

# British Aerobatic Association 2016 Annual General Meeting Held at the Arrow Mill Hotel on 30 January 2016

## 1. Attendance

There were 41 members present.

## 2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The meeting approved the minutes of the 2015 AGM.

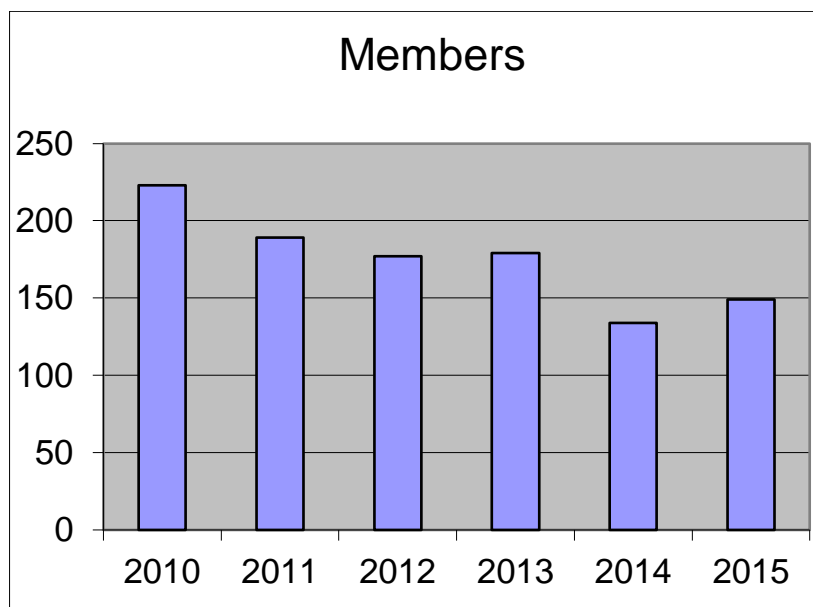
## 3. Review of 2015

Alan Cassidy presented his chairman's review of 2015.

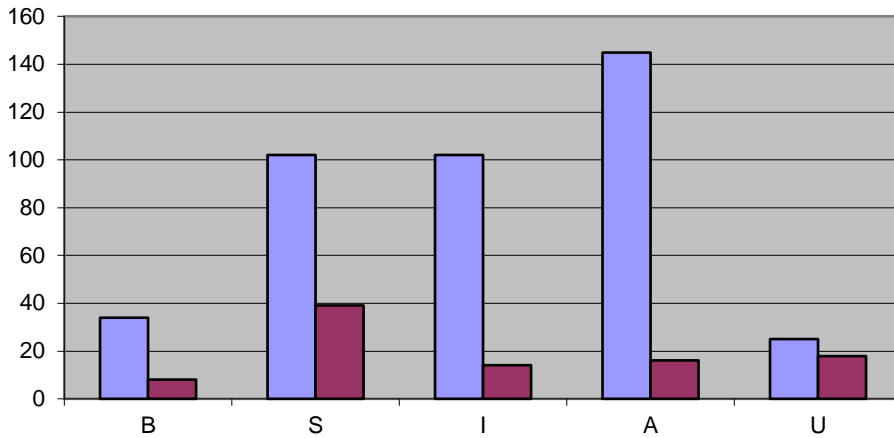
The decline in membership has turned around.

The number of competitive flights was up. In power, there were 408, up 12. In gliders there were 95, up from the exceptionally poor 50 in the previous year.

There were good results internationally, with Gerald Cooper only just missing a podium place.



Competitive Flights 2015 Power and Gliders  
By class



**National Champions 2015**

**Power**

Unlimited: Gerald Cooper

Advanced: Phil Burgess

Masters: Phil Burgess



**Power**

Intermediate: Paul Elvidge

Standard: Neil Spooner



**Glider**

Unlimited: Paul Conran

Advanced: Alex Harris (from Sports in 2014)

Intermediate: David Gethin

Sports: Michael Corcoran



## International Results 2015

**Unlimited Power, WAC** (58 pilots) – max score 77.2%

**Gerald Cooper**      **4<sup>th</sup>**      **76.3%**

Simon Johnson      29<sup>th</sup>      69.2%

Ed Cyster      45<sup>th</sup>      62.7%

Nick Onn      49<sup>th</sup>      61.7%

Team      6<sup>th</sup> of 8 full teams

Manager:      Pete Rounce



**Advanced Power, EAAC** (46 Pilots) - max score 75.4%

David Thomson      15<sup>th</sup>      70.1%

Paul Tomlinson      26<sup>th</sup>      67.7%

Emily Collett      30<sup>th</sup>      66.5%

Alan Cassidy      31<sup>st</sup>      66.4%

Mike Collett      33<sup>rd</sup>      64.6%

Chris Brook      37<sup>th</sup>      63.1%

Team      5<sup>th</sup> of 8 full teams

## 4. Financial Report for the 2015 season

Paul Brice presented the treasurer's report.

