

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING 2014
HELD AT THE SHUTTLEWORTH TRUST, OLD WARDEN
ON SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2014 AT 10.30 hrs.**

PRESENT

- 1 Wally Epton (Chairman)
- 2 Colin Dodds (Deputy Chairman)
- 3 Ken Peters (Treasurer)
- 4 Russell Mason (Secretary)
- 5 Tim Scorer (Hon. Legal)
- 6 Brain Dixon (BAPC)
- 7 Dodge Bailey
- 8 Dick Bishop
- 9 Chris Bond
- 10 Graham Boyle
- 11 Roger Brookhouse
- 12 Howard Cook
- 13 Carol de Solla Atkin
- 14 Martin de la Harpe
- 15 Keith Dennison
- 16 John Farley
- 17 Bill Fisher
- 18 Tim Gale
- 19 Trevor Gilpin
- 20 Max Hore
- 21 Roger Hinchcliffe
- 22 Bruce Hutton
- 23 Richard Lambert
- 24 Steve Le Vien
- 25 Neil McCarthey
- 26 Jim Munro
- 27 Dennis Neville
- 28 Desmond Penrose
- 29 Jeremy Pratt
- 30 Barry Tempest
- 31 John Towell
- 32 Austin Trueman
- 33 Malcolm Ward
- 34 John Watkins
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APOLOGIES

- Rick Peacock-Edwards (Chairman)
Wendy Hinchcliffe (Membership Sec)
Martin Slater (CJOA)
Steve Slater (VAC)
Andrew Smith (PR/Media Sec)
Norman Baldrige
Steve Bohill-Smith
John Broad
Richard Clarkson
Thomas Clarkson
Geoff Collins
James Dale
Martin Daniell
Dick Felix
Gerald Hackemer
Martin Holloway
Ted Lay
David Nickson
David Ogilvy
Robert Powell
Robert M Powell
Stuart Powney
Peter Read
Dave Reid
Chris Royle
Duncan Simpson
Mark Stasiuk
Chris Thompson
Stuart Watts
Dewi Williams

Also in attendance

Tim Gale
Robert Fleming (VTTS)
Kevin 'Taff' Stone (VTTS)

The Chairman, Wally Epton, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Old Warden, and thanked the Shuttleworth Trust for hosting the event.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Membership Secretary had received a total of 30 apologies for absence, these being listed above. The Chairman specifically passed on the apologies of the HAA President for his absence who was unfortunately detained overseas on business.

3. REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING 2013 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes and matters arising of the 2013 Annual Meeting were reviewed, and there were no matters arising.

The Chairman moved the minutes for acceptance.

Proposed by Tim Scorer

Seconded by Dennis Neville

Carried by unanimously the meeting.

4. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING 2014: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the past year in tidying up some of our unfinished work, we set about making sure that our Vice-Presidents had each received a certificate to mark their transition to this illustrious position within the Association. It was my privilege to deliver certificates to our Vice-Presidents amongst which were 2 individuals who were not that well. Keith Sissons was not that well when we presented his certificate but he was so delighted to receive it and it cheered him up no end. Likewise John Lewis who was member number '1', and quite invalided by illness, was very moved to be recognised and honoured by the Association with his V-P certificate. Sadly John passed away not long after we presented his certificate, but as Member Number 1 he will not be forgotten and shall be forever grateful for the pioneering work he contributed in setting up the HAA with Darrol Stinton, Duncan Simpson and those other pilots back in 1979.

Another year has passed and it is my pleasure and privilege to report that we have continued to build on the success of the previous year. Once again I offer my sincere and personal thanks to the Council for all their support to the HAA, and for having the faith and trust in me to steer this Association through the complications of having to deal with the regulator. Their enthusiasm for historic aircraft and their passion for keeping them flying is without bounds. I am in admiration of how much time and energy they put into this Association, all on a voluntary and totally unremunerated basis. Well - perhaps not quite unremunerated, since we do authorise a Christmas Dinner every year as a small reward for their efforts, and I hope the membership would not begrudge them that small perquisite paid out of Association funds.

