

# Historic Aircraft Association



## MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT WHITE WALTHAM AERODROME ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 AT 18:30 HOURS

### Participants

Sir Gerald Howarth	President
Wally Epton	Chairman
Lawrence Hawthorn	Commercial
Stephen Crocker	Representation
Howard Cook	Trophies
Toni Hunter	Membership
Tim Scorer	Hon. Legal Adviser
Andy Smith	PR Officer
Taff Stone	Engineering
Barry Tempest	Vice President
Steve Slater	Committee Member
Malcolm Ward	Treasurer
Oliver Wheeldon	Ops
Andrew Edmondson	Member to be Co-opted
Tim Elkins	Secretary

	<b><u>Action</u></b> <b><u>party/parties</u></b>
<b><u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u></b>	
The Chairman welcomed participants to the meeting in person and via "Zoom"	

<b><u>Item 1. - Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
Apologies for absence had been received from: Nigel Foster (Hon Insurance Adviser: Richie Piper (Webmaster) Allan Vogel (Committee Member) and Prof Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Adviser).	
<b><u>Item 2. - Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u></b>	
2.1. <u>Previous Minutes.</u> The draft minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 via teleconference were approved.	

<p>2.2. <u>Matters Arising</u>. Progress on the open actions is recorded under the relevant agenda item. A point of order was raised by LH reiterating that statements of policy should be agreed by the MC before being disseminated as HAA policy. The Hon Legal Adviser stated that his updating of the Rules covered such issues and it was agreed that this be deferred to the Planning and Strategy meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September for consideration as to how to ensure that any personal statements of policy, however well intentioned, should reflect agreed HAA policy.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 3. – AMFF 2020 Arrangements</u></b></p> <p>The Calling Notice for the Annual Meeting to be held via “Zoom” on 31<sup>st</sup> October has been dispatched by the Secretary. This will be followed up nearer the event with a notice to all Members of the “Zoom” log in and password details, plus the usual Chairmans/Treasurers/Secretaries reports and the Accounts.</p> <p>There is one co-opted Member to be elected at the meeting, Taff Stone, who was proposed by Sir Gerald Howarth and seconded by Lawrence Hawthorn.</p> <p>The question of the quorum was raised, the required attendance being the greater of 10% of the membership or 25 members. The minimum attendance will need to be assured prior to the meeting.</p> <p>A point had been raised about the number of MC members. The current Rules restrict the maximum number to 12, excluding Hon Advisers, and currently there are 14 elected members. It was acknowledged that this was an anomaly and it was agreed to defer to the forthcoming Planning and Strategy meeting for a decision on the future size and composition of the MC.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 4. – Planning and Strategy Day arrangements/agenda.</u></b></p> <p>The Planning and Strategy day will be held at White Waltham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 commencing at noon. The Secretary will prepare an agenda based on suggested ideas made by LH which had been circulated, but all members of the MC were invited to provide their additional ideas to the Secretary. The Hon. Legal Adviser had recently produced a ream of past papers prepared over the last few years which the Secretary will circulate as they may be helpful to new members of the MC.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><b><u>Item 5. – Constitution/Governance Update</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that following the Hon. Legal Advisers circulation of his suggested amendments to the current Rules, that this be deferred to the Planning and Strategy meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Members were urged to contribute their comments on the new draft to the Hon Legal Adviser prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 6. – APPG Proposed Heritage Aircraft Register.</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that following his approach to Robert Fleming after the last MC meeting, that it is clear that RP and John Brown in conjunction with the IWM have appropriated the project and are not reliant on any HAA involvement. LH made the point that this was a core fundamental test for the HAA which should be front and centre of such an exercise or we risk being</p>	