All figures in £'000 for the calendar year.

Summary	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>28.0</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>(55.8)</b>	<b>(39.2)</b>	<b>(27.7)</b>	<b>(30.2)</b>	<b>(23.7)</b>	<b>(38.9)</b>
<b>Net cash result</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>(0.3)</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>(11.0)</b>
<b>Cash at period end</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>36.5</b>

2015 resulted in a substantial cash reduction due to team funding payments. The Unlimited team benefited from extremely generous support from David Cowden who more than matched Association payments.

<b>Receipts</b>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Subscriptions	16.5	14.8	13.9	16.4	11.3	11.1
Comp fees	16.7	13.9	12.9	11.4	10.6	10.3
Sponsorship	11.0	4.0	-	-	-	-
Other income	4.4	4.0	4.3	2.1	4.7	6.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>28.0</b>

Our core membership subscriptions and competition fees were slightly below 2014. "Other income" principally includes apparel sales and two very generous donations.

<b>Payments</b>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
UK comp costs	9.4	9.1	6.6	7.0	8.0	8.2
Team costs	22.4	15.7	13.4	11.3	6.5	20.9
Bursaries paid	3.6	2.3	0.7	4.4	2.6	2.1
Insurance	5.3	5.4	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9
Affiliations	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other, see below	13.6	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.0	5.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>38.9</b>

<b>Other costs</b>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Tax paid	0.9	0.4	-	0.1	0.1	-
Trophy costs	1.0	0.4	-	0.1	-	0.9
Medals	1.3	-	-	1.6	-	-
Apparel	1.8	1.2	2.9	1.3	1.6	2.5
Legal expenses	2.6	-	-	-	-	-
PR costs	1.7	-	-	-	-	-
Overseas meetings	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3
BAeA handbook	0.5	0.6	0.1	-	-	-
New radios	0.9	-	-	-	0.8	-
Administration	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>

## **The Cash Position**

The Association has approximately £36,000 in the bank, including £31,000 on deposit with Scottish Widows. During the year, the Association supported the teams to an exceptional extent. The committee considers that the Association should not reduce its reserves any further.

## **Looking Forward**

We have set a budget, which aims to break even.

The generous donation from Philip Meeson will go towards our Young Persons Event in May – “*Get Into Aeros*” – in turn designed to boost the Association’s long term fortunes.

We plan to spend £500 on the expenses of International Judges and a little over £3,000 on bursaries.

## **Pilot Funding**

We have considered how best to support our pilots going forward – both teams and individual development.

From 2017, a panel will allocate development funding based on need and talent. Therefore 2016 will be the last year of the current bursary system.

In 2016, the basic team funding will be £300 per capita for training or team management. We will be looking for external funding. This will support the team both in 2016 and going forward, subject to pilots meeting objective published performance standards. See also item 13.

## **5. Proposed Budget 2016**

Alan Cassidy presented the budget for 2016. This is very similar to 2015. It has the same structure and commitments. In summary, the expected income is £24.4K, the planned expenditure is £24.35K to give a planned deficit £0.05K. Closing reserves would be £36K.

There will be no change to the fees. Membership fees are £120 for power pilots and £92 for glider pilots. Associates still £20. No change to contest entry fees and the first contest is still free to new members.

## **6. HCO Review and Plans**

Brian McCartney reviewed 2015. It was another safe and successful competition season. Sadly, our friend David Jenkins lost his life to an unrelated flying accident. The Association was well represented at his funeral.

Brian was pleased with the number of new pilots. Particular thanks to Adrian Willis and other instructors.

The RAF Flying Club ran an event at RAF Halton. Although not an Association event, we provided the contest management team. The club have invited us back for the 2016 event when some of the top brass should be present.

A successful first glider event at Pocklington dispelled some local concerns and they invited us back.

Nick Buckenham explained the new Free Known sequence. The details are on the website.

There will be two new events in 2016. Paul Brice explained the youth event scheduled for 7-8 May. Phil Massetti explained the RV owners event scheduled for 20-21 August.

## **7. International Events for 2016**

Phil Burgess, David Thomson, Paul Tomlinson, Alan Cassidy, Emily Collett and Mike Collett have been invited to form part of the team for WAAC. Other pilots may be invited based on their performance in 2016 contests.