In my report last year I asked why was it that members of your Council were so dedicated and put in so much effort to help the historic aircraft community to thrive. There is no desire for power, or expressions of self-importance, but merely the satisfaction that the effort they put in is for the benefit of the whole industry even though not all the participants are members of the HAA. It is still the truth that if the members of the HAA Council have any vested interest at all, it is a motivation to keep the aircraft flying, and to see that all of us are not hindered nor denied the freedom of flying these interesting aircraft that we care for.

It is always tricky to single out people for special commendation for their efforts, but perhaps I can mention one or two who deserve recognition. Russell Mason has continued to act as your Secretary and has also been very active heading up the Working Group dealing with the emerging topics of Self-Administration and Adventure Aviation. Russell makes sure that we act correctly and that the detail is covered accurately and constitutionally, and I personally am most grateful for his wise counsel and guidance. Our Treasurer, Ken Peters does a wonderful job of keeping the accounts in order, and Andy Smith our PR/Media person who is ably assisted from time-to-time by Steve Slater and Chris Royle who also sits on Council providing liaison with the Vintage Aircraft Club as their Chairman, do a great job in keeping us in the various aviation magazines as well as producing our own in-house Newsletter. I must mention the members of Council who offer their engineering expertise namely, Mike Vaisey, Martin Slater, John Romain, Bill Taylor and Dennis Neville who have in their various ways helped us steer a path over the past year towards better engineering arrangements in the industry under existing regulations. Namely the changes to BCAR A8-20 series of regulations that by the end of 2013 were changed quite radically for the better, thanks to their input on the Engineering Working Group. It has been this work that has gained the HAA much credibility as a robust and mature organisation able to deal with historic aircraft engineering issues in a measured and sensible manner during consultations with the Airworthiness Department within the CAA. This work has been immensely valuable in our recent negotiations with the CAA dealing with the future administration of all historic aircraft activity in the UK.

Our one lady on the Council needs a very special mention because she does a really sterling job in managing our memberships. Wendy Hinchcliffe deserves extra recognition for not just keeping the membership records straight but for using her feminine charms to recruit more members such that membership has increased by about 40% during the past year.

I am pleased to report that we are retaining 3 of our Honorary Advisors in Tim Scorer as our HAA Solicitor, Russell Mason as our Insurance expert and Professor Mike Bagshaw our Honorary Medical Advisor. Council felt that we would do well to invite another doctor to join Professor Bagshaw, and following an approach to Dr Brian Wallace he has very kindly accepted to be an Honorary Medical Advisor to the HAA.

The HAA Council continues to look after the affairs of the Association, and within Council the Executive Committee comprising the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and PR/Media Member functions to deal with immediate matters and keep the Action Log moving forward.

The Annual Symposium in 2013 was another resounding success with the largest attendance ever which strained the facilities at the RAF Museum that are limited in the number of people they can accommodate in the auditorium and in the art gallery where we have refreshments. The Symposium management team is looking at this and will be seeking practical solutions with the RAF Museum to overcome the problems with the aim of not having to turn away any of our members and their guests this year. The event has without doubt become very popular and something everyone really looks forward to each year. The success of the event is very much due to the generous sponsorship we receive that helps us to keep admission charges down. The HAA is very grateful to our 2013 sponsors and will be hoping to recruit more sponsors in 2014. I can report that this year's programme is being mapped out and is looking extremely good and the presentations will be based upon a First World War theme. In particular last year we retained the catering arrangements used in 2012 and once again they proved to be very satisfying. We hope to continue with the same caterers, but this needs to be resolved with the RAF Museum first.

Probably the most significant development during the past year has to have been the shift in CAA policy with regards to delegation, derogation and de-regulation. The Grant Shapps campaign within General Aviation to meet the Government's Red Tape Challenge has led

during the year to some radical re-thinking in the aviation industry and in the CAA. Our air safety executive and regulatory working group in collaboration with the LAA, were successful during last year in obtaining approval for flights by historic aircraft – especially ex-military aircraft – in IMC and at night.

