



The Aeromodellers Association (Scotland) Limited trading as SAA

Annual General Meeting 2021

Minutes of Meeting
Held Sunday 5th December 2021 - 13.00hrs
via Zoom conferencing link

SAA Council members and Panellists present:

Steve McDonald	Chairman	SMcD
Dougie Sheppard	Safety Officer/ Vice Chairman	DS
Wullie Jack	Secretary	WJ
Bob Lemm	Assistant Secretary (co-opted)	BL
Andy Anderson	Membership Secretary	AA
Richard Blanski	Treasurer (co-opted)	RB
Colin Nicol	PRO / Youth development	CN
Lesley Nicol	Merchandising	LN
Tom Love	FSAA Guardian	TL
Ian Sutherland	FSAA Guardian	IS
John Miller	Safety Committee Member	JM
Dom Imrie	Safety Committee Member	DI
Duncan Gray	Safety Committee Member	DG

Zoom support: Rob Buckley Secretary LMA

Council Absent: Carolyn Law Club Liaison Officer

Apologies: Douglas Dickie
Colin McLean

In addition to the panellists named above there were also a further 26 members logged into the zoom meeting. The number of members attending this meeting was sufficient to form a Quorum

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Actions</u>
1	SMcD confirmed that the Zoom meeting was being recorded by RB for future review	SmcD/BL
2	SMcD requested those present to advise if they had any absence apologies to provide. DS advised an absence apology had been intimated from Douglas Dick.	
3	SMcD proceeded to discuss the Minutes for the AGM for 2020 and asked all present if they had reviewed these minutes. No comments were made and he then requested a Proposer and Seconder to agree that the Minutes should be accepted as an accurate representation of the previous AGM meeting.	



Proposer: Bill Anderson
Seconder: Brian Barclay

Rob Buckley was requested to open the Zoom facility for members to vote to confirm agreement of the proposal.

74% of the membership approved the Minutes with 26% abstaining from the voting. The 2020 AGM Minutes were therefore accepted.

- 4 SMcD welcomed members to the meeting of the 2021 AGM and proceeded to introduce those panellists present and visible on the zoom screen including two Guardians. (SAA members attending via zoom could not be viewed during the meeting) SMcD also explained that the LMA had offered use of their Zoom webinar service to facilitate the meeting and thanked Rob Buckley LMA Secretary who was on hand to support the SAA during the meeting.

5 Chairmans Report

SMcD commenced his report by asking members to take a moment to remember those people who had passed away during the previous year and he paid his respects to Bill Grimsley who died 18th September 2021. He thanked Tom Laird for producing a special edition of the Airtime magazine in tribute to Bill who was a former leading member of the SAA Council.

He also commented that not long after Bills passing, Harry Cousins, a long time member of the Livingston model aero club had also passed away.

On the 25th October 2021 Aubin Bryce died after a short illness. He had been a member of the Falkirk club and a long servicing member of the RAF Air cadets providing support, and training the cadets in the skills of RC model flying.

SMcD then moved on to discuss the revocation of the CAA Article 16 authorisation in March 2021 due to the submission of incomplete paperwork by the SAA Council, The Council failed to meet the time deadline for submission of the full documentation and as a consequence the authorisation was revoked. A further list of requirements was provided by the CAA and subsequent SAA Council meetings were held to determine the way forward.

Four options were considered:

- 1 The SAA Safety Committee to undertake a complete rewrite of the Safety code and Achievement Scheme and submit a fresh application to the CAA.
- 2 Enlist the services of an external consultancy service to prepare and submit the application on our behalf.
- 3 Consider the amalgamation of the SAA within the LMA to retain the SAA identity and independent funding.
- 4 Allow the SAA to be swallowed by the BMFA and thereby lose all identity and all funds.



The Council discussions determined that options 3 and 4 were not in the interest of the SAA at this time, and although option 2 may have achieved the Article 16 authorisation, this would have required a payment in the region of £24k, similar to that made by the LMA. Also it was feared that the CAA may have considered that by having an external service undertake the completion of this application they may still not issue the authorisation if they considered the SAA did not possess the expertise within our membership to create a Safety code and Achievement scheme.

