

# Historic Aircraft Association



## MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WEST LONDON AEROCLUB TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 AT 18:30 HOURS

### Present

Wally Epton  
Wendy Hinchcliffe  
Allan Vogel  
Chris Royle  
Andy Smith  
Dennis Neville  
John Broad  
Mike Vaisey  
Russell Mason  
Prof. Mike Bagshaw  
Malcolm Ward

Chairman  
Membership Secretary  
Treasurer  
Special Projects  
PR & Visits Co-Ord  
  
Hon. Insurance Adviser  
Hon. Medical Adviser  
Secretary

	<u>Action party/parties</u>
<b><u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u></b>	
Prior to opening the meeting, the Chairman reminded members that details of the discussion of matters arising during this meeting were to be treated as confidential.	
<b><u>Item 1. Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
The following persons had tendered their apologies for absence:  Colin Dodds, Roger Hinchcliffe, Ken Peters, Richie Piper, Martin Slater, Steve Slater, Nigel Foster (Hon. Insurance Adviser), and Tim Scorer (Hon. Legal Adviser).	
<b><u>Item 2. Minutes of the last Council Meeting</u></b>	
The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2016, were approved as an accurate record and have been posted on the HAA website.	

<p><b><u>Item 3. Self Administration Working Group</u></b></p>	
<p><u>Progress Update.</u> The Chairman reported that, as expected, there had been no further progress by the CAA GA Unit in reviewing the Exposition and the Business Plan. Although the CAA had explicitly asked for sight of the Business Plan for review, no headway had been made with assessing the document and providing feedback. No progress was expected before the publication of the AAIB report into the Shoreham accident. Consequently, there were no plans to make further updates to the Exposition or the Business Plan until feedback from the regulator had been received. On a more positive note, the HAA had been invited to brief the AAIB on the proposals for SAM, following on from initial discussions between the Chairman and the AAIB: the briefing was expected to be held in July. Additionally, plans were in hand for the HAA to deliver a briefing on SAM to potential partners during the Farnborough airshow.</p> <p><u>Discussion.</u> A question was raised on progress with the “hearts &amp; minds” briefings, to inform historic aircraft industry stakeholders of the plans and procedures for SAM. It was agreed that these briefings should go ahead, notwithstanding the delay in constructive engagement from the CAA. Council members queried whether it was still intended to keep the existing HAA funds, derived from members’ subscriptions, separate from the working capital of the SAM arm of the HAA; it was observed that the Business Plan included members’ subscriptions amongst the revenue available to fund SAM. The Chairman assured Council that SAM would be self-financing and would not draw on ordinary members’ subscriptions. Moreover, he pointed out that subscription revenue was small, compared to the projected cash flow under SAM and that members’ subscriptions were currently used to fund the Symposium, the Newsletter and HAA visits, all of which would continue as we move forward with SAM.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><b><u>Item 4. CAA Safety Notice 2016/005</u></b></p>	
<p>The initial version of CAA Safety Notice 2016/005 had caused great concern amongst display organisers and display pilots, as it removed the exemption from the 500ft rule. The change was implemented with immediate effect and left open how it would be applied, pending a revised version of the exceptions published in ORS4 No 1124. However, <a href="#">Safety Notice 2016/005</a> had subsequently been revised, without any change to the date or issue number, to confirm that appropriate exemptions would be granted as part of the approvals for air displays, air races and contests. Whilst the clarification was welcomed, the amendment of the original text without an up-issue to the reference number or date of the safety notice was felt to be unhelpful to pilots and air display organisers, who were struggling to keep abreast of rapidly changing rules and regulations. Where rules were confusing, contradictory or impractical, this was likely to lead to a tendency to bend the rules.</p>	

<b><u>Item 5. Preparation for the 2016 Symposium</u></b>	
<p>The 2016 HAA Symposium would be held at the RAF Museum at Hendon on Saturday 29 October 2016. Chris Royle had chaired a working group meeting, immediately prior to the Council meeting. It was agreed that the discussion on preparation for the Symposium would not be repeated at the full Council meeting. The key points of the Symposium working group were as follows:</p> <p><u>Symposium Theme and Speakers.</u> To avoid repetition of the 2011 title, this year’s Symposium would run under the banner of “Celebration of the Jet.” Three of the four speakers had been confirmed; efforts to confirm the availability of the fourth speaker continued.</p> <p><u>Sponsorship.</u> It was confirmed that 4 major sponsors had been secured, pledging a total of £2000 for the Symposium. Additional sponsorship was still being pursued, but the financial viability of the event was assured.</p> <p><u>Advance Publicity.</u> The Symposium would be publicised via e-mails to previous attendees, press releases to the aviation media, the HAA Website and Newsletter. Tickets would be placed on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> August, at the agreed price of £25 for HAA members and £30 for non-members.</p> <p><u>Catering.</u> Menus and prices would be discussed with the RAF Museum’s own caterers as well as with our previous contractors. If an acceptable quality was achievable with the Museum’s resident caterers, this would save additional fees for the electrician. It was agreed to hold two sittings for lunch, so that attendees would not need to eat standing up. This would probably be administered by different coloured tickets for the two sittings, but advice would be sought from the caterers.</p> <p><u>Speakers’ Gifts.</u> An additional purchase of engraved glasses had been agreed, to augment existing stocks for use as gifts for the speakers.</p>	
<b><u>Item 6. Finance</u></b>	
<p><u>Treasurer Handover.</u> Allan Vogel reported that the transfer of authorised signatories for the HAA bank accounts was not yet complete. This would be hastened, to enable Ken Peters to relinquish the responsibility for making payments on behalf of the HAA.</p>	
<b><u>Item 7. Membership</u></b>	
<p>The Membership Secretary reported that 14 members had not yet paid their subscriptions for 2016: they were being hastened. Some members had</p>	

