

British Aerobatic Association

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

Introduction

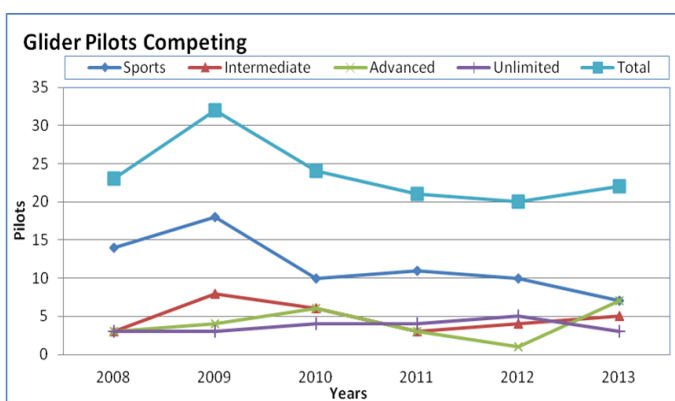
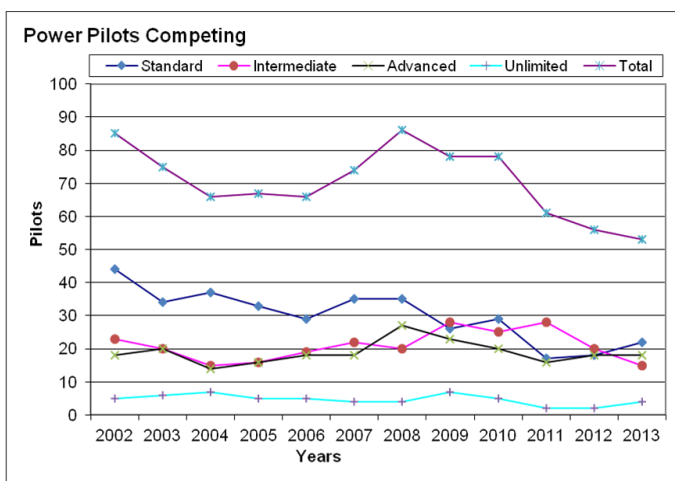
The AGM took place at the Arrow Mill Hotel, Alcester on 25 January 2014, chaired by Alan Cassidy. There were 44 members present and six apologies for absence.

2013 AGM minutes

The meeting approved the minutes.

Review of 2013

The percentage of sequences flown at power competitions was better than the previous year. However, the percentage of sequences flown at glider contests was much lower due to bad weather.



National champions



Unlimited	Gerald Cooper	Unlimited	Paul Conran
Advanced	David Jenkins	Advanced	Robert Rizk
Masters	Michael Pickin		
Intermediate	Pete Rounce	Intermediate	George Rizk
Standard	Neil Parkinson	Sports	Peter Sharphouse

International results

Unlimited power WAC

Gerald Cooper	3 rd overall
	2 nd Freestyle
Simon Johnson	38 th overall
Tom Bennett	48 th overall



Team position	4th
Manager	Peter Rounce



Gliders WAGAC

Robert Rizk	9th
Richard Brown	19th
Jack Newman	20 th
Christopher Bowden	21st
Chris Cain	37th
Team	4 th overall
Manager	Paul Conran



The Royal Aero Club will be awarding their Diploma to Paul Conran for his services to the British Glider Aerobatic Team.

Financial Report on the 2013 season, all figures £'000

	2010	2011	2012	2013	Variance
Overall summary					
Receipts	48.6	36.7	31.1	29.9	(1%)
Payments	(55.8)	(39.2)	(27.7)	(30.2)	(10%)
Net cash result for period	(7.2)	(2.5)	3.5	(0.3)	-
Cash at period end	43.8	41.3	44.8	44.5	-
Income					
Subscriptions	16.5	14.8	13.9	16.4	18%
Comp fees	16.7	13.9	12.9	11.4	(12%)
Sponsorship	11.0	4.0	0	0	-
Other income	4.4	4.0	4.3	2.1	(51%)
Totals	48.6	36.7	31.1	29.9	(1%)
Expenditure					
UK comp costs	9.4	9.1	6.6	7.0	6%
Overseas comp costs	22.4	15.7	13.4	11.3	(16%)
Bursaries paid	3.6	2.3	0.7	4.4	528%
Insurance	5.3	5.4	1.1	1.1	-
Affiliations – AOPA etc	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	6%
Other payments	13.6	4.3	4.3	4.7	9%
Totals	55.8	38.4	27.7	30.2	8%

The impact of the increased membership fees for 2013 came through – although comp fees declined.

Although team-related payments were lower in 2013, we paid significantly greater bursary payments in the year compared to 2012 – and there was a general increase in our other costs.

The overseas comp costs include the contingent payments made to pilots as the Association’s financial results were sufficient for these to be made.

Approximately £44k in the bank, including £31k on deposit with Scottish Widows

The year delivered a reasonable result given the significant payments we made in respect of items such as bursaries and medals.

We need to be realistic and continue our prudent approach. The contingent payments mechanism for team pilots will remain in place.

The meeting will be asked to raise full membership again by £10 in 2015, but to reduce the cost of associate membership to £20.

Proposed Budget 2014

The Chairman presented the budget for 2014. This was similar to 2013 with the same basic structure and commitments.

- Net Income £30.0K.
- Net Expenditure £32.5K (plus a contingency of £3.2k)
- Planned deficit £5.7K
- Closing reserves £38.8K

The proposed subscription increase for flying members was £10 from 2015. A reduction in the Associate fee to £20 came in for 2014. The meeting approved these changes.

