

AHA AGM 2017

Date: 10th December 2017

Venue: The Scout hut, Laughton Road, Northolt, UB5 5LL

Time: 1pm

Members present;

Julie Fisher

Dave Fisher

Paul Roberts

Roger Mayo

Steve Roberts

Paul Bellis

Jason Markey

1) Apologies for absence;

Apologies were provided by Mark Christy, Peter Christy, Mike Gilfillan, Ian Emery and John Copleston.

2) 2016 AGM minutes;

Julie Fisher proposed that the minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted as read, seconded by Dave Fisher and accepted unanimously.

3) Officers reports;

3.1 Chairman's report- Roger started off by thanking everyone for attending with the heavy snow that we had during the day. This did limit the numbers attending the AGM. See annex 1 for the report.

3.2 Secretary- Steve Roberts gave a brief run down of what had happened during the past term including proposing both teams, team managers and all contest results being sent to the BMFA as well as the AGM minutes. Jamie Cole is to be asked if he would like to be included on the FAI judges list for F3N- until this point he has been missed off due to his son competing but after a short discussion at the AGM it was decided that this should really not be an issue.

3.3 Treasurer- Annex 2

Steve Roberts went through the balance sheet with those present and explained all of the items within it. Steve thanked everyone for the efforts they had made during the year to promote the AHA especially John Copleston for increasing the numbers of scale members dramatically. Paul Roberts proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Julie Fisher and was accepted unanimously.

3.4 F3C comp sec report- Jason Markey explained that he had not made any events during the year due to work commitments. Roger Mayo explained that the Euro heli series was working well for the F3C and that this should continue to build in the future.

3.5 F3N Comp sec report- see annex 3

3.6 CIAM- Steve explained that it had been a busy end to the year with lots of proposals being discussed including new optional F3N manoeuvres, new scoring fields for F3N, adjustments to F3C manoeuvres, a possible semi final format and a revision to the new F3C autorotation rule.

3.7 BMFA rep report- covered by Steve in his Secretary's report.

4) Presentation of trophies:

4.1 Roger Mayo awarded John Copleston the trophy for all of his hard work with Scale.

4.2 Steve Roberts was awarded the F3C league trophy.

Bruce Naylor was awarded the Sportsman league trophy.

Duncan Osbourne was awarded the F3N Pro league trophy.

Jamie Dawe was awarded the F3N Sport league trophy.

5) Election of officers:

It was decided to keep the committee as it was in 2017. This was proposed by Roger Mayo and seconded by Paul Roberts- unanimous.

Chairman- Roger Mayo

Secretary- Steve Roberts

Treasurer- Steve Roberts

F3C CD- Jason Markey

F3N CD- Julie Fisher

Scale rep- John Copleston

BMFA rep- Steve Roberts

PRO- Ian Emery

6) UK Teams announcement:

As no European championships are scheduled for 2018 no teams or team managers will be put forward to the BMFA.

7) International judges;

Steve Roberts explained that we had eight nominations for international judges;

F3N- Jason Platts, Kevin Target, Nigel Reville and Paul Bellis.

F3C- Paul Roberts, Peter Christy, Bruce Naylor and Mike Gilfillian.

These have already been forwarded to the BMFA for ratifying.

8) Charmouth;

A long discussion headed by Roger Mayo took place over Charmouth. Roger started off by giving some history on the event over the past year;

Last minute site loss and venue change in October- Roger explained that due to weather, five days before the event the land owners had contacted him to say that the site could not be used. A frantic hunt for a new location then took place.

The 'plan B' site of Chesil beach also fell through once numbers of pilots, vehicles, flight station etc were given to the club. Annoyingly these were talked through with them in April when the site was visited. Also another event nearby was taking place over the same weekend in which some of the club committee were attending.

Luckily a site was found in time for the October event to take place.

The discussion moved onto which site we want to use. The two options are the original 'Trinity hill' site or the site that was used in October. Lots of discussion took place weighing up the good points and bad points of both sites including the extra cost of the new location, the sun location, parking etc and it was decided that we should ask the membership with a vote on the facebook page.

Julie Fisher suggested that we let both land owners know the dates and we talk to them nearer the time about ground conditions and make a decision on which one to use then.

It was decided that due to space the Trinity hill site should be our primary site if it is available and ground conditions are good.

Flying fees will remain as they have been (£5 per day to fly, plus £5 refundable deposit) and we will ask for donations such as the £5 deposit to help contribute towards costs.

9) Competition schedule 2018:

As no European championships are to be held in 2018 there is more time in the calendar. The Euro heli series should flourish due to this.

Steve Roberts pointed out that due to FAI rules only FAI registered judges are allowed to judge at these events- costs involved in this.

The F3CN world cup event has been booked at Buckminster lodge for the weekend of 27th-29th July. This will also include a scale/vintage funfly flight line.

F3C- Nationals, World cup event and a team selection trial.

F3N- 4 contests in total including the Nationals and the World cup event.

Dates are to be confirmed.

10) Contest and membership fees (AHA & Regional):

Euro heli series- €80 for seniors, €40 for juniors (these fees have been agreed by all participating nations in the series).

UK F3CN events- £20 seniors, £15 juniors (18 or under on the 1st January of that year).

AHA membership- Increase to £15. Some discussion took place but it was agreed that as the fees had not changed in many years it was time to make an increase to help pay for events, funflys, trophies and equipment.

Nationals- All classes £25 (seniors and juniors).

Proposed by Julie Fisher and seconded by Dave Fisher, accepted unanimously.