Option 1 was therefore chosen, however this submission of our revamped application would be with the added input and support provided by John Miller an ex CAA employee with a wealth of knowledge as to how the CAA review of applications would be conducted. John was co-opted on to the Safety Committee to assist with the new application.

SMcD stated that members had been informed that until the SAA are granted Article 16 authorisation members would have to fly under the Open category – unless they were also members of the BMFA or LMA then they would be flying under the other associations authorisation.

The SAA Council acknowledged that this issue had been deeply upsetting to members and in particular those who regularly fly above 400ft who would now be restricted to flying in the Open category. SMcD apologised to all members on behalf of the SAA Council.

He continued by advising that the re written application draft had been completed and a version had been circulated to Council members for final scrutiny and approval prior to being sent forward to the CAA, He expressed his thanks to the Safety committee members and John Miller in particular.

SMcD moved on to discuss the Council members changes and welcomed Richard Blanski (RB) as the co-opted Treasure having taken over the role following the resignation of the previous incumbent. He also announced the Assistant Secretary role was now being undertaken by Bob Lemm (BL) who has been co-opted onto the SAA Council pending the AGM voting process. The role of Webmaster is currently vacant and web changes have been undertaken by SMcD, however BL will now also support with this function.

SMcD voiced his concern regarding the use of Facebook media as the lack of control in managing the public input may be detrimental to the SAA going forward. Further discussions would be required to determine if the SAA Facebook page should continue.

He also expressed his concern that comments on alternative aeromodelling Facebook pages had been 'posted' which were derogatory to the SAA for not providing assistance at locally arranged events, and he encouraged ALL aeromodellers and event organisers to make direct contact with the SAA Council to ensure events and meetings are promoted and suitably controlled.

If no contact is made then the SAA Council are unaware of the activity and therefore and cannot lend support.

SMcD confirmed that as soon as Covid restrictions were relaxed he intended to visit clubs and events scheduled for 2022 to meet members around the country.

He added that as this had been his first year as SAA Chairman, he was disappointed to hear some of the negative and vitriolic comments directed at the Council by members who were themselves unwilling to assist with the workload of the Council volunteers. He did



however welcome constructive criticism and offers of support from members to help develop and strengthen the SAA.

On a more positive note he described his vision for the SAA in the coming years where he wants to see a revival of the training and testing program and he hopes to fulfil his intention to visit clubs to 'meet the members' to hear their feedback regarding their perception of the SAA.

He announced his wish to have at least one SAA sponsored 'fly in' during 2022 and possibly a Scottish model air show (depending on Covid restrictions and site availability), His main wish is to have the SAA members flying under the CAA Article 16 authorisation.

In conclusion he stated that the SAA can have a strong and successful future but only with the help and support of its membership and he invited everyone to work together to ensure this was the case.

He ended his report by thanking all members of the Council and the Safety committee for their efforts and the Guardians for their input over the past year. He wished everyone on the call 'A very merry Christmas and safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.'

6 Vice Chairman / Safety Officer Report

The following is a statement prepared by the Vice Chairman / Safety Officer:

There is very little to report as vice chair. I attended a waterplane event at Loch Earn between lockdowns and was very impressed by the set up to ensure Covid regulation compliance, and an enjoyable and safe day was had by all I spoke to.

The majority of my efforts this year have been as Safety Officer working on the Article 16 Authorisation application with the safety committee and sub-committee.

I must thank Don Imrie, Duncan Gray, Jim McGlynn, Wullie Jack and the sorely missed Bill Grimsley for the months of work they have put in behind the scenes working towards achieving this. I must also thank John Miller, who in a previous existence was a CAA inspector and as such was press ganged into joining the Safety Committee and giving up the last few months of his time to ensure the Safety Code and Achievement scheme documents were compliant with the Article 16 Authorisation application. A time consuming and thankless task. So, John, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

I am pleased to announce our application is going through final checks and peer review at the moment and will be ready to send within the next couple of weeks.

I am intending to re-instate training and testing weekends in 2022, Covid rules permitting. I know that there are numerous members wishing tests, and I am aware that some tests were carried out in 2021, but these were few and far between.

