

# British Aerobatic Association

## Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

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### Introduction

The meeting took place at the Arrow Mill Hotel, Alcester on 24 January 2015, chaired by Alan Cassidy. 26 members signed the attendance list.

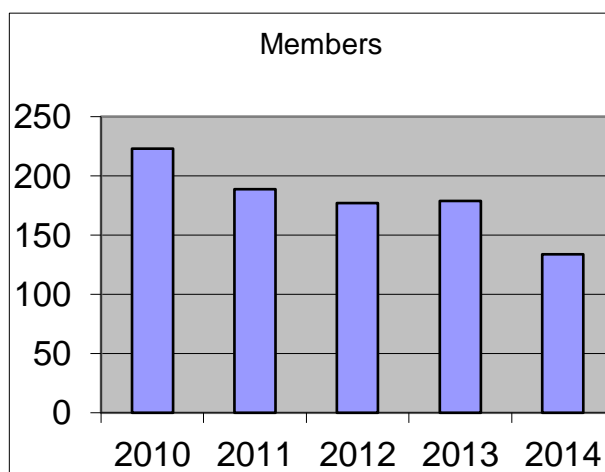
### Minutes of the previous meeting

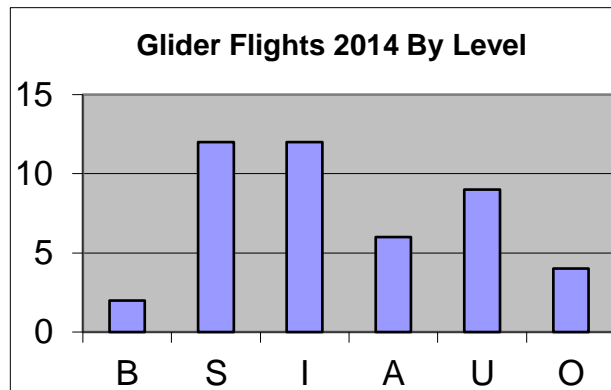
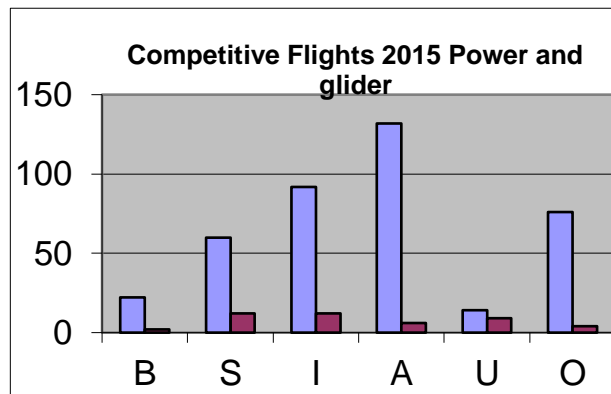
The meeting approved the minutes that were available on the website.

### Chairman's Review of 2014

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The trend of declining membership continued. The committee are giving this attention and some of the ideas are mentioned later.





Only one of three planned glider contests was held due to weather.

### **National Champions 2014**

	Power	Glider
Unlimited	Gerald Cooper	Paul Conran
Advanced	Michael Pickin	Adam Hoskin
Masters	Ron Allen	
Intermediate	Mike Collett	Peter Sharpouse
Standard	David Slater	Alex Harris

### **International results**

#### **Unlimited Power, EAAC (39 pilots)**

Gerald Cooper, 10<sup>th</sup> Overall, 76%

Manager: Pete Rounce

#### **Intermediate Power (30 Pilots)**

Paul Brice, 7<sup>th</sup>, 76.1%

Mike Collett, 9<sup>th</sup>, 75.8%

Chris Sills, 14<sup>th</sup>, 74.5%

Emily Collett, 17<sup>th</sup>, 73.9%

Stephen Hipwell, 21<sup>st</sup>, 73.0%

Phil Massetti, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 72.9%

John Scott, 29<sup>th</sup>, 68.6%

Manager: Steve Todd



Team Silver Medal

*Financial report on the 2014 season, all figures in £'000*

### Overall summary

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Variance
<b>Receipts</b>	48.6	36.7	31.1	29.9	26.6	(11%)
<b>Payments</b>	(55.8)	(39.2)	(27.7)	(30.2)	(23.7)	(22%)
<b>Net cash result</b>	(7.2)	(2.5)	3.5	(0.3)	2.9	-
<b>Cash at period end</b>	43.8	41.3	44.8	44.5	47.4	+2.9k

2014 resulted in a modest cash surplus.