Last year it became clear that the CAA was considering a number of options for GA with regard to the adoption of regulations for Adventure Aviation that would be fit for purpose and not based on commercial aviation regulations adapted to use with modifications, exemptions and special approvals. At the February 2013 HAA Engineering Conference the subject of RA2 had been debated and how it compared with the New Zealand system of risk managed regulation under NZ Part 115 Regulations. The HAA in embracing these principles of Adventure Aviation had begun work to propose new regulations fit for purpose for historic aircraft operations and continuing airworthiness. The Working Group began its study of the alternatives to the present system in the late summer of last year and held a very important meeting with the CAA GA Manager and his team. Following on from this meeting the HAA Adventure Aviation Working Group set about reviewing the various options and considered how things were done in NZ, the USA, Australia and France where there seemed to be more latitude than under EASA generally and under the CAA. The Working Group fairly quickly considered that the Australians had a good workable system worthy of consideration. In September the Manager of GA at the CAA suggested that the HAA should consider with all seriousness the Australian system of Self-Administration for Warbird aircraft operations and continuing airworthiness. The Manager recommended that the HAA contact the originator of the Australian system who had recently located to the UK. This was duly done and since then with the help Stephen Crocker the evolution of Self-Administration began. This work has culminated in the presentation of a Statement of Intent that has been reported elsewhere and does not need elaboration in my report. I congratulate the Self-Admin Working Group on producing an excellent presentation and we now await the outcome from the CAA.

In respect of the Self-Admin project special recognition of the work done by Tim Scorer our Honorary Solicitor, Stephen Crocker Specialist Consultant on Self-Admin, Russell Mason Chairman of the group and Andrew Edmondson all of whom have provided valuable input to the Statement of Intent.

As this project gains momentum it is ever increasingly important that we maintain our continuing liaison with other organisations such as the LAA, EFLEVA, Royal Aero Club, the General Aviation Safety Council, AOPA of course, the Air Display Association the Vintage Aircraft Club, the Classic Jet Operators Association and other groups and operators. I am confident that our active contribution and liaison with these other general aviation organisations is worth the time, effort and money that we put into them because we must work together to ensure the right regulations are provided for Annex II CP 632 aircraft.

You will excuse me for once again giving a plug for the pilots amongst our membership who until February 18th were GAPAN, but following the granting of a Royal Charter by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became The Honourable Company of Air Pilots. Although our current HAA President Rick Peacock-Edwards, and myself are Past Masters of the Air Pilots, we have been joined in the past year by our former HAA Chairman and President Cliff Spink who is now also a Past Master of The Company. I am also pleased to acknowledge that Air Pilots Liverymen Ken Peters, John Romain, Gerald Hackemer, Steve Slater and John Towell, are all active members of this Association. Worthy of further mention is that John Romain was the first recipient of the Air Pilots 'Ray Hanna Trophy' presented at the Trophies and Awards Banquet last October. Thus the HAA continues to be well connected with aviators amongst us who are influential in the City of London and internationally through the Honourable Company of Air Pilots.

IN CONCLUSION

THE HAA HAS ONCE AGAIN HAD A GOOD YEAR

THE FUTURE

Plenty to do in the future – flying never stands still and the hope is that we will manage it ourselves.

I am now very happy to take any questions.

Wally Epton
Chairman
HAA

March 2014

The Chairman's report was moved for acceptance.

Proposed by: Desmond Penrose

Seconded by: Carol de Solla Atkin

Carried unanimously by the members present.

5. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

HAA Secretary's Report 2014

Vice Presidents, Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

As the Chairman recorded earlier, 2013 was another successful year with, the Symposium as a highlight once more. The catering came good - again - but unbelievably we had not promoted the dessert and most of the guests deserted before they could sample the dessert - I am still working them all off; they were that good! This oversight will be corrected for 2014.

The speaker line-up was broad as it was varied, with my own personal highlight being Mike Edwards' presentation of the Indian Air Force Vintage Flight. I would also like to record our thanks to the various sponsors and supporters of the event, without whom it would not be possible - namely Vintech, Cranfield Aerospace, Aircraft Restoration Company (ARC) and finally the estate of the late Fred Kirby.

