

AHA AGM 2019

Date: 12th October 2019

Venue: Newlands holiday park, Stonebarrow lane, Dorset, DT6 6RB

Time: 7.30pm

Members present;

Roger Mayo

Steve Roberts

Julie Fisher

Summer Fisher

Dave Fisher

Paul Roberts

Jamie Cole

Arron Cole

Rachael Plant

Duncan Osbourne

1) Apologies for absence;

Apologies were received from Pete Christy, Mark Christy, Ryan Henson and Ian Emery

2) 2018 AGM minutes;

Julie Fisher proposed to accept the 2018 AGM minutes as read, seconded by Paul Roberts and accepted unanimously.

3) Officers reports;

3.1 Chairman's report- see annex 1

3.2 Secretary- Steve Roberts gave a brief run down of the year explaining that AGM minutes had been sent to the BMFA along with proposals for teams and team managers.

3.3 Treasurer- Annex 2

Steve Roberts explained the balance sheet including its main points of interest. The AHA lost £694.63 during the year. Steve explained that some of this was due to poor weather and therefore attendance at the Charmouth fun flys along with moving £1000 to the 'teams' and also a small down turn in membership which he believed was the loss of mainly scale pilots.

Roger Mayo said that his company would make up for the shortfall in the two Charmouth fun flies during the term.

Steve went on to say that he had been approached by Jon Coppleston during the day who was willing to sponsor the Charmouth events in 2020. Details to be confirmed. This will help the AHA.

Steve said that with what money was left in the accounts he felt that we should do nothing drastic at this time and review it in 12 months.

Julie Fisher proposed to accept the accounts, seconded by Roger Mayo and accepted unanimously.

3.4 F3C comp sec report- With no official F3C comp sec, Roger Mayo gave a short overview of the year. No domestic comps were held other than the Nationals with all other comps being part of the Euro Heli Series which is excelling with 5 events and 44 different pilots competing. Roger congratulated Steve Roberts for his second place overall in the series. Roger went on to say that the new location at the Nationals was a success with only some slight overflying issue.

3.5 F3N Comp sec report- see annex 3

3.6 CIAM- Steve Roberts explained that it had been a busy year with some quite major rule changes for F3C (semi finals), a new set of schedules and lots of talk over 'coaching' during flights. F3N have some new optional set manoeuvres coming which have been passed to the F3N comp sec for comment.

3.7 BMFA rep report- See Annex 4

Jamie Cole commented that the Nationals trade area was appalling this year with overcrowding, less stands etc. Julie explained that this was also the view of others and plans are in progress to improve it next year.

4) Presentation of trophies:

4.1 Roger Mayo awarded the John Strachen to Steve Roberts for all of his hard work covering four roles with the AHA for several years.

4.2 No F3C league this year.

No Sportsman events run.

F3N pro class league trophy went to Duncan Osbourne

F3N Sports class league trophy was awarded to Rachael Plant.

5) Election of officers:

Chairman- Roger Mayo was proposed by Steve Roberts, seconded by Julie Fisher and accepted unanimously.

Secretary- Arron Cole was proposed by Julie Fisher, seconded by Paul Roberts and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer- Steve Roberts was proposed by Julie Fisher, seconded by Paul Roberts and accepted unanimously.

F3C CD- Roger Mayo proposed Ian Emery, seconded by Julie Fisher and accepted unanimously.

F3N CD- Julie Fisher was proposed by Steve Roberts, seconded by Roger Mayo and accepted unanimously.

BMFA rep- Julie Fisher was proposed by Jamie Cole, seconded by Summer Fisher and accepted unanimously.

Membership Secretary- Ryan Henson was proposed by Julie Fisher, seconded by Roger Mayo and accepted unanimously.

6) UK Teams announcement:

F3N:

TM- Julie Fisher

Duncan Osbourn, Callum Henson, Dave Fisher and George Isaacs (junior).

