

**BRITISH AEROBATIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2012 AGM
HELD ON SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2012**

1. Attendance

There were 36 members present at the start of the meeting.

2. 2011 AGM minutes

There were no questions and the 2011 minutes were approved.

3. Review of 2011

The Chairman began by remembering John Dunford who was a stalwart of the BAeA for many years and who died in 2011. His widow, Marcia, had donated his collection of signed books, photos and many other historical items. These were displayed for purchase for donations in John's memory. Nigel Arthur who was an active participant and supporter of both power and gliders died suddenly in 2011. His widow would present the Association with a new Standard National Trophy.

There had been a slight fall in each category of membership, which was only to be expected in the present economic climate. 2008 (power) and 2009 (glider) were peak years and numbers were now similar to the long-term average. As usual, the number of sequences flown was about 80% of those planned because of weather.

The National Champions in 2011 were:

Power		Glider	
Unlimited	Held over	Unlimited	Paul Conran
Advanced	Alan Cassidy	Advanced	
Masters	Ron Allen		
Intermediate	Steuart Walton	Intermediate	David Gethin
Standard	Edward Yard	Sports	Michael Corcoran

The international results were:

Unlimited Power, WAC (47 pilots)

Gerald Cooper, 10th, 74.6%.

No team placing as Nick Onn stranded by flooding in NYC

Advanced Power, EAAC (56 pilots)

David Jenkins, 27th, 68.4%

David Thomson, 28th, 68.2%

Team 5th

Gliders, WGAC (23 pilots)

Paul Conran, 16th, 65.7%

Maz Makari, 17th, 65.6%

Silverstone are now displaying a plaque celebrating the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the twenty-fifth World Aerobatics Championships.

The Royal Aero Club will award a Certificate of Merit to Jen Buckenham and a Certificate of Appreciation to David Cowden.

In December 2011, we received a letter from Sport England:

I am very pleased to inform you that your application has been successful and that Sport England, sportscotland [sic], Sport Wales, Sport Northern Ireland and Sport UK now recognise

the British Aerobatic Association as the National Governing Body for Aerobatic Flying in the United Kingdom.

Please be aware that recognition does not automatically entitle a National Governing Body to funding from the Sports Councils.

Recognition as the governing body will allow the Association to explore means of applying for grants from Sports UK and others from 2013 onwards.

4. Financial Report 2011 season

The Treasurer reported that 2011 was another year of modest losses – albeit better than budget.

There were timing differences between 2010 and 2011 which mean that the adjusted cash results would be broadly comparable – a loss of some £4-6k in each year.

There was a decline in membership and comp fees in 2011 – against the backdrop of a tougher economy. We still benefited from generous Mazda sponsorship in 2011.

Assuming a consistent UK comp calendar, the principal variable costs are within our control are overseas comp costs and bursaries. The Committee are conscious of the economic climate and the need for a cautious approach to the Association's financial position. We are seeking to control costs carefully – for example, putting the BAeA handbook online.

We are proposing to increase Full (not Associate) membership fees by 10% from 2013.

We are also proposing to manage both bursary costs and international pilot costs – given that these are our largest areas of controllable spend. For 2012, we propose to reduce the number of bursaries but keep the funding per bursary the same; and to make 75% of the support for pilots at international competitions non-contingent, with the balance payable depending on the financial outcome for the year above a target loss of £5k (broadly similar to this year).

We propose to review the position in any event towards the end of 2012 when we can review the financial outlook at that time.

5. Proposed Budget 2012

The Chairman presented a detailed budget for 2012. The key elements were an income of £29,000, net expenditure of £34,400 to give a planned deficit of £5,400. This would give a closing cash position of £36,000.

Membership and entry fees would be unchanged for 2011. However a 10% increase in membership fees was proposed for 2013.

The proposed bursaries for 2012 were for Power – Standard to Intermediate 3 x £300, Intermediate to Advanced 2 x £500 and Advanced to Unlimited 1 x £700. For Glider – Sports to Intermediate 3 x £200, Intermediate to Advanced 2 x £400 and Advances to Unlimited 1 x £500.

International support for Unlimited would be for 4 pilots with support in the range £1,125 to £1,500 each. Support for Advanced would be for 8 pilots in the range £900 to £1,200 each.

There were no questions on the changes to bursaries and international support. The members approved the proposed increase in 2013 subscriptions.

6. HCO Review and Plans

Nick Buckenham explained that there would be a slightly smaller programme in 2012, reflecting the disruption of the Olympics. There will be 16 contests including the Power v Glider Match, using 14 Contest Directors & 15 Chief Judges.

All members would benefit from attending the judging seminar. The Association is in the forefront of improving judging standards. Graham Hill and Nick Buckenham have been invited to give seminars all around Europe.!