This is after making team and bursary payments (inc WIAC) and includes a generous donation from Philip Meeson.

### Income

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Variance
Subscriptions	16.5	14.8	13.9	16.4	11.3	(31)%
Comp fees	16.7	13.9	12.9	11.4	10.6	(7%)
Sponsorship	11.0	4.0	0	0	0	-
Other income	4.4	4.0	4.3	2.1	4.7	124%
Totals	48.6	36.7	31.1	29.9	26.6	(11%)

Note the decline in membership subscriptions!

"Other Income" principally includes apparel sales and a very generous donation.

## Expenses

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
UK comps	9.4	9.1	6.6	7.0	8.0
Overseas comps	22.4	15.7	13.4	11.3	6.5
Bursaries	3.6	2.3	0.7	4.4	2.6
Insurance	5.3	5.4	1.1	1.1	0.9
Affiliations	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
Tax paid	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1
Trophy costs	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0
Medals	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
Apparel	1.8	1.2	2.9	1.3	1.6
Legal expenses	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PR costs	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Overseas meets	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3
BAeA handbook	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0
New radios	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Other admin	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.2
Totals	55.8	38.4	27.7	30.2	23.7

Please note the below-normal level of team costs; these are likely to be greater in future years.

The year delivered a reasonable result - but we benefited from a generous donation and limited Team payments

Following the last AGM, Full Membership will rise by 10% in 2015, but the cost of Associate Membership will fall to £20.

### ***The 2015 Budget***

In overview, the budget was very similar to 2014. Same structures and commitments. Net Income £26.0K. Net Expenditure £32.5K. Contingency +£3.2K. Planned deficit £6.5K. Closing reserves £38-35K.

Membership fees for flying members are £120 (£92 Gliders). Associates are still £20. No change in competition entry fees with the first contest free for new members.

With a view to attracting new members, it was proposed to offer a 50% discount in membership fees for the first year of membership. There were supportive comments from the floor.

**2015 Bursaries**

<b>Power</b>	Number	Value each
Standard to Intermediate	3	350
Intermediate to Advanced	2	500
Advanced to Unlimited	1	750
Totals if all claimed		2800
<b>Glider</b>		
Sports to Intermediate	3	350
Intermediate to Advanced	2	500
Advanced to Unlimited	1	750
Totals if all claimed		2800

**2015 Team support for international contests**

	Max Per Pilot	BASE	CONT.
		75%	25%
<b>Power</b>			
Unlimited	4	1000	750 250
Advanced	5	800	600 200
<b>Subtotals if all claimed</b>		<b>8000</b>	<b>6000 2000</b>
<b>Glider</b>			
Unlimited	1	800	600 200
Advanced	4	800	600 200
<b>Subtotals if all claimed</b>		<b>4000</b>	<b>3000 1000</b>
Team managers	3	1200	
<b>Subtotals if all claimed</b>		<b>3600</b>	
<b>Team totals</b>		<b>15600</b>	<b>12600 3000</b>

From the floor, Gerald Cooper said that a financial contribution to the members of the international team was welcome. However, it was a relatively small contribution to the cost of competing. It would be better to use the money on judging and judge training. Other team pilots spoke in support of formal training camps. It would be worthwhile paying a trainer for the pilots. Also to bring more judges up to international standard.

## **Head of contest organisation**

Brian McCartney presented his report and plans. He started by thanking the pilots for a safe and reasonably successful 2014 season. At the Open Beginners Event, there were thirteen pilots but only two came back for a full contest.

The dummy run for the Pitts Anniversary Event was very good, but there were only eleven aircraft present. There would be more publicity for the 2015 event.

Thanks to Phil Burgess we provided expertise for an event at RAF Cranwell. This involved 23 pilots using five aircraft. We have been invited to provide support to a 2015 event at RAF Halton.



In 2015, we are planning 15 events of which 7 are for Unlimited pilots.

Pilots must lodge their proficiency paperwork with the office before the closing date. All members are asked to keep an eye on the "latest news" section of the website for last minute updates.

Finally, thanks to Eric Marsh and David Jenkins for judging co-ordination. We need a volunteer to replace David Jenkins. Thanks as always to Nick & Jen Buckenham. Also to Dennis Woodhams for use of the Arrow Mill Hotel.

## **International power events in 2015**

EAAC – Deva (Romania), 22 Jul -1 Aug

WGAC – Zbraslavice (Czech Rep.), 5 - 15 Aug

WAC – Châteauroux-Déols (France), 20-29 Aug

FAI World Air Games (Dubai (UAE)), 1 - 12 Dec 2015

Power pilots should send self-nominations to the Chairman by 31 March.