What I need is a list of clubs throughout the country who would be willing to host a T&T event and we can then select a fair spread of venues across Scotland to give as many as possible a chance to attend one within reasonable distance of their home. I also have a list of examiners who I will be contacting to see if they still wish to remain on the active list of examiners.



Any examiners attending the AGM, would you e-mail me at safety@saaweb.uk to let me know what you wish to do, it'll save a phone call.

Finally, I would like to thank the Council, Safety Committee and the membership for their support over what can only be described as an "Annus Horribilis".

7 Secretary Report

WJ opened by thanking Arty Fisher (previous Assistant Secretary) for the provision of the 2020 AGM Minutes.

He then gave a short introduction into the duties he has undertaken in 2021 with the onset of further Covid restrictions, he has been supporting the membership with implementing the Track and Trace procedures recommended by the Sports Council of Scotland.

The loss of Article 16 authorisation had increased the workload for many Council members and the Secretary role in particular as many emails were received questioning the limitations of flying in the Open category.

He also stated that much of his time had been spent dealing with Insurance enquiries as members sought clarification on a number of issues.

In conclusion he hoped he would be able to enjoy more model flying in 2022 as he had been severely restricted during the past year due to personal concerns surrounding Covid restrictions.

8 Assistant Secretary Report.

BL commenced his report by stating that since being co-opted onto the SAA Council on 2nd November 2021, he had been surprised to see the high levels of activity undertaken by all members of the Council. In particular he made comment of the work of the Safety Committee in the re-write of the Safety code and Achievement award scheme and also the seasonal increase in workload for the Membership secretary, Andy Anderson processing membership applications in a short period of time.

He continued by expanding on areas of administration he anticipated he would be able to assist the SAA Council. This included communications with Companies House / OSCR and HMRC and he intended to work closely with the SAA Treasurer to ensure the legal obligations for these government bodies were met and the SAA accounting procedures were fit for purpose going forward.

He also discussed his wish to implement a 2022 'Strategy plan' and would be working with Council to discuss ways in which to reinvigorate Scottish Aeromodelling after the stagnant period during lockdown.



In summary he stated he was looking forward to assisting with new projects planned and in particular the launch of a new clothing range and the planning and organisation of regional 'fly-in' events.

He concluded by acknowledging that members were disappointed with the SAA loss of Article 16 authorisation and it would now be up to the new Council to work hard to promote the SAA in a professional and business like manner to regain the trust and support of members.

BL then invited questions from the membership and SMcD advised there was a Zoom facility for this process. No questions were raised.

9 Treasurer Report

RB introduced himself as having only recently commenced in post in September 2021 and proceeded to thank Gordon Hunter (previous SAA Treasurer) for his help in guiding him through the various processes which had been used to prepare the SAA accounts.

RB stated that a reference to Gordon in the submission of the unaudited accounts to the AGM was in recognition of the sterling work he had done in the preparation of the accounting information prior to handover as he did not think it would be appropriate to take credit for Gordon's hard work.

He then spoke about the current state of the SAA funding and whilst the figures are healthy there had been a significant loss this year as a result of a Council decision to reimburse 50% of membership fees for 2021 in consideration of the reduced flying availability during the Covid shut down. Previous estimates suggested this anticipated loss would be in the region of £12k to £14k however the actual figure is just over £10k. The norm for SAA annual income is a small surplus however RB considered this year (2022) will see a reduction in members renewing their membership due to Covid lock down restrictions and the SAA having not yet secured the CAA Article 16 authorisation.

He continued by advising the members that as SAA is the trading name for The Aeromodellers Association (Scotland) Limited, the limited company will require to submit professionally audited accounts to Companies House in the future.

Although the SAA has suffered a significant drop in income during 2021, this has not impacted on the Reserve account which is monies set aside to further develop the future growth of the SAA.

He concluded his report by wishing the membership a good Christmas and a Happy New year.

10 Membership Secretary's Report.

The following is a prepared report submitted by Andrew Anderson:



Membership renewals for 2022 are as busy as usual and thank you for your assistance when I have a query.

The CAA Introduced GBR-RP- and GBR-OP- registrations which stands for RP-remote pilot and OP- operator pilot. The old FLY-ids were issued for a three year period and when they expire a new GBR-RP- registration will be issued. Anyone that has renewed their OP- registration in 2021 were issued with the new GBR-OP registration.

