

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WEST LONDON AERO CLUB
TUESDAY 16th May 2006 at 18.30 hrs

Present

Wally Epton	Chairman
Colin Dodds	Deputy Chairman
Ken Peters	Treasurer
Russell Mason	
Rick Peacock – Edwards	
Barry Tempest	
John Broad	VAC Representative

Item 1. Apologies

Stuart Powney
Dennis Neville
Keith Sissons
Bill Taylor
Darrol Stinton
Pete Thorn
Mike Vaisey
Sheila Bailey

Item 2. Review of minutes of Council Meeting of 21st February 2006

The minutes were reviewed and the following corrections made

- Item 3. The name should read Tim Juby.
Item 7. Ray Hanna's name is spelt without a second H.

Item 3. Matters arising

The Chairman apologised for the lack of action on some matters, indicating that we were all very busy.

The AGM Minutes were awaited. Desmond Penrose had made an impassioned plea at the AGM that we should earnestly discuss the way ahead for the HAA, suggesting that we should send a mail-shot to all members, written by him if we so required, considering our views alongside the discussions by the CAA and EASA, particularly as some organisations may in future have more self regulation under EASA. He believed we need to find a way of having a greater say in the European scene.

Item 4. Affiliation with other Associations

The Chairman proposed that the HAA should create a closer affiliation with other related organisations. A joint meeting at somewhere like Cranfield in the summer of 06 was suggested. This was seconded by Rick Peacock-Edwards and generally agreed.

Action: As detailed above.

Item 5. Symposium 2006

A review was made of the current speaker position, as follows:

Colin Dodds reported that Peter McMillan, the owner of the Vimy replica would have Mark Rebholz join him to talk about the Trans-Atlantic Flight.
Rick Peacock Edwards would ask Nigel Lamb to speak about the Breitling Fighters.

It was not known if Pete Thorn & Stuart Powney had obtained an answer from John Farley on talking about Test flying. (John Farley later confirmed)

Russell Mason agreed to ask Cdr John Beattie RN Historic Flight if he would give a talk.

A European speaker was to be investigated by Colin Dodds

Action: Colin Dodds, Rick Peacock-Edwards and Russell Mason.

Sponsorship

The Chairman asked for an update on potential sponsors, which was as follows:

Cliff Spink would be asked if Breitling could be pursued again.

Russell mason was asked if he would approach Transair, Rick Peacock-Edwards agreed to ask Tom Blair and the Chairman agreed to ask Gulfstream.

Action: Cliff Spink, Russell Mason, Rick Peacock-Edwards and Wally Epton

Publicity

The meeting agreed that the George Wilder Organisation Plan should be discussed at a separate working group meeting to be arranged by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Action: Wally Epton, Colin Dodds

Keith Sissons was asked to publicise the Symposium through the usual c aviation magazine channels

Action: Keith Sissons

Item 6. HAA Website

The Chairman has had several meetings with the designer of the website, Tim Juby, who indicated that the structure was complete, but some detail needs adding. Links to other sites were also to be agreed. It was agreed that there should be no chat pages as these would be difficult to manage.

Action: Wally Epton

Item 7. Any Other Business

Chairman

The Chairman reminded the meeting that proposed designs for a new HAA tie, based on a propeller or an aircraft silhouette were being considered, but a choice had not yet been made. The cost would be around £9 per tie, and he would make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Ken Peters – Accounts

The current active membership comprised 109 members, and the balance indicated £9,000.

The Chairman agreed to write to 9 members who had not paid their subscriptions. 50 free tickets to Aero Expo 2006 at Wycombe Air Park on 23-25 June were offered to the Association, through Ken Peters.

Ken also reported that he understood that the CAA had accepted that no action should be taken on the overhaul of Gipsy Major engines purely on calendar life. The situation would therefore remain as at present.

Barry Tempest.

Barry reported that the CAA Aircraft Regulation Group is required to report to the Dept for Transport on their recommendations for minimum insurance requirements for light aircraft. He would update the meeting on any further progress, but details can be seen on the DfT website.

He also indicated that Auster owners would in the main wish to keep their aircraft within Annex 2 Rules, so allowing them to fly on Permits, while the Auster Club would like to go to Cs of A. he will keep us informed of developments.

He indicated that the Dept for Transport was currently looking at the EASA areas of competence related to light aircraft operations and licensing, and felt that the HAA might wish to be involved in these discussions.

He then said that he had spoken to the CAA about their not giving details of papers under current discussion in minutes of their meetings, so the CAA agreed to give more detail in future publication of their meeting minutes.

Barry indicated that the European Air Show council had set up an email address for anyone concerned about aviation insurance regulations, so that their voices can be more widely heard. Barry is the HAA contact on the EASC.

Russell Mason

GASCO were due to meet on 25 May at Husbands Bosworth. Russell would report back to council, as the HAA representative if there were points of interest.

He reminded the meeting that a Memorial service for Dizzy Addicot would be held on 18th May at Brooklands.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

The date of the next Council meeting is set for Tuesday 18th July at 18.30 at White Waltham. (The date has subsequently been changed to 25th July).

Wally Epton
Chairman

Stuart Powney
Secretary