

Historic Aircraft Association



MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY 8TH April 2020 AT 15:00 HOURS

Participants

Wally Epton	Chairman
Malcolm Ward	Treasurer
Stephen Crocker	Representation
Richie Piper	Webmaster
Andy Smith	PR Officer
Taff Stone	Engineering
Toni Hunter	Membership
Steve Slater	Committee Member
Oliver Wheeldon (latter part)	Ops
Barry Tempest	Vice President
Howard Cook	Trophies
Lawrence Hawthorn	Commercial
Tim Elkins	Secretary

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party/parties**

Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the meeting

Item 1. - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from: Prof Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Adviser) Tim Scorer (Hon. Legal Adviser) and Gerhardt Ekermans (Treasurer Designate)

Item 2. - Minutes of the Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 11th February 2020 via teleconference were approved.

Item 3. – AMFF 2020 Re-arrangement

Following the Covid – 19 enforced postponement of the AMFF due to be held at IWM Duxford on 25th April the Committee discussed the re-arrangement. The HAA Constitution provides that the Annual Meeting be held no later than 15 months after the previous one, but the Hon. Legal Adviser had indicated that due to the present unprecedented circumstances that a delay in excess of this would not be unconscionable.

The Treasurer pointed out that the Association cannot charge members to attend the Annual Meeting, so a suggestion that it be held as part of the Symposium in October would not be feasible as it would not be practical to segregate members, and there would be little incentive for members to attend the Annual Meeting only.

The Chairman reported on a discussion he had had with George Bacon of BADA with whom the Association is in course of forging closer links. George Bacon had suggested holding our Annual Meeting at the Shrivenham display forum. This was felt to be impractical too by several committee members who do attend this event, as the timetable is already packed and it is necessary to obtain security approval in advance. The HAA could however have a stand at Shrivenham and Lawrence Hawthorn volunteered to investigate as he attends Shrivenham.

It was felt that we may have to hold our Annual Meeting independently of BADA for this year.

A “post Covid – 19 launch” was mooted, as a refresher for members and possibly the wider Historic Aircraft community. A return to Old Warden was discussed as a possible venue, as was Phyllis Court at Henley. Andy Smith mentioned Salisbury Hall and the museum, which was felt to be the most attractive option. Andy Smith will sound Salisbury Hall out about availability for the end of November (ideally with a month’s gap after the Symposium)

Should it prove impractical to hold the Annual Meeting before 2021, then the Committee will need to circulate the Accounts and details of members co-opted on to the Committee this year.

Lawrence
Hawthorn

Andy Smith

Item 4. – Symposium 2020 Preparations

The Chairman reported that the Covid – 19 crisis had caused the postponement of other events which had been rescheduled for 24th October ie the date of the HAA Symposium. The summer event at Cranwell in particular now clashes and some of our speakers are obligated to attend. The Secretary had already sounded Hendon out about availability the following Saturday ie 31st October and we can have the venue then. It was agreed that we delay the Symposium by a week to a new date of Saturday 31st October 2020. (Re Trophies see below)

Richie Piper volunteered to check with David Cyster that he can speak on the new date.

The Chairman has already sounded out Michael Fopp and Cliff Spink who can both do 31st October.

Nigel Foster to check with Matthew Jones of Boulton.

Taff Stone will speak again to Andrew Panton who was happy to speak at the Symposium but was unavailable on the original date.

The possibility of approaching the Typhoon Restoration Project was mooted.

Re catering, the Secretary will pursue this with Hendon once the current crisis is ended.

Richie Piper

Nigel Foster
Taff Stone

Secretary

Item 5. – New CEO confirmation of appointment/terms of reference/initial report re the future development of the HAA.

Tim Scorer and Lawrence Hawthorn had raised governance issues and suggested that the appointment of a CEO should be advertised to the wider membership ie inviting a volunteer to work to further the Association one day per week unpaid. Mike Bagshaw had also indicated a desire to see a “needs analysis” undertaken. The Chairman volunteered to draft a note to go to the membership (but see the following)

After some further discussion, the Chairman asked Lawrence Hawthorn if he would map out some heads of terms for consideration to give some guidance and clarity/oversight to the process. Stephen Crocker as the prospective appointee indicated that he had already prepared a written policy which he will send to all and he will in conjunction with Lawrence Hawthorn prepare some mutually agreed guidance.