*I have started issuing the new registrations on your membership cards and this will take until next year to phase in completely. I will only issue both the GBR- registrations on your cards. **No FLY and GBR- will be printed on the same card**, as the FLY- IDs are due to expire throughout this year and 2022.*

The CAA will send out an e-mail reminder to members about 3 weeks before your expiry date and gives you details for renewing online and receiving your next years registration that day.

*At this moment the SAA have 52 Clubs.
I also have issued 7 new membership numbers this year.*

*We the SAA have a total of 932 Members which include 17 FSAA (Fellows)
5 Complementary members which is down by 12 members from last year.*

Covid has still affected our flying season and events and lets hope 2022 will let us all get back to a little normality allowing testing and training weekends and club events to take place.

*Safety Awards issued. The awards are = 8 FWP (B)
1 ETH (B)
Total 9 Passes.*

That concludes my report for 2021.

11 PRO / Youth Development Officer

The following is a prepared bullet point report provided by Colin Nicol:

Youth organisations are starting to open up but meetings are still very guarded due to Covid restrictions.

Working with the 2 Squadron Flying Training School at Kirknewton to regenerate the training school we had before the pandemic is turning out to be productive and has generated some interest directly within the RAF.

Sqn Ldr Calum Law an RAF instructor, front line tornado pilot & CFI Kirknewton supports the merits of models to train the RAF Air cadets. He has also joined the SAA and is in the process of doing his bronze. On this point I would like to thank Don Imrie and Bill Anderson for helping me out at Kirknewton.



There is a fund which was raised by donations from Scoonie Hobbies (Andy and Stevie McCue) and by the collections work the cadets have done at the air shows.

This year there was an RC Flight simulator presented to Dougie Sheppard for the cadets Hamilton Sqn from this fund.

The fund is also being used to create an FPV flight training system where the model controller view will be from the cockpit rather than the ground.

We have had our first trials for this equipment and it works.

Any donations of Servos, receivers & equipment surplus to your requirements, that you feel would be of use to the training scheme, would be much appreciated.

We mourn the loss of both Aubin Bryce and Bill Grimsley who both helped with the RAF cadets and the Battle of Britain Mini Flight /BBMF

This year Dougie Sheppard and I are in the process of creating an up to date version of the SAA trifold leaflets to promote SAA amongst the general public and at any events held - subject to Covid restrictions.

Colin closed his report by wishing the membership a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

12 Merchandising Officer

The following is a bullet point report submitted by Lesley Nicol:

*To make way for the 2022 launch of a new clothing range the SAA Council has agreed to offer the existing stock to members at reduced prices. **(Fleece / Polo shirt / Sweatshirt / Baseball cap / Umbrella – all to be priced at £5 each)***

The future stock levels will be kept to a minimum as we seek suppliers to offer a 'buy on request' service rather than the SAA holding stock.

Currently researching quotes from suppliers for an array of items and also to find out if items can be personalised.

There will be a sample of each item and size held to be viewed at events and online.

Stock will be on show on the SAA website along with sizes and related prices.

The SAA website will be updated to promote the new up to date style merchandise.

Members will be able to order via the website and postage will be determined on the type and number of items bought.

Lesley closed her report by inviting members to email or call her using the contact details shown on the SAA web site should they wish to purchase any of the AGM sale items. She wished the members a good new year for 2022.

13 Vacant Council positions.

SMcD advised the members that a number of SAA Council posts remained available for volunteer support and as such no update reports were available from these roles.

He stated that, at the time of the AGM, the available roles were: Webmaster / Airtime Editor and CD Rep. He also informed the members that the current Club Liaison Officer (Carolyn Law) had not attended the past four Council meetings and had not made contact with any Council members to discuss her intentions. SMcD concluded that Carolyn no longer wished to undertake the function and this role should also now be considered as available. He also commented that the Club Liaison position was due for renewal this year.

