

Historic Aircraft Association



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

Present

Wally Epton
Andy Smith
John Broad
Bill Fisher
Dennis Neville
Richie Piper
Chris Royle
Mike Vaisey
Prof. Mike Bagshaw
Russell Mason
Nigel Foster
Malcolm Ward

Chairman
PR and Publicity

Hon. Medical Advisor
Hon. Insurance Advisor
Hon. Insurance Advisor
Secretary

	<u>Action 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: Colin Dodds, Wendy Hinchcliffe, Roger Hinchcliffe, Ken Peters, Tim Scorer, Martin Slater and Steve Slater.	
<u>Item 2. Minutes of the last Council Meeting and Matters Arising</u>	
The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28th April 2015, were approved as an accurate record and have been posted on the website.	

<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 Trophies</u></p>	
<p><u>Nominations for 2015 DSMT Award.</u> In the absence of Colin Dodds, the Chairman reminded Council members that recommendations for suitable individuals for the award of the Darrol Stinton Memorial Trophy for 2015 should be passed direct to Colin Dodds.</p> <p><u>Trophy Nomination and Selection Procedure.</u> It was suggested that it would be beneficial to open up the process of nominating and selecting recipients for the HAA Awards (DSMT and Conrod Trophy) to the wider membership. The Chairman agreed to approach Colin Dodds, to ask him to examine the options and make recommendations to Council on how this could be implemented for the 2016 awards.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p><u>Item 4. Self Administration Working Group</u></p>	
<p><u>Progress Update.</u> . The Chairman referred to the previously-circulated diagram that illustrated the HAA list of documents as at 3rd July 2015. The diagram showed progress made to date on the Exposition and Self-Administration Manual; he explained that a large volume of documentation was now progressing from the drafting stage to the proof reading stage. A further meeting of the SAM Working Group had been held on 25 June 2015 and had served to consolidate progress. The Australian Warbirds Association documentation had been exceptionally useful as a template for the HAA SAM exposition. It was expected that the documentation package would be complete by the end of July or early August. The documentation would be circulated to Council members when it was mature enough for release. The Secretary was requested to review previous Council minutes, to establish what direction had been given to the SAM WG on reporting back to Council.</p> <p><i>(Secretary’s note: a review of previous Council minutes back to 2011 has not uncovered any specific reporting directive for the SAM WG.)</i></p> <p><u>Statement of Compliance.</u> The Chairman reiterated that the CAA was intentionally being kept at arm’s length, until the complete package of documentation was ready to be submitted, with an overarching statement of compliance. There was still some reluctance evident in the CAA to embrace SAM, especially in the airworthiness area.</p> <p><u>Vulcan.</u> The Chairman briefed Council that the principal reason why the Vulcan team had announced 2015 as the last flying season was that the major engineering companies supporting the project had decided to end their engagement at the end of the year. The CAA requires the Vulcan, as a complex type, to be supported by appropriate technical authorities. However, whilst the involvement of such technical authorities is currently</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

required for the grant of a CAA Permit to Fly, that would not necessarily be the case for the grant of a Special Category CofA under SAM. Moreover, under SAM the CAA would delegate maintenance oversight functions to the HAA. The CAA would always remain the regulatory authority. Technical support, if needed for the Vulcan, would be available from those companies that could provide support under the usual commercial arrangements eg design authority, supply of and manufacture of replacement parts etc. This view was supported by advice of Council Member Andrew Edmondson and the TVOC. The prescriptive requirement for designated technical authorities would not be a requirement under SAM for the issue of a Special Category CofA. There was therefore a potential opportunity under HAA-led SAM for the Vulcan to be enabled to continue flying after the 2015 season. It would, of course, be necessary to ensure that the continuing airworthiness of the aircraft was underpinned by sound engineering evidence. However, Council took the view that the prospect of enabling continued flight by the Vulcan under SAM was well worth pursuing and, if successful, would be an enormous achievement by VTTS and the HAA.

Item 5. Annual Symposium 2015

Topics and Speakers. Two speakers had been confirmed for the 2015 Symposium. The first was former RAF Hunter pilot Roger Wilkins, who would speak on Hunter operations in Aden. The second confirmed speaker was Stuart McKay, the Secretary of the deHavilland Moth Club, who had agreed to talk about the 90th anniversary of the first flight of the deHavilland 60 Moth. Confirmation was still awaited for the speakers on the Vulcan and Blenheim: the Chairman undertook to speak to John Romain and Robert Fleming to clarify who would be speaking. The aim was to finalise the list of speakers by the end of July, so that publicity for the Symposium could be issued in good time. If necessary, potential speakers had been identified to talk about the Polish contribution to Fighter Command during WWII and about the recent rebuild of the Bristol Scout.