Gerald Cooper, Michael Pickin, Simon Johnson and Nick Onn have been invited to form part of the team for EAC. Again, further members may qualify based on their performance.

## **8. Election of Directors**

There were three candidates for the three vacancies. The meeting approved the appointment of Alan Cassidy, Brian McCartney and Chris Sills.

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The meeting adjourned for refreshments.

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After resuming, the chairman reported that the directors had met during the interval and elected Steve Todd as chairman and Phil Massetti as vice chairman for 2016.

## **9. Eligibility for 2016 Bursaries**

As indicated earlier, 2016 will be the last year of the bursary system. The Training Bursaries are awarded based on the points trophy tables. To claim pilots must commit to move up a level in 2016 and compete at the Nationals at the higher level.

Pilots must inform the HCO if they wish to claim a bursary by the 1st March 2016.

Bursaries are paid at the end of the season. The pilots named in **bold** are eligible. If a pilot does not intend to take up a bursary, it will be offered to the next pilot on the list.

Standard to Intermediate 3 x £350	Intermediate to Advanced 2 x £500	Advanced to Unlimited 1 x £750
<b>Power</b>		
<b>Neil Spooner</b> <b>Dave Farley</b> <b>Iain Smith</b>	<b>Paul Elvidge</b> <b>Alex Cartwright</b> Stephen Hipwell	<b>Phil Burgess</b> (Alan Cassidy) Chris Brook
<b>Gliders</b>		
<b>Michael Corcoran</b> <b>Trevor Dale</b> <b>Rodolphe Herve</b> William Blackburn	<b>Steve Hardy</b> <b>David Gethin</b> Charles Baker Richard Crockett	<b>Graham Saw</b> Alex Harris Robbie Rizk



## **10. Judging Matters**

Leif Culpin and Eric Marsh will be the judging co-ordinators. It is of benefit to the pilots to act as judges.

The volunteer page is now live on the website at [Judging/BAeA Judging]. Leif will produce a clarification of the rules on claiming expenses. Claims may be dependent upon judges being listed on that page.

## **11. New chairman's remarks**

Steve Todd, as incoming chairman, thanked Alan Cassidy for his years of service as chairman. Alan will continue to serve the aims of the Association through Europe Air Sports who campaign for proportionate regulation.

Alan responded by thanking Angela for her support. He also thanked all those who had been officials during his tenure. He was pleased to see a new generation coming along and was positive about the future. Finally, he thanked the members for being enthusiastic, competent and safe.

Steve congratulated Nick Buckenham on his appointment as CIVA President and thanked him for his long years of service as a director.

## **12. Get into Aeros**

David Nichols explained the marketing concepts behind *Get Into Aeros*, the youth event. All the different advertisements had a common look and feel. The Facebook campaign was outstandingly successful and had filled all the places in 48 hours. 14,604 people saw the campaign advert. There were 142 click-through to the information and booking page on our website. Of those 59 were in the 18-24 age bracket and 70 were aged 25-34, leaving 12 outside the target age range. The total cost was under £30.

The other marketing would continue to build public perception. This would include an article in the March edition of *Flyer*.

## **13. Team management**

There was a presentation to David Cowden to thank him for his support of the Unlimited Team.

Going forward, David Cowden will lead a working group to propose a structure for the management of the teams. This will encompass selection and training as well as financial support and fund raising. He explained the need to have a story to tell prospective supporters.

Emily Collett explained that Sports England would not directly support the teams through the elite programme. However, the grassroots scheme for small projects of up to £10,000 each could support feed-in projects. Each application had to be for a discrete project aimed at broadening participation or the development of youth. She had a bid in draft and expected to finalise it shortly.

## **14. Any other business**

In response to a question from the floor, Nick Buckenham explained that CIVA wanted all competition sites to be open for a practice week before the event. However, it was not practicable to provide formal judging during that period.

There was some support for an annual social event, but not at a flying event.



### **15. Award of 2015 Trophies**

The winners of the 2015 trophies and awards were:

Tiger Club Trophy – All Standard Power	Neil Spooner
Golden Frog Trophy	Emily Collett
Marcus Norman Trophy – Standard Unknowns	Neil Spooner
Swinstead Trophy – All Intermediate Power	Paul Elvidge
Pitts Trophy	Alex Cartwright
Extra Trophy	Stephen Hipwell
Diana Britten	Emily Collett
Manx Kelly Trophy – All Advanced Power	Phil Burgess
Glider Points Trophy	Dietmar Poll
Len Perry Trophy – Highest Placed International (P)	Gerald Cooper
CD of the Year	Paul Brice
Judge of the Year	Leif Culpin
Chipmunk Trophy – Most support in a non-flying role	David Cowden