14 AGM Approval of Accounts for 2020/21 year.

SMcD advised the members that due to the changeover of Treasurer and the difficulties of obtaining bank access for RB there had not been sufficient time to allow the independent audit of the accounts prior to the AGM. An unaudited version had been submitted but would be withdrawn as it had been associated with Gordon Hunter and he had not agreed to this submission. The full professionally audited accounts would be released to the membership as soon as this becomes available. At that point members will be asked to review the accounts and a proposer and seconder approval will be sought.

15 Election of Council Members.

SMcD reviewed the previous AGM election details and determined that a number of Council roles were still within the two year appointment period and therefore the incumbents still had a further year before vacating the role.

He then announced that WJ had noted his intention to stand down as Secretary and that BL had offered to stand for election to that role. SMcD asked the members for a proposer and seconder to BL standing for election.

Proposed by Bill Anderson

Seconded by Wully Jack

The members attending the zoom meeting were asked to vote electronically.

22 votes cast - 20 approved / 2 abstained

91% approval - BL elected Secretary.

SMcD welcomed BL to his new role and thanked WJ for his 8 years service to the SAA Council.

WJ received thanks from a number of members of the Council with best wishes for his retirement from his Council duties.

SMcD requested volunteer applications for the Assistant Secretary role – no offers were forthcoming.

He then moved to ask that the role of Treasurer, currently manned by RB in a co-opted position should be ratified and RB was nominated for the elected Council role.

Proposed by Ian Sutherland



Seconded by Brian Barclay.

Members were invited to vote electronically.
20 votes cast – 18 approved / 2 abstained.
90% approval - RB elected Treasurer.

SMcD asked the existing Council members if they were happy to continue undertaking their current roles. All agreed to continue for 2022.

He then asked for nominations to undertake the role of Club Liaison Officer. - no volunteers were forthcoming.

Nominations were then asked for the Webmaster role, however no nominations were received.

The next role available was noted as CD Rep and nominations were invited – no applicants were received.

No nominations were received for the Airtime editor vacancy.

The 2022 SAA Council as elected is now as shown below:

Chairman	Steve McDonald	<i>chair@saaweb.uk</i>
Vice chair / Safety Officer	Dougie Sheppard	<i>vchair@saaweb.uk</i>
Secretary	Bob Lemm	<i>sec@saaweb.uk</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Post remains available</i>	
Treasurer	Richard Blanski	<i>treas@saaweb.uk</i>
Membership Secretary	Andy Anderson	<i>memsec@saaweb.uk</i>
PRO/ Youth Development	Colin Nicol	<i>info@saaweb.uk</i>
Merchandising	Lesley Nicol	<i>weargear@saaweb.uk</i>
Club Liaison	<i>Post remains available</i>	
Competition Director	<i>Post remains available</i>	
Airtime Editor	<i>Post remains available</i>	
Webmaster	<i>Post remains available</i>	

SMcD explained that this was not an ideal situation having several council vacancies still available as the workload would now require to be shared by a smaller number of volunteers.

He further explained that as these roles remained unallocated after the AGM election process had passed, any interested members could now only be co-opted to the role and could not be elected until the AGM in December 2022.

16 Gaurdians Invitation to comment.

SMcD invited the Guardians to provide comments on the activities of the SAA during the past year and the progress of the AGM.

TL questioned if Carolyn Law had contacted the Council to confirm her intention to stand down from her position as Club Liaison Officer.



SMcD responded that no contact had been made to confirm either her standing down or her intention to continue and that her complete lack of contact and absence from several monthly council meetings was considered as her wish to have no further involvement with the SAA Council.

TL stated that he had heard a comment made that if a Council member failed to attend 3 meetings then they were considered 'out of post'. He continued by stating he could not find that ruling within the SAA Constitution. TL commented that if the ruling was incorrect then he considered that Council should endeavour to contact Carolyn to ascertain the reason for her absence which may possibly be due to personal matters and she may wish to continue in the role.

SMcD agreed to try to contact Carolyn to further discuss her intentions.

SMcD

TL also commented on the provision of unaudited accounts to the AGM and the lack of information contained within. He did however acknowledge RB had only been co-opted to the role a short period of time before the AGM

A further point raised by TL related to the work undertaken by John Miller and the Safety committee in the re writing of the documentation required for the Article 16 application. TL stated that he had been asked to only 'review for comments' and not 'approve' the draft submissions created by the Safety committee and he stated he would have preferred to have sight of the original documentation received from the SAA following the rejection of the original submissions. He further commented that he was aware a 'checklist' had been provided by the CAA and he requested that he receive a copy of this information.