There would be no change in contest entry fees but, with immediate effect, there would be no entry fee for the first contest entered by a new member.

The 2014 bursaries for pilots advancing a level for both power and glider were:

- Standard to Intermediate – 3 of £350,
- Intermediate to Advanced – 2 of £500
- Advanced to Unlimited – 1 of £750

A pilot advancing two levels could only claim one bursary.

The support for international pilots was:

		Maximum	Base	Contingent
		£ per		
	Number	pilot	75%	25%
POWER				
Unlimited	4	1200	900	300
Advanced	5	900	675	225
SUBTOTAL		9300	6975	2325
GLIDER				
Unlimited	1	900	675	225
Advanced	3	900	675	225
SUBTOTALS		3600	2700	900
Team Managers	3	1200		
SUBTOTALS		3600		
TEAM TOTALS		16500	13275	3225

HCO Review and Plans

Generally, 2013 was a successful year, subject to the usual losses due to weather. The Icicle was postponed and Dan Smith snowed off. At

Brighton two teams of judges were used. Thanks are due to Toddy who deputised for the CD at Elvington. Chris Stills had an engine failure on the way to Sleaford but still turned up and worked on the line. There was a welcome and planned fly past by a Lancaster at Fenland but the DC3 was an unplanned intruder. A landing accident at Leicester provides a lesson.

A landing accident might close one of the smaller airfields leaving a competing pilot low on fuel. The CD should brief a suitable diversion airfield.

It is very helpful to the organisation if pilots enter well in advance of the closing date.

Thanks to judges and assistants and to Jen for all her liaison with the host airfields and to pilots for flying safely.

International Events for 2014

The planned events were

- WGAC – Torun Poland, 22 July - 2 Aug
- WAAC – Dubnica, Slovakia, 7-16 Aug
- EAC – Matkopuszta, Hungary, 23-30 Aug
- WIAC/WYAC - Mossel Bay, South Africa, 27 Nov to 6 Dec 2014. This new Intermediate and Yak contest would have to be self supporting, at least for this first year.

Election of Directors

Jen Buckenham, Paul Conran and Alan Cassidy were re-elected as directors.

Lunch

Eligibility for 2014 Bursaries

Ian Scott explained that there were no rule changes for 2014. Training Bursaries are awarded to pilots based on their performance in the points trophy tables. To be eligible pilots must commit to move up a level this season and compete at the Nationals at the higher level. Pilots must inform the HCO if they wish to claim a bursary by 1 March 2014. Bursaries are paid at the end of the season.

In the following table, names in **bold** are those eligible and the other names are the fall-back options:

	Standard to Intermediate	Intermediate to Advanced	Advanced to Unlimited
Power	Neil Parkinson	Phil Massetti	Phil Burgess
	Aidan Smith	Chris Brook	David Jenkins
	Chris Sills	John Scott	...others
	Alex Cartwright	Lauren Richardson	
	Pete Pengilly		

Gliders	Peter Sharphouse	George Rizk	Robert Rizk
	Fran McLoughlin	Charles Baker	Graham Saw
	Rod Herve	Adam Hoskin	Chris Bowden
	Steve Hardy	David Gethin	
	James Taylor		

Judging Matters

In 2013, 41 pilots attended the Judging School. There was a strong turnout from glider pilot. Disappointingly, none came to a powered event. Both sides of the sport need to support each other.

There are no changes to the rules for 2014.

We are asking all judges who want to judges Advanced and Unlimited programs to have a go at the C I V A currency test for 2014.

Please volunteer to judge either using the volunteer page on the website or by contacting Eric. It is difficult to use people effectively unless the contest leadership knows in advance that they are turning up.

The CJ should introduce his team to the pilots at the briefing. Judges need to be at least an associate member.

EASA Licensing Issues

Although it is early days, the license transition process does appear to be working.

An improvement in the license renewal requirements is that pilots can now fly with an instructor on up to three flights totalling at least an hour. Previously, the requirement was for one flight of at least an hour's duration.

Any Other Business

The chairman asked whether members would be interested in taking part in medical research involving the centrifuge at Farnborough. There were plenty of volunteers.

The website has grown very large using technology that has become outdated. During the course of the year, new pages will appear using a modern content management system. This will allow improvements in the speed and flexibility of updating.

The online payment system has moved from Google to Stripe, again to provide more flexibility. It also allows easy refunds. At the end of the season, Jen will refund any unused contest entry fees, less a £5 administration fee.

Award of 2013 Trophies

The meeting concluded with the award of trophies. The complete list of awards for 2013 (not all of whom were present) was:

Tiger Club Trophy – All Standard Power	Neil Parkinson
Golden Frog Trophy	John Scott

Shaggy Cow Trophy	John Calverley
Marcus Norman Trophy – Standard Unknowns	Chris Sills
Swinstead Trophy – All Intermediate Power	Phil Massetti
Pitts Trophy Trophy	Chris Brook
Slingsby Trophy	Paul Elvidge
Extra Trophy	Tomonaro Kaji
Diana Britten	Emily Todd
Manx Kelly Trophy – All Advanced Power	Phil Burgess
Glider Points Trophy	Robert Rizk
Len Perry Trophy – Highest Placed International (P)	Gerald Cooper
CD of the Year	Emily Todd
Judge of the Year	John Royce
Chipmunk Trophy – Most support in a non-flying role	Paul Conran