

Historic Aircraft Association



MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2020 AT 18:30 HOURS

Participants

Sir Gerald Howarth	President
Lawrence Hawthorn	Commercial
Toni Hunter	Membership
Tim Scorer	Hon. Legal Adviser
Nigel Foster.	Hon. Insurance Advisor
Richie Piper	Webmaster
Sue Stowe	Visits
Howard Cook	Trophies
Andy Smith	PR Office
Steve Slater	Committee Member
Allan Vogel	Committee Member
Andrew Edmondson	Engineering
Barry Tempest	Vice President
Tim Elkins	Secretary

	<u>Action</u> <u>party/parties</u>
<u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u>	
The Secretary welcomed participants to the meeting and explained that the Chairman was unexpectedly away on a business flight and had asked the Secretary to act in his place.	

<u>Item 1. - Apologies for Absence</u>	
Apologies for absence had been received from: Wally Epton (Chairman) Gerhard Ekermans (Treasurer) and Prof Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Adviser).	
<u>Item 2. - Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u>	
2.1. <u>Previous Minutes</u> . The draft minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 7th October 2020 were approved.	

<p><u>Item 3. – Annual Meeting 2020 Review</u></p> <p>A brief review of the Annual Meeting held via Zoom on 31st October 2020 was conducted. It was felt that in the circumstances that it went as well as could be expected. Only a couple of members not on the MC had attended.</p> <p>In 2021 it is hoped that a traditional meeting can be held in April ie reverting to the traditional time of year.</p>	
<p><u>Item 4. – Planning and Strategy Review</u></p> <p>The minutes produced by the Secretary following the Strategy review meeting held on 30th November were considered and while it is very much “early days” the state of play was reported on the various issues as follows:</p> <p>Identify and approach 20 owner/operators:</p> <p>In progress. Lawrence Hawthorn is awaiting a call back from the BoB flight. Howard Cook is approaching what he feels are two good contacts. “Spiel” yet to be finalised. Richie Piper reported that soundings taken from the Warbird group indicated that they were enthusiastic for the HAA to be a centre for advice and referrals to industry experts to help others. The proposed register of experts was felt to be a suitable mechanism for this.</p> <p>Proposed owner/operator conference:</p> <p>Oliver Wheeldon to lead and not able to attend meeting. Richie Piper has sounded out the Warbird display community who appear enthusiastic re the proposed event and the formation of an expert panel, particularly if accessible online. May be particularly appealing to the smaller owner/operator. Nigel Foster volunteered to contact Sqn. Ldr. Ian Smith who is chair of the Warbird Safety Symposium and has connections with the BBMF and also flies for a number of SSAC operators.</p> <p>Enthusiast offering:</p> <p>Sue Stowe had circulated a possible list of visits earlier and will continue to work up.</p> <p>Social media/web presence:</p> <p>Richie Piper’s paper had not reached all MC members and will be circulated to all for consideration.</p> <p>Press officer:</p> <p>See item 7 below.</p> <p>Vice-President input:</p> <p>Lawrence Hawthorn reported that he had written to all VP’s and had received two replies and would be collating when further responses received.</p> <p>CAA GA review submission:</p> <p>The President reported that the due date is 18th not 12th December but the submission is still pressing. It is understood that due to workload and other pressures, the CAA may be more receptive to SAM than was believed, and reference to it should be made in the submission, albeit not something to be majored on, more included in the round. Oliver Wheeldon, the President and</p>	<p>As per minutes of meeting 30th November</p>

