

AHA AGM minutes 2020

Date: 11th November 2020

Venue: Zoom (BMFA)

Time; 7:30pm

Members present:

- Aaron Cole
- Jamie Cole
- Julie Fisher
- Dave Fisher
- Steve Roberts
- Paul Roberts
- Roger Mayo
- Rachel Plant
- Glen Davis
- Ian Emery
- Mike Gilfillan

1) Apologies for absence:

- Ryan Henson

2) Julie Fisher proposed to accept the 2019 AGM minutes as read, seconded by Paul Roberts and accepted unanimously by those in attendance.

3) Officer's report:

Chairman's report:

- See Annex A

Secretary's report:

- A brief run-down of the safety review zoom meeting hosted by Peter Halman, head of the BMFA safety committee; attended by Roger Mayo.

Treasurer report:

- See Annex B

F3C comp secs report:

- Roger Mayo explains that due to COVID, no F3C events took place this year. Therefore, nothing to report.

F3N comp sec's report:

- See Annex C

CIAM report:

- See Annex D

BMFA rep report:

- See Annex E

4) Presentation of trophies:

John Strachan memorial trophy:

- Roger Mayo proposed that Julie Fisher should be awarded the trophy for her hard work and dedication towards the hobby, and all the effort that she puts in behind the scenes. Julie accepts the award with gratitude.

F3C league trophy

- Roger Mayo reports that there were no competitions in the 2020 season, and therefore there is nothing to report.

F3N League trophies:

- Julie Fisher explains that all pilots in the league scored over 65% of the winner's score, and therefore all qualified to be in the Pro League. Therefore, there were no members of the sportsman's league this year.
- Julie Fisher reports that Aaron Cole won the F3N Pro League trophy for 2020.

5) Election of officers:

- Chairman: Roger Mayo is proposed by Julie Fisher, and is seconded by Paul Roberts. Accepted unanimously.
- Aaron Cole is proposed by Roger Mayo, and is seconded by Ian Emery. Accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer – Steve Roberts is proposed by Paul Roberts, and is seconded by Roger Mayo. Accepted unanimously.
- F3C comp sec: Ian Emery proposed by Paul Roberts, and seconded by Julie Fisher. Accepted unanimously.
- F3n comp sec; Julie Fisher is proposed by Roger Mayo, Steve Roberts seconded. Accepted unanimously.
- CIAM rep: Steve Roberts proposed by Julie FISHER, and seconded by Ian EMERY. Accepted unanimously.
- BMFA rep: Julie proposed by Roger mayo, seconded by Steve Roberts and accepted unanimously.
- Membership secretary: Rachel Plant proposed by Julie Fisher, and seconded by Roger Mayo. Accepted unanimously.
- Scale Rep: Glen Davis proposed by Julie Fisher and seconded by Rachel Plant. Accepted unanimously.
- RC Power Tech rep: Julie Fisher is proposed by Roger Mayo, seconded by Paul Roberts. Accepted unanimously.

6) 2021 F3N and F3C teams

- Roger Mayo explained that an advert has to be created to advertise the positions of the F3C & F3N team manager roles. Julie Fisher confirmed that she has submitted one to Andy Symons to be put on the BMFA website – the deadline for applicants is 20 December.
- F3N team ratification of members: Duncan Osbourne, Aaron Cole, Dave Fisher and Summer Fisher (J).
- F3C team trials were cancelled at short notice due to COVID, and attendance.
- It is planned to hold the F3C Team trial by mid-March latest depending on what happens with Covid-19 and restrictions in place.
- Team pilots are able to assume the role of team manager, despite Jo Halman advising against it.
- Mike G puts himself forward for the position of F3C team manager if Paul Roberts is unable to continue the role.

7) UK International judges:

- Bruce Naylor, Paul Roberts, Mike Gilfillan (F3C)
- Jason Platts, Jamie Cole, Paul Bellis, Nigel Revell & Kevin Target (F3N)

8) Charmouth

- Brief breakdown of outgoing expenses for event: Toilets, field rental and catering
- Plans for 2021 Charmouth event to take place
- Advertisement: Scott Mayo in charge of the Facebook page – each member to share and promote accordingly to personal Facebook accounts.
- Roger to contact owner of Newlands to get confirmation of dates for Charmouth events next year.
- Pre-entry discount: £15 for both days in advance, or £10 per day if turn up on the day.
- It was agreed to hold a secondary zoom meeting after Christmas to discuss plans for Charmouth 2021 season.

