

BMFA Wales
Notes of an
Officers Meeting
held on Wednesday 4rd July 2024
via the internet platform 'ZOOM'

The meeting commenced at 19:00

PRESENT:

Mike Tiley (Chairman), Henry Fray (Vice-Chairman), John Taylor (Secretary), Allan Belcher (Area Delegate), Andy Green (Achievement Scheme Coordinator), Mike Budge (Communications Officer – Web), Gareth Llewellyn (Country Members' Representative), Keith Setchell (Area Chief Examiner), Tom Smith

1 Apologies for absence

None

2 Approval of the Agenda and items for any other business

Agenda items were tabled and accepted.

3 Supply of Training Equipment to Clubs

3.1 Basic premise

Acquire 4 trainer aircraft, plus control and support equipment for issue to Clubs who request use of them.

3.2 First principles

Are there enough Instructors/Examiners to make best use of any purchases?

The group identified that a club instructor needs to have been 'A' certified for six months and be nominated by the club. Approved instructors need to have been 'B' certified for six months and nominated by the club. Approved instructors must be formally recognised and registered with BMFA

3.3 Aircraft type

'Riot', 'Apprentice' or 'Discovery'.

It was agreed to reach out to clubs to compile a consensus of opinion. Mick Budge to draft words, secretary to send to all clubs and to collate responses.

3.4 Field Charging of multiple LiPo batteries

Multiple Lipo's or field charging

Cheaper control gear

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3.5 Policy doc to be drafted that user Clubs must sign on to

After compiling a consensus of opinion the policy would be drafted.

3.6 Responsibility for maintenance

Clubs to be responsible for spares/repairs (will encourage proper use)

*or we hold spares acquired at 'trade' for issue to Clubs?

*centralise spares holding and/or extra airframe?

It was agreed that clubs should be responsible for maintaining the equipment in good working order and if no longer needed to return it to a central location for reuse by other clubs.

3.7 Do Clubs need to 'qualify'? – have instructors, candidates a training programme and track record. (see 2.2)

It was agreed that club trainers should follow the BMFA Training plan.

3.8 Clubs to indemnify via deposit for safe return.

This item has been rejected by the group

3.9 Rolling programme of acquisition to supply all Clubs with equipment of their choice

This item has been rejected by the group

3.10 Arms length? Just give a one-off grant to Clubs who apply for it against some set criteria?

This item has been rejected by the group

4 Cymru Wales Area Logo

4.1 How 'sacrosanct' is the BMFA logo?

4.2 Do we need to modify the current design?

4.3 Alternatives and how to go about designing and producing??

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the current logo be utilised as is.

5 Time and Date of next meeting

It was agreed to hold another meeting when sufficient information was available to discuss these points again.

The meeting ended at 20:40