

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ATLANTIC AIRLINES, COVENTRY AIRPORT
THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 2006 at 19.00 hrs

Present

Wally Epton	Chairman
Colin Dodds	Deputy Chairman
Stuart Powney	Secretary
Mike Vaisey	
Russell Mason	
Barry Tempest	
John Broad	VAC Representative
Martin Slater	Classic Jet Operator's Association Representative

Item 1. Apologies

Dennis Neville	
Bill Taylor	
Rick Peacock – Edwards	
Ken Peters	Treasurer
Peter Thorn	
Keith Sissons	
Darrol Stinton	

Wally Epton welcomed Martin Slater to the meeting as representative of The Classic Jet Operator's Association. Wally reminded Council that Martin is a long-standing member of the HAA in his own right, so is doubly welcome.

Item 2. Review minutes of Council Meeting of 25th July 2006

The minutes were reviewed by those present and accepted.

Item 3. Matters arising

New HAA tie – Wally produced a prototype tie for Council to see, and an alternative swatch of cloth. Wally felt that the tie as produced was too dark, and had requested a sample of a lighter cloth, hence the swatch. All agreed that the basic tie background colour in the revised version was very good, but will benefit from a shade or two lighter in the stripe.

Action: Wally to confirm revised background colour, change stripe to slightly later shade of same colour with manufacturer and put ties into production.

Gipsy major engine status – Mike Vaisey was able to advise Council that there is no further movement as yet, but a result is hoped for in favour of not implementing the calendar life on crank shafts. Mike went on to explain that though there has been a second crankshaft failure, neither failure was the result of deterioration in an installed engine.

A discussion followed on the merits of arbitrary prescriptive allocation of calendar lives to engines, and subsequently components such as propellers. Mike added that the CAA is only in formal talks with Deltair, the Type responsible organisation, and De Havilland support. Wally suggested that perhaps HAA should consider making representations to CAA in support of wider consultation on the subject, before making legislative moves. It was decided that this action should be held in reserve until the next moves of the CAA are known.

Action: Mike Vaisey and Wally Epton to monitor the CAA's activity.

Display Authorisations – The Working Group are to progress this item. A discussion followed on the evolution of DAE's from the original concept developed by the HAA, to the current status. Colin Dodds reminded the meeting that there is a DAE's conference next month, so the Working Group needs to meet and make their considerations before then. Conference date to be confirmed.

Action: Wally Epton.

Mode 'S' transponders – Barry Tempest revealed that CAA have received over 3000 responses on their website to the proposed Mode 'S' legislation for G.A. fitment. CAA is apparently considering the responses.

HAA Website – Wally advised that there has unfortunately been no further progress. However, written material has now been gathered together, and requires the final touches to build it into the site.

Action: Wally Epton to monitor progress.

Item 4. Symposium 2006

A proposal was put forward by two members of Council that the Symposium should be postponed until next spring due to the lack of publicity. A discussion ensued on the merits of continuing as planned, or postponing until the spring. Stuart Powney advised that despite the expected entries in events diaries of a number of aviation periodicals not appearing, an assurance has been received from *Today's Pilot* that the Symposium will be promoted in the issue published on the 1st November. In addition, there is still adequate time to promote the Symposium within the ranks of the HAA, to which end the posters and programmes that Stuart had already printed were produced for those present.

Whilst opinion was at first divided in the discussion, Council members were persuaded that it would not be sensible to change this year's planned date. Council were convinced that the efforts being made to gain a good attendance would ensure the Symposium's success and it was agreed that the Symposium should go ahead as planned, on 18th November. Council considered it would be worthwhile discussing the Symposium and AGM events at a later Council Meeting.

With regards to speakers, Colin Dodds unfortunately reported that Nigel Lamb has been unable to confirm his appearance, but Colin would contact John Beattie as an alternative speaker. Colin also agreed to approach a contact at Shell Oil with a view to obtain sponsorship for the event, mainly on the basis that they sponsored the Vimy flight. It was also suggested by Wally that perhaps BAe Systems should be approached, as they too have been involved with the Vimy operations.

Action: Colin Dodds.

Symposium catering – Stuart Powney confirmed the menu, as circulated to Council by e-mail, has been confirmed with Digby Trout at the RAF Museum Hendon.

Publicity – As proposed by Stuart Powney and agreed above.

Sponsorship – As detailed above.

Item 5. The Classic Jet Operator's Association

Wally again welcomed Martin Slater, and invited him to take the floor.

Martin outlined the principal reasons for the formation of the CJOA, especially the CAA's issue of arbitrary calendar life of 10 years on the overhaul requirement for jet engines in ex-military aircraft. De Havilland Aviation was immediately affected, and Mike Collett also felt strongly that this was not a satisfactory path to be forced to follow.

The situation had resulted in a meeting being organised to involve other owners of ex-military classic jet aircraft. Following that first tentative meeting, a further meeting was organised and held at Kemble, which attracted a very good attendance. Good positive comments and proposals were put forward, which resulted in the formation of the Classic Jet Operator's Association.

Martin went on to give an excellent detailed explanation of the organisation, which has been established to pool knowledge, resources and expertise, to form the basis for self-regulation to be set. The next step will be to finalise the form and structure of the Association, and put a formal plan to the CAA.

Wally Epton congratulated Martin for the work already done by the CJOA, and made a formal proposal that Martin be invited to sit on the HAA Council as representative member for the CJOA. This was seconded by Stuart Powney, and agreed by those present. (Rule 6 (1) refers). The co-opting of Martin to Council will require ratifying by the Members at the next AGM in accordance with Rule 6(1).

Those Council members present all agreed that the CJOA would provide a much-needed cohesive representation of owners and operators of Classic jet aircraft.

Item 6. Membership

Ken Peters was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, but had provided a summary of the current status of the membership, which is as follows:

Fully paid up: 102; VP's and honorary members: 14; Those having paid £10.00 only: 5
Total membership therefore stands at 121.

A letter has been received from Desmond Penrose stating his intention not to renew his membership in 2007. Chairman expressed his regret at losing such a valuable member but understood Desmond's reasons for resigning. Council hoped that as the HAA became more active in the areas Desmond was concerned about, and began to produce results on behalf of members, that he might return.

Item 7. HAA Website

This agenda item was covered in Matters arising.

Item 8. HAA council Christmas Dinner

Following the success of last year's Council Christmas Dinner, it was agreed that the occasion should be repeated this year. Those present unanimously agreed that the same venue should be booked as last year.

Action: Ken Peters & Russell Mason to be asked to book tables.

Item 9. Any other business

John Broad – John stood in for Russell Mason at the recent GASCo meeting. John noted that Roger Dunn had attended the GA Alliance meeting on behalf of GASCo. This matter was discussed by Council. There was general agreement in Council that there was probably a conflict of interests with a representative of GASCo lobbying on behalf of the GA Alliance. Members of Council felt that GASCo ought to remain a non-political body.

Action: Wally Epton to discuss the matter further with GASCo .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05. Wally thanked those present for attending.

The date of the next Council meeting is set for Tuesday 12th December at **16.00** at White Waltham.

Wally Epton
Chairman

Stuart Powney
Secretary