Brian McCartney will take over the HCO role later in the year

The webmaster, Richard Jones is doing a great job. Online membership and contest entries are now working well.

The teams value visible support. Members should think about attending one of the international events even if only briefly.

7. International Events for 2012

Unlimited European Championship in Dubnica, Slovakia from 1 – 9 September. Chief Judge – Nick Buckenham; International Jury – Alan Cassidy.

The proposed team is Tom Cassells, Gerald Cooper and Eric Vazeille (4min). Up to 4 more places are available.

Advanced – World Championship in Nyiregyhaza (Hungary) from 26 July – 5 August. International Jury – Alan Cassidy.

The proposed team is John Askew, David Jenkins, David Thomson, Paul Tomlinson. There are up to 4 more places.

The extra places will be filled based on training and competition up to Elvington 2012.

World Unlimited and Advanced Glider Championships are in Dubnica, Slovakia from 9 – 18 Aug

The potential pilots are Richard Brown, Paul Conran, Mazen Makari and David-John Gibbs?

8. Election of Directors

There were four nominations for three vacancies and an election was held. Subsequently, it was realised that one nomination was inappropriate. In consequence, the three retiring directors were re-elected.

9. Points Trophies & Bursaries for 2012

Ian Scott announced that there are no changes to the rules for 2012. The bursaries for 2012 are based on the 2011 Trophy results. 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 by the 1 March 2012 if they wish to claim a bursary. Bursaries are paid at the end of the season.

The eligible pilots in order of priority are:

Standard to Intermediate 3 x £300 Paul Elvidge Paul Stanley Chris Sills Richard Goodwin Steve Evans	Intermediate to Advanced 2 x £500 John Scott Jez Burgoin Ed Cyster Peter Rounce	Advanced to Unlimited 1 x £700 David Jenkins Phil Burgess Gary Ferriman
Sports to Intermediate 3 x £200 Mike Corcoran John Tayler Steve Hardy Richard Chapman Richard Brown	Intermediate to Advanced 2 x £400 David Gethin Charles Baker Lionel Sole	Advanced to Unlimited 1 x £500 David Morgan

10. Judging Matters

Graham Hill reported that David Jenkins & Richard Jones did a great job with the 2011 volunteer organisation. There were many new faces on the line. 49 people judged in one capacity or another. We are strongly represented internationally. Nick Buckenham and Graham Hill are on the CiVA judging committee and are running course in various countries. Nick is judging at WAAC and is CJ at EAC in 2012.

The 2012 Volunteer page is now on the BAeA web site. A speedier update method is being developed. We are asking all judges who want to judges Advanced and Unlimited programs to have a go at the CIVA currency test for 2012 which should be published by the end of March.

It is clear that pilots benefit from meeting top international judges. We have arranged for Kimmo Virtanen (FIN) to come to Elvington and Guy Auger (FRA) to Sywell.

There are many benefits of pilots judging. There is a transfer of experience, more reliable results and pilots can learn by judging.

11. Apparel including Flying Suit update

Angela Cassidy explained the arrangements for branded flying suits and introduced the representative from Sky4Covers.

[Subsequently the arrangement with Sky4Covers broke down]

12. Any Other Business

Pam & Ian Arthur were introduced and they presented the Association with a trophy in memory of Nigel Arthur who had been a strong supporter for many years and who died suddenly last year.

13. Award of 2011 Trophies

The meeting concluded with the award of trophies

Cessna Trophy	Once again, not awarded in 2011. From 2012 onwards, will be awarded for competition in any aircraft without an inverted fuel supply.
Tiger Club Trophy – All Standard Power	Paul Elvidge – 278/300
Golden Frog Trophy	John Scott – 277
Shaggy Cow Trophy	John Calverley – 228
Marcus Norman Trophy – Standard Unknowns	Paul Elvidge – 278
Swinstead Trophy – All Intermediate Power	John Scott – 352/390
Pitts Trophy	Alan Cassidy – 294/300
Slingsby Trophy	Paul Elvidge – 278/300
Extra Trophy	Gary Ferriman – 272/300
Diana Britten	Emily Todd – 73.01%
Manx Kelly Trophy – All Advanced Power	Alan Cassidy – 294/300
Glider Points Trophy	Michael Corcoran – 67.08%
Len Perry Trophy – Highest Placed International Pilot	Gerald Cooper – 10th Overall WAC, 74.6%
LOOP Trophy – Best Beginners Flight	Mazen Makari, 76.77%
CD of the Year	Brian McCartney
Judge of the Year	John Wicks
Chipmunk Trophy – Most support in a non-flying role	David Cowden, British Aerobatic Foundation