<p>expressed a desire for more events for the grass-roots membership. In order to establish whether this was a widely-held view, it was proposed that a survey of the membership be conducted. There was, however, a risk that this might raise expectations that could not be fulfilled: the HAA's resources were limited and the organisation of events rested on the shoulders of just one Council member. Additional volunteers had been sought to assist with visits, but none had so far come forward. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact the Webmaster, to work with him to compile a series of questions to be put to the members in an on-line survey.</p>	<p>Malcolm Ward</p>
<p><b><u>Item 8. HAA Events &amp; Public Relations update</u></b></p>	
<p>The Newsletter had been issued at the beginning of June. Contributions were requested for the next issue, which would be published in the run-up to the Symposium. The date of 6<sup>th</sup> July had been fixed for the HAA visit to Stowe Maries; members with an aircraft were invited to fly in.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 9. Website Update</u></b></p>	
<p>The Webmaster was unable to attend, but had provided an update ex-committee. He had discussed with Ubiquity the disappointing lack of progress with the website update: Ubiquity were busy with other work and had suggested that it might be better to the HAA to proceed with another provider. The Webmaster is now in examining other options and would report back to the next meeting of Council. The Webmaster had also produced a revised e-mail list for the HAA Council and had sent instructions on how to use it.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 10. HAA Trophies</u></b></p>	
<p>In the absence of the Deputy Chairman, the Chairman agreed to contact him, to ensure that nominations were requested from the whole membership for individuals to be shortlisted for this year's Darrol Stinton Memorial Trophy. The call for nominations would be sent via e-mail, posted on the website and publicised in the HAA Newsletter. As previously agreed, nominations would need to be received by 1 September, so that the Council could duly consider the shortlist and select the winner at the next meeting of Council on 13 September.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><b><u>Item 11. Review of Open Actions</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Action Log – outstanding items were, where appropriate, covered under the relevant Agenda Item. Please refer to the Open Action Log for these updates.</b></p>	<p>Please review the Action Log in association with these minutes.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 12. Any Other Business</u></b></p>	
<p><u>Honorary Medical Advisers.</u> The Chairman reported that Dr Brian Wallace had indicated his intention to cease serving as an Aero-Medical</p>	

<p>Examiner and that he also wished to resign his position as one of our Honorary Medical Advisers. It was agreed that a successor, with an active interest in historic aircraft, should be sought: potential candidates would be considered ex-committee. The Chairman also agreed to write to Dr Wallace, to thank him for his lengthy support of the HAA.</p> <p><u>GASCo Meeting.</u> Russell Mason reported that he had attended a meeting of the GA Safety Council (GASCo) earlier in the day. GASCo had renewed its contract with the CAA to deliver 45 Safety Evenings across the country in 2016/17. This is the same number as last year (2015/16) but in fact GASCo achieved 51 presentations plus supporting 3 Military Civil Air Safety Days (the next MCASD is at Yeovilton on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016). The plan for the 2016/17 Safety Evening season, following attendees' responses, is to cover fewer topics each evening but in more depth, plus allowing for greater audience interaction. After full discussions with the CAA, the three subjects that have been chosen as most relevant to GA air safety today are: Human Factors, Loss of Control and Infringements. In addition GASCo is considering offering some Safety Evening 'Lites' to be presented for a duration of approximately one hour at Flying Club gatherings by invitation – this idea is still being progressed so more details will be provided at the next GASCo meeting.</p> <p><u>FBHVC.</u> John Broad reported that the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) had published a supportive article on the work of the HAA in its latest newsletter. It was agreed that the article would be circulated to Council members.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>John Broad</p>
<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p>	
<p>The next meeting was to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at West London Aero Club, White Waltham, commencing at the usual time of 18:30 hours.</p>	

Wally Epton  
Chairman

Malcolm Ward  
Secretary

*Please note that dates/timings of forthcoming meetings appear on the website under the 'Events/Meetings and Symposium' tab. However, planned dates for forthcoming events are as follows. All meetings (unless otherwise detailed) start at 18:30 and will be held at White Waltham:-*

<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>13th September 2016</i>
<i>Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon</i>	<i>29th October 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting &amp; Annual Dinner</i>	<i>6th December 2016*</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>18th January 2017</i>

<i>Annual Meeting &amp; Flying Forum Old Warden</i>	<i>tbd - April 2017</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>25th April 2017</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>27th June 2017</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>12th September 2017</i>
<i>Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon</i>	<i>tbd - October 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>5th December 2017*</i>

*\*The December meetings commence at 16:00 and will be followed by the Council Christmas Dinner.*