F3C:

As no championships had been bid upon at the CIAM meeting in April F3C had not organised a team selection event. Steve Roberts to talk to Jo Halman about how to proceed. TM to be decided by the team members once selected

7) UK International Judges:

Add F3C to Jason Platts's CV.

Add Jamie Cole to the F3N judging list.

8) Charmouth;

Roger Mayo started off discussions by offering to cover the shortfall for the autumn 2018 and spring 2019 Charmouth events. A very generous offer and gratefully accepted by all those present.

A long discussion took place over the Charmouth event. John Copleston has offered to cover any shortfall at the 2020 events. Again a very generous offer and fine details need to be discussed.

Roger Mayo explained that we have had yet another noise complaint from a neighbour of the Trinity hill site after the Spring event. This is an ongoing issue meaning that this site seems to now be out of bounds. The golf course site is smaller but with the current smaller attendance is not an issue. Hard standing is also good news with the weather we have been having at recent events. But this site is much more expensive. It was decided that a short questionnaire be sent to members and those attending to get opinions. Jamie Cole to aid in this.

2020 dates set as April 18th-19th and October 10th-11th.

Roger Mayo proposed that the current card system be scrapped and an increase in flying fees be applied. £10 per day instead of the current £5 plus £5 deposit. Julie Fisher seconded and accepted unanimously.

Steve Roberts mentioned a pre-payment scheme with a small discount for doing so. £15 for the weekend and non refundable. Will mean we have some income even if the weekend is a washout.

Question for the questionnaire. A further discussion took place and this idea was officially proposed and accepted and to start at the Spring 2020 event.

Summary of ideas;

- Write up a report for RotorWorld, website and facebook page.
- Payment in advance (£15 per weekend non refundable)- cutoff date 2 weeks in advance of the event.
- £10 per day if paying at the event
- Small competitions and coaching to take place at the event (to be discussed further at committee level).

9) Competition schedule 2019:

F3C- Euro heli series events and Nationals. Ian Emery still working on dates and locations for EHS.

F3N- 3 contests plus the Nationals (2 of which will be team trial events).

Dates are to be confirmed.

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

Contest and membership fees to remain the same as in 2019

11) Scale: Julie Fisher to look into Scale and if it can come back under the helicopter umbrella.

12) Any other business:

- Emails- currently no notification of a member joining. Roger Mayo has now setup a new email account so it will now notify the AHA committee.
- Nationals- over flying from IMAC on landing approaches. Talk to IMAC about informing pilots during pilots briefing.
- Sportsman- Rules on who can compete, ie F3C pilots. It was decided to change the wording to 'recognised, domestic or international event'. So any pilot who has competed in a recognised domestic or international F3C event in the last two years will not be allowed to compete in Sportsman events.
- Look into holding a Sportsman competition before the nationals so that any pilot wishing to fly at the nationals will gain some experience.
- F3N team trials- a long discussion took place on how team trials are conducted. Currently two nominated events are taken and both normalised scores are added together. The discussion pointed out that if a pilot fails to make an event for any reason, or crashes during one they will be out of the running for the team. Several ideas were discussed but the main idea was to hold three events and drop the lowest score. This will still show consistency in flying ability but will allow for an off day. It was decided that Julie Fisher should question all current F3N pilots and report back within two weeks with her findings and the rule will change if required.
- Teams account- Roger Mayo proposed that £1000 be transferred to the teams account and £150 be paid to each pilot for the 2020 EC's. Julie Fisher seconded this and it was accepted unanimously.
- Julie Fisher plans to run some indoor events over the winter and any profits made from it will be split between the F3N and F3C teams.