The likely glider pilot at Unlimited is DJ Gibbs. At Advanced, Alex Harris, Robbie Rizk, Graham Saw, Richard Brown and Adam Hoskin.

## **Election of directors**

There were seven candidates for four vacancies. After a ballot, Steve Todd, Emily Collett, Charles Baker and Phil Massetti were elected.

## **Training bursaries**

Training Bursaries are awarded based on the points trophy tables. To claim pilots must commit to move up a level in 2015 and compete at the Nationals at the higher level.

Pilots have until the end of the season to claim the bursary.

Red indicates those eligible. Fall-back candidates are in black.

<b>Power</b>		
Standard to Intermediate (3) at £350 <b>Alex Cartwright</b> <b>Aidan Smith</b> <b>David Brown</b> Ian Thompson John Vize	Intermediate to Advanced (2) at £500 <b>Mike Collett</b> <b>Chris Sills</b> John Scott David Cowden Stephen Hipwell	Advanced to Unlimited (1) at £750 <b>Phil Burgess</b> Ron Allan Mark Stewart Farrell McGee Chris Brook
<b>Glider</b>		
Sports to Intermediate (3) at £350 <b>Alex Harris</b> <b>Fran McLoughlin</b> <b>David Humphreys</b> Paul Bott David Aherne	Intermediate to Advanced (2) at £500 <b>Peter Sharphouse</b> <b>David Gethin</b> Charles Baker Steve Hardy	Advanced to Unlimited (1) at £750 <b>Adam Hoskin</b> Chris Cain

### **Judging**

The 2015 Volunteer page will soon be on the BAeA web site. It was important for the CD and CJ to know the names of volunteers in advance. A volunteer who turns up unexpectedly is as inconvenient as a volunteer who fails to show up.

We would like all judges who want to judge Advanced and Unlimited programs to have a go at the CIVA currency test. However, there may be restricted access and so we may make alternative arrangements.

Leif Culpin volunteered to act as judging co-ordinator with Eric Marsh as his deputy.

Members were reminded of the benefits of experienced pilots acting as judges. It provides a transfer of experience. It produces more reliable results and pilots can learn by judging.

### **EASA aerobatic rating**

There seem to be no particular problems for power pilots. EASA have postponed compulsory licensing of glider pilots until April 2018. There is a review of regulations for recreational pilots, which may produce some simplification of the regulations.

### **Any other business**

The new website is now operational and it should allow quicker updating.

Members seemed satisfied with the later starting time for the AGM.

Most glider pilots are not participating in the email exploder. Steve Todd will resend an invitation and glider pilots are urged to join.

Eric Marsh reminded the members that it is the responsibility of those receiving trophies to have them engraved and then returned clean. We are looking to have proper travel cases for the trophies. Anyone who has expertise in that area should to contact Eric.

### ***Award of 2014 trophies***

The meeting concluded with the award of trophies for achievements in 2014. The complete list of awards (not all recipients were present) was

Tiger Club Trophy – All Standard Power	Alex Cartwright
Golden Frog Trophy	John Scott
Marcus Norman Trophy – Standard Unknowns	Alex Cartwright
Swinstead Trophy – All Intermediate Power	Mike Collett
Pitts Trophy Trophy	Alex Cartwright
Slingsby Trophy	Paul Elvidge
Extra Trophy	Mike Collett
Diana Britten	Emily Collett
Manx Kelly Trophy – All Advanced Power	Phil Burgess
Glider Points Trophy	Alex Harris
Len Perry Trophy – Highest Placed International (P)	Gerald Cooper
CD of the Year	Steve Todd
Judge of the Year	Leif Culpin
Chipmunk Trophy – Most support in a non-flying role	Cindy Cain-Copsey



*Attendance list*

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Baker, Charles	Culpin, Leif	Onn, Nick
Brice, Paul	Cunningham, Andy	Parkinson, N
Buckenham, Jen	Elvidge, Paul	Rizk, George
Buckenham, Nick	Fudge, Graeme	Rounce, Peter
Cartwright, Alex	Hardy, Sarah	Saw, Graham
Cassidy, Alan	Lawley, Julie	Scott, John
Conran, Paul	Marsh, Eric	Todd, Steve
Cooper, Gerald	Masseti, Phil	Waddington, Chris
Corcoran, Michael	McCartney, Brian	