11) Scale:

Before the meeting John Copleston has requested that the AHA allow a budget of £300 to go towards funding scale events and awards. This was discussed and accepted unanimously due to the great work that had been done during 2017 and the past history of a good return from scale events.

Steve Roberts asked if we should look to be getting Scale helicopters back from the 'Scale' section of the BMFA. It was agreed that this should be looked into with a way of moving forward with some basic scale rules (possibly flying only) for a national contest.

12) Any other business:

Bruce Naylor had suggested that the Sportsman trophy was reused and a new event be held that all can take part in. Maybe a Schluter cup style event. As Bruce was not able to attend the AGM due to weather this is to be discussed during 2018. The BMFA also need to be approached with regards to reusing the trophy.

AGM date- It was agreed that the AGM should take place on the Saturday evening of the October Charmouth flyin.

Nationals- Steve Roberts requested that we advertise the Nationals to all competing pilots as a three day event unlike the two days that it seems to have been of late. This will give more time and make it less of the rush for the organisers and give spectators more to see on the Monday.

2020/2022 European championships- Steve Roberts asked if the AHA would like to look into the possibilities of holding the event. Some discussion took place and it was agreed that if a site could be found, funding agreed and enough site staff found it would be looked into. Steve is to contact the BMFA about Buckminster lodge to see what costs would be involved.

Meeting closed at 4.05pm

Annex 1
2017 AHA AGM
Chairman's Report

It's been an interesting and difficult year for the association and the hobby as a whole. Whilst we have been able to maintain what we are doing it does seem to be getting increasingly difficult certainly within the helicopter fraternity of the modelling world. It's the first time I've known a situation where we don't have a bid for a continental championship for 2018 and only a possible so far for 2019.

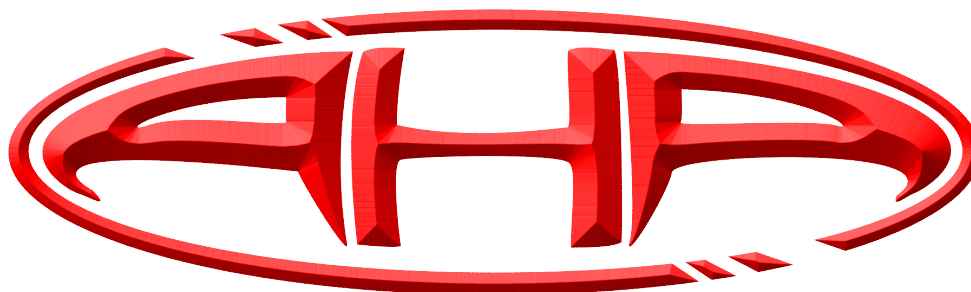
We have also seen significant decline within the suppliers this year with the demise of JR and difficulties within the Horizon brand all of which will have filtered through to the modellers fuelling uncertainty over the future of the hobby as a whole

With hard work from members of the committee we have just about been able to maintain or momentum which is good news. This year's Nationals were well supported & attended possibly thanks to good weather and an encouraging forecast, but the interest and support is there.

Competitions have continued both domestic and European with F3N & F3C being well attended although both disciplines are looking to spread the Euro Helicopter Series brand with competition dates already listed for both.

This year's World F3CN Championship in Wloclawek, Poland seems an age ago now, but the UK enjoyed another very successful competition with amazing results in the F3N and some very encouraging scores and recognition for our more experienced pilots finally in F3C. The F3N team lifted the Silver overall in the team placing further reinforcing their position in world F3N following their Gold at last year's European Championships. Adding that a gold in the juniors this year for Aaron Cole meant there was plenty to celebrate at the recent BMFA awards ceremony. Meanwhile in the F3C competition Steve Roberts flying possibly the strongest I have ever seen him fly finished an impressive 10th in a very experienced F3C field with the UK team placing 6th overall.

I am hoping that 2018 may bring us some more stability within the hobby as a whole and we may see some slightly more encouraging trends and news.



2017 General account balance sheet.

	2016			2017	
	Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
Membership fees	232.44			474.88	
Stationary/Photocopying/Postage					13.20
Trophies/Engraving					285.50
AGM room hire					
Team Fund		1000			1000
Event costs	125.18	423		304.50	100
Contest fees/costs: F3C	835.35	633.95		1284.47	1172.74
F3N	210			30	70.93
Charmouth: Spring '17	1001	992		735	596
Autumn '15 ->	990	386			
Autumn '17	933	696		773.80	606.80
Equipment					
Other					
Raffle	450	149.54			
Tshirts	168.72			50	
Hats	9				
Totals	4954.69	4280.49		3652.65	3845.17
		Profit £674.20		Deficit of £192.52	
Account balance		3510.57			3318.05

2017 Teams Account

Opening balance	£989.84
AHA donation to teams account	£1000
F3C Team donation	£600
F3N Team donation	£800
Closing balance	£589.84

Annex 3

F3N COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT: 2017

This year's F3N League consisted of 4 competitions including the BMFA Nationals. It was really encouraging to see 7 new pilots compete for the first time in F3N. The number of entrants increased significantly over those of 2016, with 11, 14, 11 & 6 competing at the 4 comps respectively.

Numbers were disappointing from the Nats but I put this down to several of our regular competitors (+ some of the newbies) not having their 'B' licence and a couple of others not wanting to give up a 3-day Bank Holiday weekend.

We were also fortunate enough to use a new venue for our July competition – the Staffs Model Heli Club.

All in all, F3N is growing and we are looking forward to continuing that growth in 2018.