

British Aerobatic Association

2019 Annual General Meeting

2 February 2019

Introduction

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The chairman, Steve Todd, welcomed 40 members to the meeting.

2. The minutes of the previous AGM

There were no comments on the published minutes of the previous annual general meeting.

Review of 2018

3. Report of the Chairman

Steve Todd reported on a successful 2018 season, thanks to the many volunteers. The UK competitions had been well supported. As well as the Nationals, Fenland was growing in popularity.

The Association sent an Advanced Power Team to the Worlds in Romania and an Advanced Glider Team to the Worlds in the Czech Republic. It was a good learning experience for both teams. Thanks to the huge effort at fund raising by David Cowden, both teams had training and preparation on which to build for the future.

The Royal Aero Club recognised the work of Ian Scott by awarding him a Bronze Medal.

At their ceremony in Luxor, the FAI awarded the Paul Tissander Diploma to both Jen and Nick Buckenham for their remarkable services to Aviation and Sporting Aviation, particularly Aerobatics.

Brian McCartney attended one of the Queen's garden parties.

Grateful thanks must go to Paul Brice who has stood down after ten years as Treasurer and to Martin Sandford for taking over the role.

The work of David Nichols will become apparent later in the meeting.

Alan Cassidy is not standing for re-election as a director and we acknowledge the huge service over many years.

Finally, some well-known members have health difficulties and the chairman wished them a speedy recovery.

4. Report of the Head of Contest Organisation

Brian McCartney reported on a safe, but not incident free year. There was one engine failure resulting in a successful landing in a field. One pilot was disqualified. Box incursions continue to be a problem. As well as using the NOTAM system, we list our contests in a yellow Air Information Circular. There are a number of electronic tools for tracing aircraft. This enabled the chairman to speak to a professional pilot who infringed a box twice in one afternoon.

Brian would like to encourage more people to attend the Judging School. It is a day of practical training with videos and then real flying. It is a worthwhile event for everyone involved in the sport. He also asked volunteers to learn the scoring software to provide additional cover.

There will be no rule changes for 2019 that affect how the pilots fly. Judges will need to learn a new basis of judging rolling circles.

Finally, Brian thanked Jen for the fulsome supply of cake to the judging line.

5. Finance report

Martin Sandford presented the financial report for 2018 prepared by Paul Brice before he stepped down as Treasurer.

Overall financial summary in £'000:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Receipts	29.9	26.6	27.9	32.2	35.9	67.5
Payments	(30.2)	(23.7)	(38.9)	(21.7)	(24.5)	(47.1)
Net cash result	(0.3)	2.9	(11.0)	10.5	11.4	20.4
Cash at period end	44.5	47.4	36.4	46.9	58.3	78.7

The year's results are substantially impacted by lottery receipts and associated team payments and committed allocations. The impact of this is shown below - £18.7k of the cash balance is ring-fenced for future team payments and costs associated with the second lottery.

2018 lottery and other fundraising:

Receipts – Lottery 1 (note £2.2k received in 2017)	19.6
Receipts – Lottery 2	17.9
Other team fundraising – 2017 and 2018 (includes Hangar Party, Auction and painting sales) and a donation - net of costs	4.7
Pilot contributions from non-team and team pilots to direct costs	2.8
Lottery expenses – including Spitfire flight for Lottery 1	(6.6)
Team expenses in 2018	(19.7)
Residual cash allocated	
To meet Lottery 2 expenses (est £6-7k) and 2019 team amounts	18.7

Analysis of receipts:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Subscriptions	16.4	11.3	11.0	13.6	13.6*	10.9*
Comp fees	11.4	10.6	10.3	12.7	9.4*	12.5*
Team fundraising, earmarked donation and pilot contributions					5.3	39.8
Other income	2.1	4.7	6.5	5.9	7.6	4.2
Totals	29.9	26.6	27.8	32.2	35.9	67.5

Analysis of payments:

	2013	2014	2015	2015	2017	2018
UK comp costs	7.0	8.0	8.2	11.4	8.6	13.8
Team costs	11.3	6.5	20.9	1.9	4.1	19.7
Bursaries paid	4.4	2.6	2.1	1.8	0.4	0.0
Lottery-related costs						6.6
Insurance	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Affiliations – AOPA etc	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.0
Other payments	4.7	4.0	5.0	3.6	8.7	4.1
Totals	30.2	23.7	38.9	21.7	24.5	47.1

UK competition costs included some £5.4k of aircraft hire compared with only £0.8k the previous year.

6. Expenses reimbursement policy

Rod Hervé explained the benefits of having a well-staffed judging line. We are a voluntary organisation of enthusiasts who expect to pay to take part. The expenses reimbursement policy never covered all costs but was intended to avoid the cost of judging being a disincentive. Most judging staff do not claim, but for those who do, the previous rules were too restrictive. The changes are:

- A member of the judging staff may not claim at all unless they live at least 50 miles (previously 150 miles) from the venue and have travelled specifically for the contest. Therefore, staff recruited on the day may not claim.
- They may claim for EITHER overnight accommodation OR daily travelling.
- Accommodation claims against receipts for each night prior to a scheduled contest day, capped at £70 (previously £50).
- Travelling costs at 25p per mile, capped at £50 per contest day.
- Claimants must use a newly designed claim form that makes the rules clear. The form will require the claimant to state their membership number.