SMcD confirmed that he would forward to TL a copy of the 'checklist' provided by the CAA. **SMcD**

JM joined the conversation and provided an update of the documentation under review. He added that as Council members review the submissions, minor changes were being incorporated to improve the overall presentation of the final documents.

Ian Sutherland requested that SMcD send the CAA correspondences to his personal email address. SMcD confirmed he had amended his emailing list accordingly. No other comments were raised.

SMcD

17 **AOCB**

17.1 SMcD – proceeded to read out an email received from Gordon Hunter in which he demanded that his name be removed from the submission of unaudited accounts provided to the membership prior to the AGM. Gordon considered this was a blatant misuse of his name as he had not been consulted prior to the accounting figures being released. Gordon insisted that the documentation be withdrawn and a public apology issued to him.

SMcD explained that RB had only recently taken over as Treasurer in September 21 and as Gordon had prepared all the accounts information prior to RB appointment it had been felt that Gordon should be credited with the work undertaken. However in hindsight he appreciated that Gordon should have been consulted and he agreed to withdraw the accounts and issue the apology as requested.

SMcD



TL questioned an amount within the accounts which appeared to be transferred incorrectly.

SMcD responded by assuring TL that all accounting figures would be carefully checked and would be professionally audited before being resent to the membership.

RB/SMcD

SMcD confirmed with Gordon Hunter that he accepted the Council apology and he asked WJ to ensure the accounts which had been circulated were withdrawn.

WJ

17.2 SMcD read out a question from Bill Anderson -
'Will the active SAA Examiners be issued with an up to date Safety manual ? '

SMcD confirmed that once the documentation had been accepted by the CAA, then copies would be made available to examiners and clubs.

BL

DS added that, once approved, the complete Safety manual will be available online and as changes are made, the online version will be updated so that a current 'up to date' version will always be available to all members as an online document.

DS/BL

TL questioned this option and stated that many members did not have access to a personal computer.

JM added that the provision of a hard copy to members has the potential to become out of date quickly and unless a system exists to provide updated hard copies the likelihood is that members will always be working with outdated documentation which is why the recommendation is to have an online version readily available.

SMcD confirmed that in a situation where a member does not have a PC, they can contact the SAA Council and an up to date copy will be provided to them.

DS confirmed that the document has a control sheet within the index to ensure updates are recorded and version control is maintained.

17.3 SMcD read out a further question submitted by Bill Anderson -
'Will the SAA be doing the new DMARES test of 40 questions which last for 5 years and submit to CAA for approval ? '

SMcD stated that this had been discussed at a previous Council meeting and in consultation with the CAA agreement had been reached that the SAA will use the existing CAA DMARES testing due that the expense and maintenance of setting up a stand alone system. Members pilot ID will be provided via the CAA system.

17.4 Proposal received to amend the Constitution.

SMcD stated that a proposal to amend the geographical restriction to membership access had been received. The request is to allow applications from any modeller no matter where they reside. This would be in keeping with the current membership conditions applied to both the BMFA and the LMA.



SMcD asked for a 'proposer' and 'seconder' to the request to remove the geographical restriction to SAA membership applications.

Ian Sutherland asked for clarification if the restriction to be removed referred to only within the UK or internationally.

SMcD confirmed the restriction being removed would permit international applications however the SAA insurance would only be valid within the UK.

Proposed - Ian Sutherland
Seconded - Tom Love

Members were invited to vote on the proposal electronically:

21 members voted
94% approved / 6% abstained

SMcD declared the proposal carried and the constitution is to be amended to reflect the AGM decision. **SMcD/BL**

17.5 Proposal to increase SAA membership fees.

SMcD explained the need to consider an increase to the cost of SAA membership fees as Insurance charges for 2020/21 had seen a substantial increase and whilst early indications suggested that the insurance increase for 2021/22 would not be so severe it was felt that, to offset this extra expense, an increase in membership fees would still be required.