<p>the Chairman to put together the HAA CAA submission for the 18th December deadline. Lawrence Hawthorn volunteered to speak to Chris Kidd who he knows, CK not as yet having been approached to assist with the submission.</p> <p><u>Item 5. Membership Tiers review</u></p> <p>Toni Hunter reported on her plan to include various tiers of membership as part of the strategy review: these to potentially include a Professional level of membership and Corporate memberships to align with the strategic aim of attracting the larger operators in the industry. This may involve further revision of Tim Scorer’s latest set of amended Rules and they will liaise and report further.</p>	<p>Toni Hunter Tim Scorer</p>
<p><u>Item 6. – Constitution/Governance Update</u></p> <p>Tim Scorer again urged members of the MC to let him have their input and comments on his proposed revisions to the Rules which are intended to be adopted at the next Annual Meeting.</p>	<p>Tim Scorer</p>
<p><u>Item 7. – APPG Proposed Heritage Aircraft Register.</u></p> <p>Following the last meeting, the President and Chairman have spoken to Ben Griffiths with regard to his assisting the Association on the PR side. The press release re the “Top Ten” Historic Aircraft has yet to be prepared/released and Ben has advised that with Covid and Brexit dominating the news that it is best to wait until the in-between Christmas and New Year period when newspapers should hopefully be short of newsworthy items.</p>	
<p><u>Item 8. – Navy Wings Proposed Liaison/Formation of Maintenance Expert Panel.</u></p> <p>This was not formally discussed further as it forms part of the current strategy review. However it was agreed we would now allow Navy Wings to link to and market the HAA 40th Anniversary Newsletter to be provided.</p>	
<p><u>Item 9. – Updates on Routine Business</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Financial Update</u></p> <p>No formal report was available as the Treasurer was unable to attend at short notice, but when tendering his apologies had confirmed that he has taken over fully from Malcolm Ward and the banking hiccup has been overcome.</p> <p><u>9.2 Membership Update</u></p> <p>No formal report as forms part of the strategy review (see comments above)</p> <p><u>9.3. Visits</u></p> <p>Sue Stowe had circulated a draft list of possible visits prior to the meeting for which she was thanked. The Covid crisis has the effect of restricting numbers. There was some discussion about holding “virtual” visits but this was felt to be unworkable and too remote to be viable. Sue will look at a trial physical visit possibly as soon as January. Members have further suggestions and contacts which they will pass on to Sue.</p>	

9.4 PR and Newsletter

The press release re the proposed Historic Aircraft Register is discussed above. Following the excellent 40th Anniversary edition, Andrew Smith proposed that the next Newsletter be produced prior to the Annual Meeting to concentrate members minds. It will probably be 28 pages but as always material is required.

9.5 Website.

Richie Piper has circulated a paper following the Strategy meeting on 30th November via the Googlegroup which not all MC members had picked up on yet so will be carried forward. He had also circulated a general update reproduced below:

All the minor but frustratingly long time outstanding issues have been sorted by our tech support finally. We have also made a few other technical improvements whilst doing this.

I have pulled the Trophy information together onto a page under the About section to briefly explain each Trophy and previous recipients but would appreciate a cross check to ensure it is right. A fuller explanation of each will be added when I have it.

The links to the various organisations that were suggested have been added. If those that suggested them can ensure a reciprocal link back to us.

The API to our Instagram account needed to be upgraded after a change at their end. That is now working again.

And the usual plea for any content. If you have any HAA relevant photos, I can add them to Instagram for you. You can of course make posts on the Facebook page where I can release them to appear (we have set it to approve posts for obvious reasons)

9.6 Trophies

Howard Cook reported that due to diary issues the presentation of the Conrod Trophy to The Shuttleworth Collection had not yet occurred and was now likely to be in early January.

The remodelling of the Darrol Stinton Memorial Trophy has been completed.

Item 10. – AOB

None pre-notified.

Lawrence Hawthorn mentioned the note he had circulated concerning the recent GA Partnership meeting and urged members to consider it.

Andrew Smith raised the question of the Chairman's recent indication that he intended to step down at the next Annual Meeting, and asked it this meant in April, which the meeting took to be what they understood. The process of selecting a new Chairman will commence in the New Year.

<i>[Post meeting note: Following the meeting the Chairman indicated that he would like to continue to serve as “Member Special Projects” as he did previously when he stood down as Master of the Air Pilots”]</i>	

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 (Covid restrictions permitting) to alternate face to face meetings with teleconference meetings:-

<i>Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 13th January 2021</i>
<i>Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 17th March 2021</i>
<i>Annual Meeting and Flying Forum</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 16th June 2021</i>
<i>Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 18th August 2021</i>
<i>Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 13th October 2021</i>
<i>Annual Symposium</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Committee Meeting & Christmas Dinner</i>	<i>Wednesday 15th December 2021*</i>

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