

# Historic Aircraft Association



## MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 18:30 HOURS

### Participants

Wally Epton	Chairman
Lawrence Hawthorn	Commercial
Toni Hunter	Membership
Tim Scorer	Hon. Legal Adviser
Andy Smith	PR Officer
Taff Stone	Engineering
Steve Slater	Committee Member
Oliver Wheeldon	Ops
Allan Vogel	Committee Member
Gerhardt Ekermans	Treasurer elect
Andrew Edmondson	Member to be Co-opted
Tim Elkins	Secretary

	<u>Action party/parties</u>
<p><b><u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed participants to the meeting and requested that a two minute silence be held in memory of the late Colin Dodds, who had contributed so much to the Association, which duly ensued.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded members of the Confidentiality Agreement to which MC meetings are subject and copies will be provided to newer members.</p>	

<p><b><u>Item 1. - Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from: Nigel Foster (Hon Insurance Adviser: Richie Piper (Webmaster) Malcolm Ward (Treasurer) Howard Cook (Trophies) and Prof Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Adviser).</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 2. - Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>2.1. <u>Previous Minutes.</u> The draft minutes of the meeting of the Management</p>	

<p>Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 were approved.</p> <p>2.2. <u>Matters Arising.</u>  Steve Slater reminded the meeting that Sue Stowe had been co-opted at the last meeting as Visits Co-ordinator, but hadn't been notified of this meeting. The Secretary apologised as this was his oversight and he would contact Sue after the meeting and add her to the distribution list (<i>post meeting note – done</i>) To formalise, Sue Stowe was proposed for the post by Taff Stone and seconded by Steve Slater. Lawrence Hawthorn and Gerhardt Ekermans felt that the composition of the MC should be the subject of the planned but postponed Planning and Strategy Meeting (where it was to be an agenda item) but the appointment was carried when put to a vote.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 3. – Annual Meeting 2020 Arrangements</u></b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that he would be dispatching the Agenda to all members shortly with the various reports and the log in details for the remote meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><b><u>Item 4. – Planning and Strategy Day arrangements/agenda.</u></b></p> <p>Following the postponement of the planned meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 due to current restrictions, Lawrence Hawthorn offered to lead and co-ordinate a remote meeting. While this is not the most desirable forum it is the only realistic alternative in the foreseeable future. LH proposed that the MC be split in to two “teams” of six who would hold independent Zoom meetings with a leader from each team to subsequently present to the whole MC. It was agreed after a short discussion that the Chairman and LH would each lead a team and Tim Scorer volunteered to be responsible for nominating the composition of each team. LH will work up an agenda of topics for each team and will collate the various papers which have been circulated. It is likely that the “team” meetings will be held in November.</p>	<p>Chairman  Lawrence Hawthorn  Tim Scorer</p>
<p><b><u>Item 5. – Constitution/Governance Update</u></b></p> <p>This item was also a subject for the postponed Planning and Strategy meeting and will be considered remotely in accordance with Item 4.  Tim Scorer has started work but is awaiting feedback on his proposed revisions to the Rules of the Association. It will not be possible to deal with the adoption of the proposed new Rules or any Governance matters at the forthcoming AGM due to time constraints.</p>	<p>Tim Scorer</p>
<p><b><u>Item 6. – APPG Proposed Heritage Aircraft Register.</u></b></p> <p>Following the last meeting, Andrew Smith and Steve Slater have been working on the compiling of an initial list which was circulated before the meeting to the MC. They hope that this can be developed to generate positive</p>	<p>Chairman  Andrew Smith</p>

<p>PR for the HAA.</p> <p>While it is very much a work in progress, AS and SS proposed that the list be shared at an early stage with the APPG and not treated as being exclusive to the HAA. We should invite comments from the industry at large on the draft.</p> <p>The APPG Heritage Working Group is meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October and will be attended by the Chairman, Steve Slater and Oliver Wheeldon. They will seek to have the HAA list added to the agenda for discussion.</p> <p>The HAA's speciality is flying aircraft as opposed to museum pieces and accordingly we need to be informing the thinking of the APPG and IWM.</p> <p>It was also felt that trying to gain a wider audience at an early stage via social media, and articles in "The Aeroplane" via Steve Slater's regular column and outlets such as "Flypast" would prove beneficial.</p> <p>It was further agreed that a press release of our "Top 10" aircraft would be prepared so the existence of the HAA initial list would be in the public domain.</p>	<p>Steve Slater</p> <p>Oliver Wheeldon</p>
<p><b><u>Item 7. – Navy Wings Proposed Liason/Formation of Maintenance Expert Panel.</u></b></p> <p>Lawrence Hawthorn reported that Navy Wings thought the proposed panel of experts discussed at the last MC meeting would sit well with the industry. They felt that the HAA can best deal with regulators and provide independent advice and solutions as a trade body pulling the heritage industry together. This would be an important addition to the HAA and could provide a cohesion which we don't currently offer the industry.</p> <p>A panel of consultants would need to cover fields such as metallurgy.</p> <p>The question was raised of whether such a panel would be entirely voluntary or paid. LH felt that as far as the HAA were concerned it should be voluntary, but if any member organisation wished to engage an consultant from the panel that this and the question of remuneration should be a matter between them. Clearly payment would be necessary for any substantial engagement of services.</p> <p>The concept would be for the expert panel to come under the umbrella of the HAA which the industry could then draw on. The process would need to be scoped re liability. Tim Scorer expressed concerns from a legal perspective over liability and indemnity insurance from the Association's viewpoint and proffered that careful consideration of legal and liability matters would be needed as the idea developed.</p>	

**Item 8. – Updates on Routine Business**

**8.1 Financial Update**

The Treasurer elect in the absence of the Treasurer reported that the current account stood at £9,466 and the deposit account at £8,484.

This excludes the cost for printing and posting the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter which has only just been produced.

The changes to the Natwest account are still not complete and thought is being given to changing banks if they are not more accommodating in short order.

**8.2 Membership Update**

Toni Hunter referred the meeting to the membership paper which she had circulated earlier today. This will form part of the virtual Planning and Strategy meetings referred to above.

**8.3. Visits**

Steve Slater proposed whether “virtual hangar visits” could be considered. The Chairman offered to consult the Webmaster to see if this would be viable.

**8.4 PR and Newsletter**

The Chairman congratulated Andrew Smith on a “fantastic” 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bumper newsletter and the members present followed up with their own congratulations on a super effort.

**8.5 Website.**

The Webmaster had had to offer his apologies before the meeting so there was no report.

**8.6 Trophies**

Howard Cook was not present and had offered his apologies, but the Chairman was able to update the meeting: HC is having the Darrol Stinton Trophy remodelled.

With regard to the Conrod Trophy, this will be awarded to The Shuttleworth Collection following the decision made at the last meeting. The presentation will be made by the President later this month and HC will be present to record the event.

Howard Cook

**Item 9. – AOB**

None pre-notified.

Steve Slater suggested that the HAA should recognise the efforts of John

<p>Romain with the NHS Spitfire which had brought heritage aircraft to the public awareness in a manner not seen for a very long time. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Taff Stone indicated that as Andrew Edmondson was joining the MC and would be able to take over the Engineering mantle, that in view of his other commitments and plans that he would not now be seeking re-election at the AGM. The Chairman thanked Taff for his three years of service and was joined by the rest of the MC in so doing.</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:-*

*Committee Meeting & Christmas Dinner*

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

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