- 2020 AGM will be held at the Autumn Charmouth flyin on October 10th @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

2019 AHA AGM

Chairman's Report

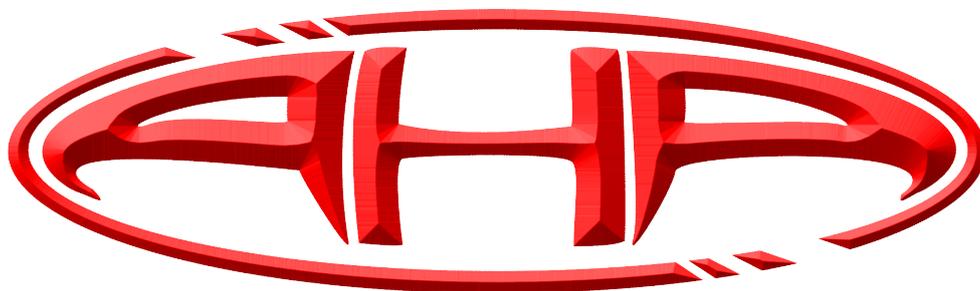
A quiet year on the whole for the AHA with competitions being organised by UK F3N and the UK F3C Team (via the Euro Heli Series). Charmouth continues to be the only regular event that we organise and have any involvement with, but attendance has been in decline and the event is struggling to cover its costs. We have lost our regular caterers for the event as they have sold the business so we have been forced to look for a new catering company which we are hoping will want to take up our bookings. We have a FB page solely for the event which Scott Mayo is managing for us with myself having admin rights to post and make changes if required. Ian Emery continues to manage the association web page for us to great effect although the usual issue remains with content!

The AHA/BMFA sent F3C & F3N teams to Balenstedt, Germany for the FAI F3CN World Championships and for the first time we were able to send a junior in both classes which meant a full team of 4 pilots in each. Successes were plentiful with the F3N team finishing in second place overall and only missing out on first by a narrow margin. The UK F3C team finished in 4th place just missing out on a podium position but one of the best results for them in recent years!! Aaron Cole was once again crowned junior F3N World Champion for the second time in a row and Scott Mayo also made the podium in the F3C junior competition finishing in 3rd place and those pilots were awarded their medals and certificates in the usual manner during the closing ceremony. Overall an excellent result for the UK helicopter community and one which everyone should be proud of! In the last couple of weeks a European bid for 2020 has been confirmed by CIAM from Italy although there is a fundamental change in the judging format for this competition where one set of judges will have to judge both F3C & F3N on a single flight line. There is a fair amount of uncertainty as to how well this will work. Currently due to the late notification of this event the UK F3C team have not run a team trial for this competition so some dialogue will be had with the BMFA to see what can be agreed to put forward a team for ratification. UK F3N was better prepared and had run team trials anyway even though there was no championship on the horizon at the time, but this means that they already have qualifying pilots who can be put forward for ratification.

This year's British Nationals, following negotiation with the BMFA, saw us using a new part of the airfield and sharing the large compound with IMAC. This new location meant that we were facing north and therefore we were not hampered by having the sun in our faces and having to delay the start of our competition rounds until late morning. On the whole the compound seemed to work well although there were a few teething issues and we did have several overflights from some of the pilots when on finals for their landing. Our feeling was that with some more considerate flying the final approaches could be made shorter and would not then encroach on our hovering manoeuvres!! More good news was that the event was very well supported and our new position didn't stop spectators coming over to watch. We had a full round of competition including a good entry in Sportsmans class.

With a full calendar of both F3C & F3N events this year including the WC along with some fairly decent weather in the UK has meant that flying opportunities have been abundant and I think this has reflected in our successes in the various competitions in both domestic and overseas arenas we have seen an improvement in the overall standard of UK pilots.

I am hoping that 2020 will see a continuation in this general upward trend for the UK helicopter community and hopefully we can also improve the attendance at the Charmouth fly-ins as well.