The past year has seen the HAA organise some more superb 'Behind the Scenes' visits to aviation establishments during the year, with the visit to Tony Ditheridge's Hawker Restoration premises being a highlight for most members. This had the added bonus of a tour of his motorsport workshops which included many classic sports and racing cars; seventh heaven to the bunch of petrol-heads attending. Thanks to Andy Smith and Chris Royle for organising these plus also special thanks to Andy for producing our Association Newsletter which provides entertaining reading every time.

Wendy Hinchcliffe ably controls our Membership activities and her endeavours has seen a substantial growth in our Membership numbers in the past year which is extremely encouraging especially as we possibly move into the era of Self-Administration; many thanks Wendy.

As ever I wish to record the great support I have had from Council members during the course of the year - it is a team effort and we have a great team. Talking of Council members we are still looking for younger blood to join us but with full time jobs, busy lives and children to consider, I know this is not easy. If any of you can think of any historic/vintage aircraft

owners/pilots or general enthusiasts who have the time, inclination and a specialist skill to bring to Council, do please put their names forward - they can only say no!

Russell Mason
Secretary HAA

March 2014

A question was tabled with regard to current membership numbers and why it had grown - current membership number is just below 200, with the successful Symposium, Engineering Conference and present higher profile of the HAA following the initiation of the Self-Administration project, all being considered as contributory factors. The Treasurer also noted that, with Wendy Hinchcliffe's assistance, they had closed many memberships down where payment had not been received yet still the membership has grown over the past few years.

The Chairman moved that the Secretary's report be accepted.

Proposed by: Neil McCarthy

Seconded by: Bruce Hutton

Carried unanimously by the members present.

6. THE TREASURER'S REPORT

HAA Treasurer's Report 2014

As you have already heard we have had a most active year. Our membership has grown to just short of 200, probably the highest it has ever been primarily due to the interest being shown through the leading role we have taken working closely with the CAA on self-administration and yet another very successful Symposium last November.

Financially we have made a modest income compared with previous years as we have experienced some significant one-off expenses which we have encountered. The Darrol Stinton Trophy, investing in our own projection equipment, 2 Duxford meetings and expenses incurred on the self-administration project to name a few examples. Our main income streams are membership subscriptions and the Symposium. Both performed above our budget expectations and the Symposium was a sell-out with the maximum capacity we were allowed at 150 attendees. At least 50 more than the previous year, which together with the generosity of our sponsors gave us an excellent financial result.

Most of our members pay their subscriptions by standing order which helps reduce renewal effort and postal costs. Please check with your bank that the reference clearly shows your surname and membership number as without it causes Wendy a lot of extra effort and creates mystery members until we have accounted for everybody. At this point I would like to thank Wendy Hinchcliffe, our Membership Secretary, for all her hard efforts which certainly makes my job as Treasurer so much easier.

In summary, I would like to use this opportunity to thank all those that have supported us during the year particularly our Symposium sponsors without whom we could not offer our members such a significant event at value for money prices.

I would welcome any questions on the report.

Thank You.

Ken Peters
Treasurer HAA

March 2014

A question was tabled with regard to the limited investment return but the Treasurer pointed out we were not a charity so could not claw income back via Gift Aid. It was also simply reflective of the lack of interest provided on current accounts these days. The Treasurer was

also asked whether the current Membership Fee was to be reviewed. He confirmed that at present this had not been deemed necessary but is kept under review by Council.

The Secretary moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed by: Tim Scorer

Seconded by: Bill Fisher

Carried unanimously by the members present.