9) Competition schedule for 2021:

- Roger Mayo points out that there are hopes for a season to go ahead, however the current situation may hinder those plans.
- Julie Fisher plans for 3 F3N events, plus the BMFA Nationals to count towards the F3N league and the team trials. Lowest round of three competitions is dropped, best two count towards the team score.
- Roger Mayo explains that BMFA Nationals will be the only team trials event for F3C. There are 5 F3C World Cup competitions in the pipeline for 2021.
- Talks of a season opener for F3C, to allow for pilots to critique and compare notes on manoeuvres + Sportsmans Schedule. Perhaps will allow new blood to take interest in the hobby.

10) Contest and membership fees:

- Contest and membership fees to remain the same for 2021.
- F3N contest fee is £20 snr / £15 jnr.
- Nationals entry fee: £30 snr for F3C & F3N / £20 junior for F3C / F3N. Sportsmans comp. £20.
- Membership of AHA £15 per individual

11) Scale rep update:

- Glen Davis is voted in as the new Scale rep
- Roger Mayo gives a warm welcome to Glen as a new member of the committee
- Glen explains a bit about his RC background. He has already been involved with discussions with the Scale TC looking at the BMFA rules for Scale Heli Comps.

12) Any other business:

- Emails: AHA committee GMAIL account now receives notification when a new member joins the AHA – Entire committee now has access to the account. PayPal notifications still not working.
- Dave Fisher pointed out that members don't receive a lot for their money (nothing appealing/not worthwhile) when joining the AHA – Julie Fisher counters this by proposing an idea to include an 'AHA' pen/notepad + stickers. She agreed to look into this further and feedback to the committee. A budget of £200 was agreed by the committee to spend on promotional items.

ANNEX A

2020 AHA AGM Chairman's Report

It's safe to say that no one could have predicted the events that we have witnessed this year and the devastating impact that the Covid virus has had on virtually every aspect of our lives. Needless to say that recreational activities haven't escaped the restrictions and despite a short respite in the latter half of the summer we again find ourselves under lockdown conditions. The restrictions have seen the usual shows and events calendar being decimated and only a small handful of the usual number were possible during the relaxation of restrictions after the first round of lock down. Unfortunately, both Charmouth events fell victim to the restrictions which is the first time in my memory that this has happened and all we can do is hope that 2021 will bring better times and allow the event to resume.

Whilst the domestic F3N pilots were able to get through a couple of competitions where the relaxation of restrictions allowed, the fate of the Euro Heli Series was sealed with the on-going uncertainty with travel restrictions when visiting other countries and this year's event calendar was cancelled meaning that neither F3C or F3N pilots have been able to benefit from competition against international pilots at all this year. The FAI F3CN Championships planned to be hosted in Italy was cancelled due to the pandemic and another victim and a first for me for 2020 was the cancellation of the BMFA Nationals again desperate times, desperate measures!!

So, with all the restrictions we have been living under and the resulting lack of any shows, events and competitions there is very little to report. I am hopeful that some form of breakthrough in the fight against the virus will allow 2021 to be a more engaging year and we will be able to resume something that resembles "normal service" and get to once again enjoy the social aspect of our sport as well as the competitive side that many enjoy and look forward to.

My view is that things can only get better from here and with some hopeful news about the successes of the clinical trials of a Covid vaccine earlier this week maybe we can start to see some light at the end of the tunnel.

I would like to thank the members of the 2020 committee for their help, support and hard work and I am staying positive and hopeful that we can start to make some plans again for the AHA for 2021.

ANNEX B

Treasurers report.

2019 ended with another frustrating Charmouth with yet more poor weather. Luckily for the association, at last years AGM Roger Mayo offered to top-up the deficit from the 2019 Autumn event from his own company. This meant that we did not make a loss which would have been in the region of £280 if it was not for the generosity of Roger- many thanks to him. We also decided that we would attempt to take pre-payments for the 2020 events, but with Covid-19 taking its toll the events were cancelled so we will have to try this in the future.