2019 General account balance sheet.

	2018			2019	
	Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
Membership fees	381.85			259.97	
Stationary/Photocopying/Postage		13.44			
Trophies/Engraving		222.97			75
AGM room hire		40			
Team Fund					1000
Event costs				204	
Contest fees/costs: F3C					
F3N					
F3CN World Cup '18	1251	755			
Charmouth: Spring '19				480	506.80
Autumn '18				310	366.80
Spring '18	385.53	606.80			
Website		302.96			
Raffle					
Tshirts	10				
Hats					
	2028.38	1941.17		1253.97	1948.6
Totals	Profit of £87.21			Deficit of £694.63	
Account balance	3405.26			2710.63	

2019 Teams Account

Opening balance	£589.84
£1000 donation from AHA	£1589.84
£1200 donation for team pilots (150 each)	£389.84
Closing balance	<u>£389.84</u>

F3N Comp Sec Report 2019

I organised a Pre-Season Social for 16 Feb. which included some indoor flying at a Sports Centre in Northolt followed by an evening at a local social club with entertainment from amongst the heli pilot ranks, a buffet & disco. The evening was a great success and raised just over £400 for the team travel fund which was split between the F3C & F3N pilots.

We didn't have our usual Pre-Season flying gathering this year and relied on Charmouth as the meeting point for pilots who had any F3N queries. I missed Spring Charmouth as I was in Lausanne, Switzerland in my role as the BMFA's FAI Delegate.

We held 4 F3N comps in total this year including the BMFA Nationals all of which (unusually) had great weather. It was unfortunate that 2 of our regular pilots had exams so missed the first 2 comps of the season. Our numbers were joined by Yunjia Zou from China who is currently studying at Nottingham university – he is in the Chinese F3N team. . Although I have had comments in the past asking why we don't hold more comps further north, when I organised a comp in Deeside in May no northern pilots entered which was a little disappointing.

The two team trial events were held as scheduled, the first at Cuffley in July and the second at the Nats. Aaron Cole opted not to fly at Cuffley as he had the opportunity to fly in the USA F3N Nats and also at IRCHA. At this point in time no country had come forward to host the 2020 EC's so he felt it was safe to not participate in the first round. Unfortunately at the WC's, we learned that Italy were trying to put a bid together; this was eventually accepted by the CIAM Bureau in early October meaning that Aaron could not now qualify for a place in the team for 2020. The team now being put forward for ratification are as follows:

Duncan Osbourn	115977
Callum Henson	192896
Dave Fisher	031112
George Isaacs (Jnr)	179397

At the World Champs in Germany the GBR F3N team came 2nd with Duncan achieving a brilliant 3rd place in the individual rankings. Aaron also retained his World F3N Junior title – an awesome achievement.

The F3N Pro League trophy was once again won by Duncan Osbourn and the Sport League trophy was won by Rachel Plant.

I would like to say that as far as F3N is concerned we were more than happy with the new location at the Nationals.

With regards to next year's F3N competitions, I will hold a minimum of 3, possibly 4 competitions including the Nationals. As there is now a EC next year, I will not be holding a

World Cup as I do not believe we will have the number of F3N competitors entering to make it financially viable.

It only remains for me to say that I am willing to stand once again as the AHA's F3N Comp. Sec. for 2020.

BMFA Rep. report 2019

I attended RAF Barkston Heath in May with Roger Mayo to meet with Dave Phipps and discuss alternative locations for the heli flightline at the Nats. The area we decided on (in the compound with IMAC) proved to be a great success not least due to its orientation (close to due north).

In my role as FAI Delegate / AHA representative, I attended the BMFA's AGM last year as well as the Full Council meetings in January, May and September. I also attended the Tech Council meeting in March and will be attending the 2nd Tech Council meeting next Saturday where we will need to submit details of our International Judges and Technical Expert.

I have nothing to report with any significance to the AHA. The arrangements regarding the funding of team members from the central fund / specific heli fund with the surplus from the Nats + our entry fees worked well. We should note however that this year our fund will only be boosted by the entry fees from Sportsmans / F3C / F3N – this is because the event made a loss despite the good weather.

Finally, I am willing to stand again as the AHA's BMFA Rep. for 2020.