

Historic Aircraft Association



**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT WEST LONDON AEROCLUB
TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015 @ 18:30 HOURS**

Present

Wally Epton	Chairman
Colin Dodds	Deputy Chairman
Ken Peters	Treasurer
Andy Smith	PR and Publicity
Wendy Hinchcliffe	Membership Secretary
Roger Hinchcliffe	
Chris Royle	
Dennis Neville	
John Broad	
Martin Slater	
Bill Fisher	
Mike Vaisey	
Russell Mason	Hon. Insurance Advisor
Tim Scorer	Hon. Legal Advisor
Malcolm Ward	Secretary

	<u>Action</u> <u>party/parties</u>
<u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u>	
Prior to opening the meeting, the Chairman reminded Members that any details and discussion of matters arising during this meeting were to be treated as confidential.	
<u>Item 1. Apologies for Absence</u>	
The following Council Members and Advisors had tendered their apologies for absence: John Romain, Bill Taylor, Richie Piper, Steve Slater, Andrew Edmondson, Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Advisor) and Nigel Foster (Hon. Insurance Advisor.)	

<p><u>Item 2. Minutes of the last Council Meeting and Matters Arising</u></p>	
<p>The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 24th February 2015, were approved as an accurate record and have been posted on the website.</p>	
<p>Action Log – the outstanding items, if not an Agenda Item, were reviewed, updated or closed as necessary. Please refer to the Action Log for these updates.</p>	<p>Please review the Action Log in association with these minutes.</p>
<p><u>Item 3. HAA Annual Meeting and Flying Forum</u></p>	
<p>The Annual Meeting and Flying Forum at Old Warden on 29th March 2015 had been a resounding success, not least due to the outstanding support from the Shuttleworth Trust as our hosts. The guided tour of the hangars led by Dodge Bailey was particularly well-received. The usual facilities of the Princess Charlotte Room were being refurbished on the day, so the Shuttleworth Trust had accommodated us in the somewhat smaller venue of the pilots’ briefing room instead. It was expected that the Princess Charlotte Room would be available again for next year’s Annual Meeting and Flying Forum.</p> <p>The Conrod Trophy recipients for 2015, the Aircraft Restoration Company (ARC), had been not been able to be suitably represented at the Annual Meeting. Consequently, arrangements had been made for the President to formally present the Trophy to the ARC Team at Duxford on 22 May 2015.</p> <p>Council Members were invited to consider suitable nominees for the award of the Darrol Stinton Trophy for 2015. Nominations should be passed direct to Colin Dodds.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><u>Item 4. HAA Annual Symposium</u></p> <p><u>Topics.</u> The 4 planned topics for the Annual Symposium at the RAF Museum on Saturday 31st October 2015 were:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hunter Operations in Aden. The ARC Blenheim Restoration. Dragons in the Scottish Islands. Vulcan to the Sky - the Early Years.</p> <p>Additional topics would be held in reserve, in case any of the foregoing proved not to be viable. Speakers would be confirmed in due course.</p> <p><u>Admin.</u> The catering for the 2015 Symposium had been booked. The RAF Museum had confirmed that the lecture theatre would be available to the HAA free of charge in 2015. However, the Museum’s events policy was under review by a public programmes committee: charges might be</p>	

<p>imposed in future. The RAF Museum had requested the HAA to make a formal proposal for holding the Annual Symposium at Hendon in 2016 for consideration by this committee. A draft proposal had been compiled and would be submitted to the Museum shortly.</p> <p><u>Youth Engagement.</u> Andy Smith proposed that a limited number of free tickets to the Symposium could be made available to local Air Cadet Sqns, to promote an interest in historic aircraft amongst the younger generation. The Council acknowledged this as an excellent idea and asked Andy to look into it, assisted by the Secretary.</p> <p><u>Sponsorship.</u> Despite having handed over as Secretary, Russell Mason kindly undertook to contact previous sponsors, to solicit support for 2015. Mike Vaisey announced that Vintech would be providing sponsorship for the 2015 Symposium: this generosity was gratefully acknowledged by the Council.</p>	<p>Treasurer & Secretary</p> <p>PR Member & Secretary</p> <p>Russell Mason</p>
<p><u>Item 5. Finance</u></p>	
<p>The Treasurer circulated the latest budget, including actual income and expenditure to date, plus a forecast for the rest of the financial year. At this very early stage of the financial year, not all subscriptions had yet been received. However, very little expenditure had been incurred so far, although bills were expected for the cost of printing and posting the newsletter, plus the calligraphy for certificates to be presented to organisations granted Honorary Association with the HAA. Overall, the balance sheet was healthy, with more than adequate cash reserves to meet planned expenditure and foreseeable contingencies.</p> <p>The Council expressed its appreciation for the sound financial stewardship provided by the Treasurer.</p>	
<p><u>Item 6. Membership</u></p>	
<p><u>Membership Update.</u> The Membership Secretary stated that membership numbers were now in excess of 200 although, as indicated above, not all had paid their subscriptions for the current year. The Chairman asked for details of the non-payers, so that appropriate encouragement could be applied.</p> <p><u>Membership Fees.</u> The annual subscriptions had remained at the modest level of £25 per head for some time. The merits were discussed of making a small increase to provide a more robust funding position for future initiatives. However, on balance, the Council concluded that any increase should be decided upon when and if differing levels of membership were introduced, to underpin Self-Administration.</p>	<p>Membership Sec & Chairman</p>
<p><u>Item 7. HAA Events & Public Relations update</u></p>	
<p><u>Gathering of Chipmunks.</u> HAA Members had been invited to attend the</p>	