F3N UK kindly donated £100 to the AHA from an article written promoting and highlighting the Charmouth event- thank you to them.

Membership is once again pretty static at 19 members for 2020.

F3C had some income from contest fees for the 2020 Team trials held at the end of 2019. They also paid for FAI world cup registration for an event in 2020 which has to be cancelled. This event registration fee is being held by the FAI for use in 2021.

Money was also transferred to the AHA's teams account for use by the F3C and F3N teams- this was predominately aimed at the 2020 European championships which were cancelled due to Covid-19 so no money was transferred out of that account to team pilots.

That leaves the AHA's main account with a small deficit of £638.43 for the year. Cash reserves are still good though. Hopefully Covid-19 and the weather will allow the Charmouth events to flourish again in 2021 which traditionally has been the AHA's main money maker.



2020 General account balance sheet.

	2019			2020	
	Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
Membership fees	259.97			285.20	
Stationary/Photocopying/Post age					
Trophies/Engraving		75			
AGM room hire					
Team Fund		1000			1000
Event costs	204				
Contest fees/costs: F3C F3N				40	63.63
Charmouth: Spring '19 Autumn '19	480	506.80		506.80	506.80
Misc.				100	
Totals	1253.97	1948.60		932	1570.43
	Deficit of £694.63			Deficit of £638.43	
Account balance	2710.63			2072.20	

2020 Teams Account

Opening balance	£389.84
£1000 donation from AHA	£1389.84
Closing balance	<u>£1389.84</u>

ANNEX C

F3N Comp Sec Report 2020

During the winter months (Jan / Feb / Mar) I had organised some indoor funflies at Northolt High School. The hope was that with enough people attending, we could raise some money for the team travel fund. Unfortunately the first 2 events didn't quite break even & we had to cancel the one in March due to lockdown.

I had organised 3 F3N comps for 2020 and of course we had the Nationals lined up as well. With lockdown starting in March and the Spring Charmouth being cancelled it meant playing the waiting game to see when restrictions would be lifted & competition flying allowed to resume.

Our first comp. scheduled for May at the MK Heli Club was cancelled. At the end of May it was announced that the 2020 Nationals at RAF Barkston Heath were cancelled.

As restrictions lifted in the summer we went ahead with our 'new' first comp on August 16th hosted by Flyin' Fish. We had 7 pilots competing and this gave us a chance (at last) to fly the new to 2020 set manoeuvres.

The remaining 2 comps (20 Sept. at Cuffley MFC & 4 October at MK Heli club) were both team trials, enabling us to stick to the rules for team trials which we changed last year. The results were as follows:

NAME	TS1 (20/9)	TS2 (11/10)	RESULT
Duncan Osbourn	2994.33	2996.91	5991.24
Aaron Cole	2989.60	2994.19	5983.79
Dave Fisher	2722.36	2747.17	5469.53
Summer Fisher (J)	2399.72	2381.92	4781.64
Ethan Williams	2359.22	2336.26	4695.48
George Isaacs (J)	2288.42	-	
Andy Kirby	1994.71	2026.16	4020.87

We will therefore be putting forward Duncan, Aaron, Dave & Summer (J) for ratification as our 2021 F3N team to compete at the World F3CN Championships in Romania.

The F3N Pro League Trophy was this year won by Aaron Cole. We had no-one qualify for the Sport League trophy. See table below:

NAME	Comp. no. 1 16/8	Comp. no. 2 20/9	Comp. no. 3 20/10	Final Results
Aaron Cole	3000.00	2989.60	2994.19	8983.79
Duncan Osbourn	2937.36	2994.33	2996.91	8928.60
Dave Fisher	2756.15	2722.36	2747.17	8225.68
Ethan Williams	2452.35	2359.22	2336.26	7147.83
Summer Fisher	2342.65	2399.72	2381.92	7124.29
Andy Kirby	1902.35	1994.71	2026.16	5923.22
George Isaacs	2178.26	2288.42	-	-

With regards to next year's comps, I plan to hold 3 plus the Nationals but this will of course be Covid-19 dependant.