<p>marginalised. We need to press for maximum HAA involvement.</p> <p>Sir Gerald suggested canvassing members who are knowledgeable re historic/vintage aircraft. All that is required basically is the Type/Registration/Location to get a register together. HC made the point that clubs such as the Chipmunk/Tiger Moth club/registers have databases we can readily tap into. SS said that the LAA can identify easily relevant types which are on Permits.</p> <p>SS proposed the establishment of a “Heritage Working Team” to work on a definition of Historic/Vintage aircraft. AS volunteered to assist and it was agreed that SS and AS would lead the coordination of the establishment of a register with AS being the point of contact. Richie Piper as Webmaster will ideally need to be involved as members are best canvassed via the website.</p> <p>Andrew Edmondson indicate he was more than happy to assist.</p> <p>Sir Gerald volunteered to feed input back to the APPG at the next meeting of the Heritage Working Group in November.</p> <p>It was felt that the Association could also boost membership by canvassing operators of the appropriate types.</p> <p>Andrew Edmondson pointed out that in fact the Heritage Aircraft industry was substantial and not a cottage industry. The HAA need to prove/reinforce this via providing it’s own Register to the APPG.</p>	<p>Andrew Smith Steve Slater</p>
<p><b><u>Item 7. – Navy Wings Proposed Liason</u></b></p> <p>LH proposed that as this is a Strategy item that it be postponed to the Planning meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September as it is of tactical and strategic importance to the HAA..The Chairman raised the question of the Army Historic Flight which is in the same parlous state as NW. Sir Gerald clarified that the BBMF and Red Arrows are still centrally funded so are in a different position for the time being. They all however have the same issues with parts and manufacturer liability concerns.</p> <p>Following on from the last meeting, Sir Gerald has been put on to contacts at CASA by Stephen Crocker and has also consulted Tudor Owen who is happy to assist in advising re liability issues and the question of absolving OEM’s. In the US OEM’s are absolved of liability after 18 years.and the HAA need to be proactive in promoting similar legislation.</p> <p>AE volunteered to assist. LH TS and OW are also involved in assisting Navy Wings with similar issues plus their difficulties over funding and “civilian” operations so there is a great deal of common ground to be explored.</p>	<p>Sir Gerald Howarth</p> <p>Lawrence Hawthorn</p> <p>Andrew Edmondson</p>
<p><b><u>Item 8. – Membership Mailing System update/MC BCC mailing decision</u></b></p> <p>TH reported that two members had dropped out since the last meeting for personal/financial reasons. The HAA email system is up and running but is essentially an all encompassing and secure intranet system. All HAA operations and dissemination of information should in future be via the new system. TS will run a tutorial at the Planning meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September for</p>	<p>Toni Hunter</p>

all MC members interested in training.	
<p><b><u>Item 9. – Updates on Routine Business</u></b></p> <p><b><u>9.1 Financial Update</u></b></p> <p>None received due to pressure of time.</p> <p><b><u>9.2 Membership Update</u></b></p> <p>As per 8 above.</p> <p><b><u>9.3. Visits</u></b></p> <p>Steve Slater introduced Susan Stowe (via Zoom) Susan is keen to join the MC as visits co-ordinator and was warmly welcomed. Members of the MC with relevant contacts will pass them on to Susan.</p> <p><b><u>9.4 PR and Newsletter</u></b></p> <p>AS reported that the latest “Bumper 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” Edition of the newsletter was ready to go to print, certainly in time for the Planning meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a 28 page glossy A4 production. Sufficient content has/will be submitted in time. The unit cost with postage will be circa £3.30p but it was felt that in an extraordinary year, with members having received less than normal for their subscriptions, that the cost was justified. An initial print run of 200 copies was approved as it is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the HAA.</p> <p><b><u>9.5 Website.</u></b></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><b><u>9.6 Trophies</u></b></p> <p>HC and AS joined in proposing that the Conrod Trophy be awarded at short notice to The Shuttleworth Collection in recognition of its running of the only airshow of 2020, despite the efforts of the weather to spoil the event. The award was proposed by Sir Gerald and seconded by LH, and the intention will be to present it in October.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 10. – AOB</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	

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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  
Committee Meeting & Christmas Dinner*

*7<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2020\**

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