<p>forthcoming “Gathering of Chipmunks” at Old Warden on 22 May 2015, to celebrate the anniversary of the first flight of the DHC1 Chipmunk in 1946.</p> <p><u>deHavilland Aircraft Museum.</u> Andy Smith had arranged for a group of up to 25 HAA members to visit the deHavilland Aircraft Museum, formerly the Mosquito Museum, at Salisbury Hall on 10 June 2015. Those intending to join the visit should apply by e-mail to Andy.</p> <p><u>Other Events for 2015.</u> Provisional events for 2015 included a visit to Kemble, plus a possible visit to the Hangar 11 Collection at North Weald. Regrettably, the outstation of the Science Museum at Wroughton was no longer able to accept visitors, because of the dilapidated state of the hangar. The RAF Museum Workshop at Cosford was suggested as a potential venue for a future visit, as was the vintage glider collection at Lasham.</p> <p><u>Newsletter.</u> Andy Smith informed the Council that the latest Newsletter had been printed. Copies were provided to those present: the remainder would be posted to members. Andy expressed his thanks to Tim Scorer for producing an article on the legal aspects of aircraft maintenance. The length of the article precluded it being printed in the newsletter and it had, therefore, been published on the HAA website, in order to ensure that it was available in full to HAA members.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><u>Item 8. Self Administration Working Group</u></p>	
<p>The Chairman gave a summary of progress on the development of plans for Self Administration (SAM). The SAM Working Group had met on 9th April 2015 at Gloucester and had benefitted from the engagement of recently-appointed members. The Working Group was now occupied in drafting the documentation required to present the HAA’s case to the regulator: this work was progressing well, but it was not yet at a stage where drafts were mature enough to be circulated for wider comment. The SAM Working Group would not be submitting requests for piecemeal approval by the CAA, but had adopted the approach of drafting the complete package of documentation and then to produce a statement of compliance, demonstrating how the HAA’s proposal meets the regulatory framework. A further meeting of the SAM Working Group was planned for 7 May 2015, to review progress.</p>	
<p><u>Item 9. Apprenticeships</u></p>	
<p>The HAA Council had, regrettably, not been represented at the LAA organised Aviation Education Conference at Brooklands Museum on 18 April 2015 (<i>Secretary’s note: not 5 April 2015, as indicated in the open actions list: this may be a reference to last year’s conference, which was held on 5 April 2014.</i>) However, there were 2 strands of action, which the HAA could and should pursue. The first was to engage with the LAA’s focal point for Youth and Education Support, Andre Faehndrich, to assure</p>	

<p>the LAA of the HAA’s ongoing encouragement for youth education, to inspire young people (under 18) to take an active interest in historic aircraft. John Broad kindly agreed to do this. The second strand of action was for the HAA to circulate a paper to the historic aircraft industry, to stress the HAA’s support for relevant apprenticeships (for over-18s) to pass on perishable skills in the field of historic aircraft operation, maintenance and restoration and to ascertain how best to take this forward. Again, John Broad kindly agreed to produce such a paper, in cooperation with Dennis Neville.</p>	<p>John Broad</p> <p>John Broad & Dennis Neville</p>
<p><u>Item 10. Any Other Business</u></p>	
<p><u>CAA Consultation.</u> The Secretary drew the Council’s attention to the CAA consultative document on the review of those areas of the Air Navigation Order relevant to General Aviation. The consultation document had been promulgated as CAP 1271 and contained at least 2 areas that were of importance to the HAA. The first was the administration of Display Authorisations and the second was the possible reintroduction of special category certificates of airworthiness, as a halfway house between permits to fly and full certificates of airworthiness. Because the deadline for responses to the consultation was 26 May 2015, any response from the HAA would have to be handled ex-committee, prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Council. After some discussion, it was agreed that the HAA, as a key stakeholder, should respond on these aspects of the review and that the Chairman and Secretary should confer on the scope and content of the response.</p> <p><u>Recording of Speakers at HAA Events.</u> The Secretary had received a complaint from a key contributor to the Flying Forum, who thought that he had been filmed without his consent and who sought assurance that any such electronic record of his remarks would not be made public. The specific issue had been dealt with, but it raised the wider point as to whether the HAA should, or should not, make or allow to be made, video or audio recordings of the proceedings at HAA events. It was agreed that, with the prior permission of the speakers, this was a valuable contribution to capturing the content of such events for posterity, but that any recordings should not be openly posted on the internet and, moreover, that due regard should be taken of the privileged nature of much of the information to which attendees at HAA events are given access to.</p> <p><u>Venue for Council Meetings.</u> The Chairman stated that with new members, who were not based in the South-East of England, joining the Council it was perhaps timely to consider whether Council Meetings should be held at venues other than the West London Aero Club. There was also the question of cost: the Treasurer had managed to negotiate a reduced charge for the room. However, there was no guarantee that charges would not be increased in future. The Chairman therefore invited Council Members to let him have their views on other potential venues for the Council to meet.</p>	<p>Chairman & Secretary</p> <p>All</p>

The date of the next meeting is 30th June 2015 commencing at 18:30 hours at West London Aero Club, White Waltham, Berkshire.

Wally Epton
Chairman

Malcolm Ward
Secretary

Please note that dates/timings of 2015 meetings appear on the website under the 'News and Events' tab on the home page and then under 'Events'/'Schedule of Meetings' entry. However, planned dates for forthcoming events are as follows. All meetings (unless otherwise detailed) are scheduled to be held at White Waltham but this may change nearer the time of the meeting:-

Council Meeting
Council Meeting
Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon
Council Meeting & Annual Dinner

30th June 2015
15th September 2015
31st October 2015
8th December 2015