

**MINUTES OF
THE MEETING OF THE HAA BOARD
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM, DUXFORD
ON 19 APRIL 2017**

Present:

Rick Peacock-Edwards	President
Wally Epton	Chairman
Barry Tempest	Vice-President
Andy Smith	PR & Newsletter
Allan Vogel	Treasurer
Malcolm Ward	Secretary

1. Introductory Remarks.

The President and Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting. They gratefully acknowledged the generosity of the IWM in making the meeting room available to the HAA for the afternoon.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Richie Piper was unavoidably detained on business and had tendered his apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 18 January were approved.

4. Matters Arising.

The actions from previous council meetings were reviewed. The updated open actions list is attached to these minutes. On the subject of the titles of those Council Members with responsibility for specific aspects of the HAA's forward programme of work, it was agreed that the title "Topic Leader" would be adopted. It was also agreed that the Chairman and Secretary would confirm the list of topics. Action: Chairman and Secretary.

5. Financial Update.

The Treasurer had been unable to attend the recent Annual Meeting, as he had been unavoidably detained overseas on business. The formal approval of the accounts had therefore not been possible. Instead, the Annual Meeting had been adjourned, pending the availability of the final accounts. The Treasurer tabled the accounts and it was agreed that these would be reviewed and countersigned by the Secretary, prior to being circulated to the membership for approval. Action: Secretary. It was also agreed that it was not necessary to physically re-convene the Annual Meeting for the purposes of approving the accounts: an electronic circulation to the membership for approval would meet the intention of the HAA Rules.

The budget for the current financial year was discussed. In view of the successful completion of the website update, within the funds already approved, no major additional expenditure was expected for the website this year. It was agreed that the Board & Council Members should notify the Treasurer of their expected expenditure for the year and that the Treasurer would compile a budget, for approval by the Board. Action: All.

6. SAM Update.

The Chairman presented an update on SAM: a copy is attached to these minutes. The key point was that Progress with SAM had once again been halted by the CAA. The CAA's position was that the regulator has the appetite and willingness to grant a delegation but does not have the resources to

study nor develop the SAM concept at this time. The HAA had verbally offered to support the CAA with consultancy, free of charge. However, it was agreed that a formal, written offer would be only made after the Board had met face-to-face with the members of the SRTF (see Agenda Item 8.) Until then, work on SAM had effectively been suspended.

7. Political Developments.

The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had attended the inaugural meeting of an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for GA. The initial focus of the APPG had been on the urgent need to oppose the redevelopment of GA airfields for housing, but it was encouraging to note the broad political support for wider issues, such as keeping historic aircraft flying. However, given the forthcoming general election, no tangible progress was expected until the new Government had settled in.

8. Strategic Review - Progress Report.

(Secretary's note: this item was taken out of sequence, but is recorded here in the order listed in the agenda.)

The Secretary provided an update on the work of the Strategic Review Task Force (SRTF), copy attached. The SRTF had concluded that there was a need for the HAA, but was unconvinced of the case for pressing ahead with SAM, as currently proposed. The SRTF had asked for clarification of the proposed direction, before undertaking further work. In subsequent discussion, the Board considered that SAM was on the right track, but that progress had been hampered by the lack of buy-in from the historic aircraft community. It was vital to get the community on board and to forge relationships with the key stakeholders. Moreover, it was considered that there was a willingness at management level in the CAA to consider a delegation to the HAA, but that the CAA did not believe that the HAA had the capacity to undertake the scope and depth of work involved. The Board concluded that it would be helpful for a joint meeting of the HAA Board and the SRTF to be held, so that the issues could be discussed face-to-face. It was agreed that the Secretary would seek a mutually convenient date on which to hold such a meeting. Action: Secretary.

9. Review of Regulatory Developments and Issues.

Barry Tempest presented a summary of key regulatory issues that had been raised with the CAA. A copy is attached to these minutes. In subsequent discussion, it was noted that recent symposia for DA holders and FDDs had concentrated on changes to the regulations, to the exclusion of any coverage of safety aspects and human factors. This had been acknowledged and a shift in focus was expected at future events. It was also observed that there had been no substantive consultation at the CAA's GA Partnership Meetings, which over time had degenerated into a series of briefings on internal CAA projects, with no opportunity for the stakeholders from the GA community to engage in genuine dialogue. However, it was acknowledged that the CAA had consulted on its policies, but had done so on a selective and narrow basis. The GA Safety Council did provide a platform for dialogue with the regulator.

10. HAA Trophies

Because of pressure of time, there was no substantive discussion on this item.

11. Website Development.

In the unavoidable absence of the webmaster, there was no discussion on this item.

12. Arrangements for the Symposium.

(Secretary's note: this item was taken out of sequence, but is recorded here in the order listed in the agenda.)

The date of the Symposium had been agreed as Sat 28th October 2017; the venue of the RAF Museum had been booked. It was expected that the usual support from the HAA Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary would be forthcoming. However, with Chris Royle's recent resignation from Council, the central role of Symposium Coordinator was vacant. It was important to fill this role as soon as possible, so that the new Symposium Coordinator could take the lead in setting the theme and securing appropriate speakers. Board members agreed to consider potential candidates for this vital role. Action: All.

Pending the appointment of a Symposium Coordinator, possible themes and speakers were discussed. Barry Tempest offered to speak on his experiences as a display pilot. Additionally, it was agreed that the Chairman would approach George Bacon of the Army Historic Flight and that the Treasurer would contact Mike Beachy-Head of Thunder City. In view of the 2017 Centenary of the establishment of the IWM, it was agreed that the Secretary should write to John Brown, the Duxford

IWM Director, to see if a suitable speaker could be made available. Action: Wally, Allan & Malcolm respectively.

13. Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM).

The Board agreed that the broad initiative of encouraging young people to take an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) was one which the HAA should support. However, it was not easy to stimulate the interest of young people in historic aircraft. One notable exception had been the recent Youth Education & Support (YES) conference at Brooklands, organised by Stuart Luck. Barry Tempest had given a presentation on behalf of the HAA, which had been very well received. The idea was mooted of the HAA setting up a youth section, with reduced membership fees. It was also suggested that the HAA should consider an active programme of youth engagement, along the lines of the EAA Young Eagles initiative. The topic was noted, but no detailed discussion took place, because of pressure of time.

14. Any Other Business. None.

Attachments:

Open Actions List.
Regulatory Matters Update.
SAM Update.
Strategic Review Update.