As raised previously the CEO title is possibly the major sticking point to be addressed.

A wider point was raised concerning Governance generally, not to be confused with the CEO discussion. It was felt by some that the HAA Rules were not always being adhered to in terms of decision making, the Rules make the Committee, collectively, responsible for policy decisions and statements of policy. With the future plans for the HAA the point was made that the decision making and approval processes should follow both the HAA Rules and general principles of good Governance.

Stephen Crocker
Lawrence
Hawthorn

Item 6. – Updates on Routine Business.

6.1 Financial Update

The Treasurer had circulated his report prior to the meeting. The question of the proposed handover of the Treasurer role to the Treasurer Designate, Gerhardt Ekermans was raised and the Secretary apologised for not including this as a separate Agenda item. The new Treasurer was to be appointed at the now postponed Annual Meeting. There is provision of course for members to be co-opted onto the Committee (and the appointment to be confirmed at the next following Annual Meeting of the Association) Due to the current crisis the new bank mandates were held up. The Treasurer suggested that Gerhardt Ekermans be co-opted now and he will work with him in the handover of the financial affairs and banking arrangements of the Association pending the next Annual Meeting. The co-opting of Gerhardt Ekermans was therefore proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Lawrence Hawthorn and unanimously accepted by the Committee members present subject to formal election at the next Annual Meeting.

Malcolm Ward
Gerhardt
Ekermans

6.2 Membership Update

Toni Hunter reported that the current membership stood at 112 members paid up as at 1st April. There was a feeling that some members may be holding off in the current crisis. It was agreed that members not renewed as yet will be sent a reminder and asked to contact the Toni Hunter if they were experiencing hardship.

Toni Hunter

<p><u>6.3 Visits</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><u>6.4 PR and Newsletter</u></p> <p>Andy Smith reported that as ever he is struggling for content. Also the printers are currently closed. Putting the newsletter on the website was mooted but dismissed as the newsletter is one of the prime membership benefits and shouldn't be free on the website and it would be too cumbersome to require members to log in to read it online.</p> <p><u>6.5 Website</u></p> <p>Richie Piper reported "business as usual" Will update the new Symposium date.</p> <p><u>6.6 Trophies</u></p> <p>Howard Cook will in due course canvas for nominations. There was a suggestion that both the Darrol Stinton and Conrod Trophies be both awarded at the Symposium but it was decided that the Darrell Stinton will be awarded only as usual at the Symposium with the Conrod to be awarded at the re-arranged Annual Meeting (see above)</p>	<p>Andy Smith</p> <p>Richie Piper</p> <p>Howard Cook</p>
<p><u>Item 7. - Any Other Business</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had had discussions with George Bacon of BADA around helping members and Historic Aircraft industry members in general in the current crisis with securing financial assistance under the recently announced Government schemes and from the Heritage Lottery Fund (only available if already in receipt of HLF grants it was reported) The Chairman will work with George Bacon to produce something for the website.</p> <p>Oliver Wheeldon reported that currently JetFest is on hold but he hopes to be able to confirm a date in September or October. He will produce a paper on his charity which is currently closed for the website.</p> <p>The next meeting will be by teleconference on 3rd June but the time will be left at 18.30hrs.</p>	<p>Wally Epton</p> <p>Oliver Wheeldon</p>

Wally Epton
Chairman

Tim Elkins
Secretary

The dates for forthcoming events are as follows. All meetings (unless otherwise detailed) start at 18:30. The intention is to alternate face to face meetings with teleconference meetings:-

*Teleconference
Meeting
Teleconference*

*3rd June 2020
2ndnd September 2020
7th October 2020*

*Annual Symposium,
RAF Museum Hendon
Committee Meeting & Christmas Dinner*

*31st October 2020
9th December 2020**

**The December meeting commences at 16:00 and will be followed by the Christmas Dinner.*