SMcD further advised that a period of 7 or 8 years had elapsed since the SAA Council had last applied an increase to fees and even with the proposed increase they would still remain below those charged by the BMFA.

The proposed new fees would come into effect on 1st January 2022 and members would be permitted to pay the current advertised rates for 2022 membership if paid before 31st December 2021.

The new membership fees are listed below:

Full (Adult/Senior)	£32.00
Junior Membership	£15.00
Family Membership	£38.00
Family Junior (included within above)	£0.00

SMcD requested a 'proposer' and 'seconder' to the request to increase 2022 membership fees.

Proposer - Brian Barclay
Seconded - Bob Lemm

Members were invited to vote on the proposal electronically:

72% approved
16% did not approve
13% abstained

SMcD declared the proposal as accepted by majority.

AA/BL



17.6 Further AGM questions

Bill Anderson asked *'When Article 16 is approved the test questions will need to reflect on this – so all SAA test questions will need to be changed to take in the legal changes.'*

SMcD passed the question to the Safety Officer DS.

DS stated that the majority of the CAA questions will relate to the DMARES test so any member undertaking an SAA flight test will already have been issued with a Pilot ID which is proof they have already passed the DMARES test. The SAA questions will be 'safety' orientated and will be at the SAA examiners discretion so the CAA changes should have little effect on the examiners testing.

Question raised by David Kelly:

'The SAA considers itself to be the 'sporting body' of model flying in Scotland, In order for any Association to be considered a 'Sporting' society, it must have a competitive element. I left Council in 2012 and suggested then that an all inclusive Scottish Nationals was a priority. We've heard about 'fly-ins' and Air shows today but have Council considered that the inclusive Scottish Nationals championship is a necessity, without it I fear the SAA exists merely as a flying society.?'

SMcD responded by advising that this matter had been considered by the Council and that BL had commented on this during his presentation, however Council would require support for clubs in the sourcing of venue for event and the manpower to administer and manage a large scale event. He confirmed that a Scottish Nationals is being considered for 2022 (Depending on Covid restrictions). **SMcD**

Question raised by Euan Drysdale:

'The SAA Insurance states that it is valid within the European Union and is not restricted to the UK!'

SMcD stated that he would require to check with the Insurer to confirm this, however Rob Buckley of LMA joined the discussion and stated that the LMA have the same Insurance policy and cover for members is for travelling abroad only and not if the member resides abroad. An example given is if a UK members travelled to Europe on holiday they are insured to fly, however if that member resides in Europe then the LMA(SAA) insurance does not extend to that scenario. **SMcD**

Question from Alistair Sutherland:

'Does the Insurance company charge per member covered?'

SMcD responded that the Insurers base the rate charged on a block basis and take into consideration the numbers of members covered in previous years.

As the BMFA have a larger section of the UK population and subsequently a larger membership then they will be able to negotiate slightly different rates than those of the SAA. (Even though its the same Insurance company covering BMFA /SAA /and LMA).



Question from Euan Drysdale:

'There appears to be a difference in the Insurances as there is an excess on the SAA but no excess on BMFA insurance.'

SMcD questioned the statement as he had been informed by Tysers Insurance brokers that the policies were identical,

SMcD confirmed he will further discuss with Tysers and release a clarification statement to members via the SAA website and the SAA Facebook page. **SMcD**

Question from James Pinkerton:

'The Article 16 rules for control line flying have changed and effectively exclude control line' Can this be given consideration in the new Safety manual and membership requirements.'

SMcD explained to the members that a new weight limit had been introduced for control line flying and it is now permitted to fly a model up to 7.5 kilos.

He confirmed that details would be included within the new Safety manual and Achievement scheme. **DS**

No further questions were raised.

The date set for the next AGM was agreed as 4th December 2022 at 13.00hrs.

SMcD then subsequently thanked Rob Buckley of the LMA for the use of the Zoom facility and his assistance with the Zoom voting process.

He also thanked the Council members / Guardians / panellists and SAA members who had taken time to participate in the AGM.

SMcD closed the meeting by again inviting other Aeromodeller groups to contact the SAA for support and assistance when holding meetings or events.

The meeting closed at 14.46.