Rod will be designing a leaflet explaining the duties of a scribe. He also wants to see more publicity for judges on the website. This could include a CJ's section of the contest report.

Outline plans for the future

7. Marketing Working Group

David Nichols presented the results of the membership survey.

He also presented a proposed structure for the membership with the following purposes:

- Increase membership beyond competing pilots - Making it easier to recruit new members, past members, display pilots, Warbirders, Sunday loopers etc.
 - Make the membership renewal process more automated - less admin, less 'forgetting to renew'
 - Re-invigorate Corporate membership - Build partnerships with key Training Organisations
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There would be one class of individual membership with a subscription of £25. Contest fees would increase to compensate for the reduction in subscription income. The aim was to increase the total number of members and be fairer to those who were only able to enter a small number of contests. At the same time, there would be an attempt to revive corporate membership. The Association's website would distinguish between those training organisations that had instructors with competition experience at Advanced and the others.

The meeting approved the change in membership structure with the changed fees for individuals to apply from 1 January 2020.

From the end of February, the previous supplier of sportswear will no longer service us. David Nichols proposed replacing them with SeriousSport. They individually print each garment and get their volume by servicing a large number of small clubs. Members will order individually from the online store with delivery direct to the member. David showed pictures and passed round samples of their products to general approval.

8. Lottery

David Cowden leads the lottery operations. Peter Rounce, systems development, Alex Cartright, web assistance, Beth Meads, publicity and Steve Todd is regulatory oversight.

The first two lotteries have been very successful in raising funds for the British Teams training and support fund. More lotteries are planned, but the key is further automation of the ordering and payment process.

The meeting was very appreciative of the efforts of the group.

9. Plans of the International Working Group

Phil Massetti presented the plans of the International Working Group:

Mission	To help develop and foster a winning mentality in all aerobatic competitions we choose to take part in.
How?	Appointment of first class BAeA coaches Establish regular, structured training camps Pilot development tested at Nationals Prioritise 'Worlds' over "European" Continue fundraising. Measure output by final positions
BAeA team coaches 2019	Power Unlimited & Advanced – Tom Cassells Power Advanced & Intermediate – Phil Burgess Glider Advanced & Unlimited – Will Jones
Team Managers	Unlimited Power – Peter Rounce Advanced Power – Chris Sills Intermediate Power – John Royce Gliding (both) – Will Jones

There will be another "End of Season Bash" for all members at Sywell on 12 October 2019.

The Association has the honour of hosting the 2019 CIVA Plenary meeting from 8 to 10 November 2019. The Association will host the dinner at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford and members will have the opportunity to dine with the great and the good.

10. UK flying development

The Get into Aeros events for both power and gliders were now established successes. The 2019 power event would be at Sleaf and the glider event at Lasham.

There are many sources of financial support for young people. Emily Collet will collate a list for the website.

Emily and Mike Collett have set up a training organisation. They will generously provide two training scholarships, conditional on the pilots entering a contest.

Formal business

11. Election of directors

There were six candidates for three vacancies. The members voted and the successful candidates were David Nichols, Brain McCartney and Chris Sills.

[During a refreshment break, the new and continuing directors met and chose Steve Todd as chairman and Phil Massetti as vice chairman for 2019]

12. Adoption of new Articles of Association

Charles Baker repeated the explanation for proposing new Articles of Association that he had given in the documents circulated at least 21 days in advance. The meeting voted to adopt the new Articles.

There was no other formal business.

13. Prize giving

The chairman announced the winners of the various trophies and made presentations to those present.

British National Advanced Power Champion	David Thomson
British National Unlimited Power Champion	Gerald Cooper
Len Perry Trophy Highest placed British pilot in an international contest	Will Jones
Cavendish Hotel Trophy	Paul Brice
David Perrin Trophy	-
Don Henry Trophy	David Thomson
Duxford Trophy	Nick Wakefield
Elywn McAully Trophy	Trevor Dugan
Fenland Trophy	Jez Burgoin
Golding-Barrett Trophy	Peter Begley
Icicle Trophy	Phil Burgess
John McLean Trophy	Mark Thomas
Nigel Newbold Trophy	-
Roy Legg Trophy	Maciej Kulaszewski
Royal Air Squadron Trophy	Patrick Caruth
Diana Britten Trophy Highest female percent scored at 3 events	Emily Collett
Extra Trophy Total points flying Extra aircraft	Mark Thomas

Glider Trophy Total points flying in glider contests	Joel Hallewell
Golden Frog Trophy Total points flying French aircraft	George Haye
Manx Kelly Trophy Total point at Advanced contests	Nick Wakefield
Marcus Norman Trophy Total points at Standard Unknown sequences	Mark Thomas
Pitts Special Trophy	Jez Burgoin
Shaggy Cow Trophy Total points flying Yakovlev aircraft	-
Slingsby Trophy Total points flying Slingsby aircraft	-
Swinstead Trophy Total points at Intermediate contests	Jez Burgoin
Tiger Club Trophy Total points at Standard contests	Mark Thomas
Cessna Aircraft without an inverted system	Martin Luton
Chipmunk Trophy Greatest contribution in a non-flying capacity	Paul Brice
CD of the year	Chris Sills
Judge of the year	Martin Sandford

The meeting then ended.