential being largely due to reduced activity during lockdown; the increase in salaries due to the employment of an additional engineer following the restructuring of the Technical Office bringing the team back to normal strength.

7. CE report

- 7.1. Report reviewed
- 7.2. GW expressed concern that there seems to be no active recruitment of instructors to gain qualification to conduct instructor courses and eventually progress to become examiners of instructors. GW has written to the panel of examiners to express this concern.
- 7.3. Following a change in IT at the CAA members were finding it extremely difficult to obtain a Pilot Medical Declaration (PMD). Problems have existed since the end of 2020. GW has written to the CAA on several occasions expressing concern and dissatisfaction.

8. CTO REPORT

- 8.1. The written report was reviewed.

9. CI REPORT

- 9.1. The written report was reviewed.

10. TL&SO REPORT

- 10.1. None following retirement due to health issues.

11. ADMIN REPORT

- 11.1. The written report was reviewed.
- 11.2. Membership stats reviewed. Decline in membership 3% over 20/21. Overall increase in membership between 2018 and 2020 171 or 3%.

12. NEW HORIZONS

- 12.1. JW. Benenden School Teams from both schools working on project. Completion may not be within the current school year.

13. AOB

- 13.1. GW Wings Scheme requires development and input. Request members for Wings Team. MF article. Encourage young members to become involved.
- 13.2. RH SSDR in France. Written to FFPLUM to request information whether allowed or not.
- 13.3. RH Term Limits for Council members to be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 13.4. Volare proposal for the BMAA to contribute to the purchase of an airfield for their use considered by Council who decided it is not a good use of members' funds as a National association.

14. **DONM**

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

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