Admin. The Chairman and Treasurer were planning to visit the RAF Museum, to negotiate the terms of our continued use of Hendon as the venue for the Symposium, beyond 2015. At this meeting, the HAA's continued use of our preferred caterers, rather than the RAF Museum's own caterers would be addressed, as would the question of whether the HAA would continue to be able to use the facilities of the RAF Museum in return for a donation, rather than the payment of the standard charges for the hire of the lecture theatre. Other potential venues for the Symposium were discussed, for consideration in the event that a satisfactory arrangement was not possible with the RAF Museum.

Sponsorship - 2014. The thank you letters to the 2014 sponsors had not yet been sent, as it was felt that it would not be appropriate to solicit sponsorship for the 2015 Symposium at the same time as thanking sponsors for their generosity in 2014. The Secretary undertook to write to the 2014 sponsors to thank them for their financial support and to explain

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<p>how this had enabled the HAA to run a successful and popular event.</p> <p><u>Sponsorship - 2015.</u> The target ticket price for the 2015 symposium was £20 for HAA members and £30 for non-members. Further sponsorship was needed to cover the HAA's costs in running the Symposium. It was agreed that Council members would solicit sponsorship from their own contacts, where possible. Nigel Foster announced that Hayward Aviation Ltd would again be making a contribution to the sponsorship for the HAA Symposium this year. Mike Vaisey confirmed that Vintech would also be sponsoring again and Wally Epton informed Council that WJE Associates Ltd would also be making a contribution to defray the expenses of speakers at the 2015 Symposium. This generosity was gratefully acknowledged by the Council. Russell Mason had been approached by a company that was keen to market its WWI flight simulator via the HAA website: it was suggested that they might be persuaded to make a contribution to the Symposium sponsorship, if they could promote their simulator at the event. Direct sales at the Symposium might not be acceptable to the RAF Museum, but Russell undertook to go back to the company to ascertain whether they would be prepared to become sponsors.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Russell Mason</p>
<p><u>Item 6. Finance</u></p>	
<p>Owing to illness, the Treasurer was unable to attend. However, he had provided the Secretary with a financial statement, which would be circulated to Council members.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>Item 7. Membership</u></p>	
<p>The Membership Secretary was unable to attend, but had provided the Chairman and Secretary with a list of 18 members, who had not yet paid their subscriptions for 2015. The Chairman had contacted them, to encourage them to renew their membership; the response was not yet known and the Membership Secretary in her absence was asked to report in due course.</p>	<p>Membership Secretary</p>
<p><u>Item 8. HAA Events & Public Relations update</u></p>	
<p><u>2015 Events.</u> The visit to the deHavilland Museum, formerly the Mosquito Museum, on 10th June had been well attended and the guide for the HAA group had been particularly enthusiastic and informative. Council members expressed their thanks to Andy Smith for setting up the visit and to John Broad who had acted as HAA rep on the day, as Andy had been unable to attend. Future visits were being planned to Kemble, the Hangar 11 collection at North Weald and, possibly, Biggin Hill. These were likely to be scheduled in the Autumn, after the end of the display season. Further details would be announced in due course.</p> <p><u>Newsletter.</u> The newsletter, which had been issued to coincide with the April meeting of the Council, had been well received. Andy Smith stated that the next issue would be produced towards the end of July.</p>	

<u>Item 9. Any Other Business</u>	
<p><u>GASCo.</u> Russell Mason passed on an offer from NATS to provide a briefing to the Council on the future of communication/navigation services for GA (ADS-B) and potential Low-Cost/Light-Weight collision avoidance systems that could be used in GA aircraft. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting and Flying Forum (AMFF) would be the right occasion to hold such a briefing, in order to ensure that the message reached the widest audience of HAA members. Russell kindly undertook to invite NATS to provide their briefing to the 2016 AMFF, which would be held on a date to be decided in the first quarter of 2016.</p> <p><u>Prior Notification of AOB.</u> The Chairman suggested that, as matter of best practice, items of AOB should only be discussed at Council where the Secretary had been given appropriate prior notice, so that Council members could come prepared to contribute to the discussion. It was agreed that the Secretary would reflect this in the calling notice and draft agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Russell Mason</p> <p>Secretary</p>
<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
The next meeting will be held on 15th September 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 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>15th September 2015</i>
<i>Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon</i>	<i>31st October 2015</i>
<i>Council Meeting & Annual Dinner</i>	<i>8th December 2015*</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>19th January 2016</i>
<i>Annual Meeting and Flying Forum, Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden</i>	<i>tbd</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>26th April 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>28th June 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>13th September 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting & Annual Dinner</i>	<i>6th December 2016*</i>

**The December meetings commence at 16:00 and are followed by the Council Christmas Dinner*