A statement of the accounts is attached to these Minutes

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following offered themselves for re-election:-

Chairman Wally Epton

Proposed - Howard Cook

Seconded - Carol de Solla Atkin

Carried unanimously by the members present

Deputy Chairman Colin Dodds

Proposed - Dodge Bailey

Seconded - John Farley

Carried unanimously by the members present

Secretary: Russell Mason

Proposed - Max Hore

Seconded - Bruce Hutton

Carried unanimously by the members present

Treasurer Ken Peters

Proposed - Max Hore

Seconded - John Farley

Carried unanimously by the members present

Membership Secretary Wendy Hinchcliffe

Proposed - Roger Hinchcliffe

Seconded - Dennis Neville

Carried unanimously by the members present

PR/Media Secretary Andy Smith

Proposed - Roger Hinchcliffe

Seconded - Bill Fisher

Carried unanimously by the members present

Council members continuing to stand and act on behalf of the HAA until re-election in March 2015 are recorded hereunder:-

John Broad (EFLEVA)

Dennis Neville

Tim Scorer (Hon Legal Advisor)

Bill Taylor

John Farley

John Romain

Martin Slater

Mike Vaisey

Bill Fisher

Chris Royle (AOPA)

Steve Slater (VAC)

One new nomination for Council had been received from Roger Hinchcliffe

Proposed by: Wally Epton

Seconded by: Ken Peters

Both carried unanimously by the members present.

The Chairman also recorded the flowing resignations from Council. Their input and endeavours on behalf of the HAA over the past years - in all cases - was exemplary and greatly assisted in driving the HAA forward to where it is today:-
Robb Metcalfe, Stuart Powney, Keith Sissons and Barry Tempest.

8. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ADVISORS

The following offered themselves for election in the following positions:-

Honorary HAA	Legal Advisor Tim Scorer
Honorary HAA Insurance Advisor	Russell Mason
Honorary Medical Advisor	Prof. Michael Bagshaw / Dr Brian Wallace

Proposed by: Bruce Hutton
Seconded by: Dodge Bailey
Carried unanimously by the members present.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None had been notified in advance or received from the meeting attendees.

10. The Conrod Trophy presentation 2014.

The Chairman introduced the Conrod Trophy presentation for 2014. Dr Robert Fleming is, and has been since the beginning of the amazing Vulcan to the Sky project was created in 1998, Chief Executive of the Vulcan To The Sky Trust (VTTS). He has been the guiding light and mentor to the whole team which has restored and then operated Vulcan XH558. VTTS has coordinated a superb team of engineers, restorers and pilots over the very complex task of making the only civilian-registered Vulcan airworthy and able to fly at so many events every year at airshows throughout UK. The cost of restoring and then keeping the aircraft in the air has been a challenge for VTTS from the outset but against all the odds the necessary funding has been achieved. The Heritage lottery Fund donated £2.7 million in 2003, and then more millions were needed to complete the aircraft's restoration. Further donations have been found and eventually, after a further £7 million had been spent on the painstaking restoration, XH558 became returned to the sky in 2007. The operating cost is still enormous to those of us more used to smaller aircraft, as the Vulcan costs over £10,000 for every hour in the air!!

Therefore, in recognition of their fantastic achievement of restoring and maintaining the world's airworthy Vulcan, the Historic Aircraft Association have great pleasure in awarding the 2014 Conrod Trophy to the Vulcan To The Sky Trust. The runner ups for this award were Plane Sailing Air Displays for their continued operation of their PBY Catalina since 1985 and Personal Plane Services for years of superb restorations and operation of numerous iconic vintage and warbird aircraft.

The Chairman also recorded that the presentation of the Darrol Stinton Memorial Trophy - that recognises outstanding individual achievement in the operation and preservation of historic, heritage and vintage aircraft - at the 2013 HAA Symposium, was David Ogilvy. David, forever associated with the Shuttleworth Collection, flew most of the Collection's aircraft but also served for many years as general manager, playing a key role in turning the museum into one of the most significant collections of aircraft in the world. Vastly experienced as a military and civilian pilot/instructor, he flew numerous highly exotic and challenging machines, ably recounting his experiences in books and journals, as well as being a highly active Council

member of the Historic Aircraft Association in its early formative years. All in all, a most fitting recipient of our inaugural presentation of the Darrol Stinton Memorial Trophy.

The trophy is presented in the memory of Darrol Stinton, a founding-figure of the HAA, and is a scale representation of his favourite aeroplane, the Sopwith Camel.

The President closed the Annual Meeting by 11:30 hrs

Meeting closed, followed by the Flying Forum

Minutes signed on this..... 29TH day of..... March 2015 ,



Chairman



Secretary

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