It only remains for me say that I am willing to stand once again as the AHA's F3N Comp. Sec. for 2021.

ANNEX D

CIAM rep report 2020

2020 was a slow year to begin with on the CIAM forum. Once Covid-19 took hold across Europe it quickly picked up!

The 2020 European championships which was due to take place in northern Italy was quickly discussed and cancelled by the organisers during early spring with Covid ripping its way through Italy with northern Italy, where the championships was due to be held being the epicentre in Italy at the time.

The 2021 World Championships, and future championships have also been discussed with regard to Covid and what to do if an outbreak was to take place near to the event date or if competitors were unable to attend due to local lockdowns and travel restrictions. At this time it's still being discussed so time will tell.

The normal discussion of new F3N set manoeuvres has taken place and new optional sets will be available for 2021.

Liam Broderick from Ireland (The Irish CIAM rep) has been working his way through the current manoeuvres and updating the manoeuvre descriptions after a lengthy discussion at the 2019 WC's. Many felt that the descriptions were difficult to translate into their native languages leading to errors being flown- it's hoped that these new clearer descriptions will help.

'Wild card' entries to World and European championships has also been discussed heavily this year. The aim is to fill spaces and allow for pilots to compete who will either unlikely ever get the chance to represent their country or for those who's governing body just refuse to allow them to represent. Trying to find a way of fairly accepting entries and making sure that those entering are safe and can fly to a known level has taken up many an hour of discussion but our basic proposal seems fair and everybody is in agreement that it should (fingers crossed!) work. The short version would mean that nominated teams get priority and are entered as they are now (team selection, top 3 plus junior get entered by the national body) and after the initial entry date has passed it will be a first come first served option to enter until the entry is filled. F3C can have two flight lines according to the rules with 56 on each and F3N should be able to handle a similar number (one flight line) if not more (contest organisers to decided exact number) so space should not be an issue. Everyone would have to sign a declaration to confirm they will pay their own entry fee and that they are safe to fly (it's feared that some will enter even though they would struggle to fly some manoeuvres). Safety of these pilots would be checked during official practice too, so again it's hoped that those who are not quite ready will hold off a year or so. These pilots would not count in the team's competition but would be in the final results. Everybody seems to have their own thoughts on this topic, but the consensus from the F3CN CIAM group is that it can only help. The FAI have different thoughts and from what we understand a previous CIAM chairman is dead against it so only time will tell if our proposal will be heard or not. This is still being worked on.

A request has also been made to hold the current F3C schedules for another 2 years as many have not had the chance to practice or fly them due to Covid restrictions- again this is still being discussed.

It's also worth pointing out that F3CN now has its own website. This is still being updated fairly regularly but it already has lots of information on it including some very good judges' guides and presentations. www.f3cn.org

If anyone would like more information on any of the above please get in touch and I'll explain in more detail.

ANNEX E

BMFA Rep report 2020

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 (in person) & in May & September (via Zoom). I also attended the Tech Council meeting in March (in person) & in October (via Zoom).

The membership survey has had a very good response with over 30% of the membership replying. It is hoped that the resulting data will lead to cost savings and improve the understanding of the needs of the current membership. At the Full Council Meeting in September it was disappointing to see that the BMFA's Competition Secretary, Jo Halman, was denied the opportunity to stand again for the post at this year's AGM when she failed to receive the necessary 75% majority. The BMFA is currently without a Comp. Sec.

The FAI list of Intl. judges & Tech. experts has now been updated. For F3C/ F3N the following are listed:

JUDGES: Bruce Naylor (F3C)
Paul Roberts (F3C)
Jamie Cole (F3N)
Paul Bellis (F3N)
Jason Platts (F3N)
Nigel Revill (F3N)
Kevin Targett (F3N)

TECH. EXPERTS: Steve Roberts (F3C)
Julie Fisher (F3N)

NOTE: Jason Platts decided that he did not wish to judge F3C & was therefore not added to the list of F3C judges.

Since September there has been talk of re-instating the RC Power Tech Committee (RCPTC). A proposal has now been made which is being voted on by the Full Council Members. Although the online vote has not yet been completed, the proposal has so far received a great deal of support & is very likely to be passed. We will be asked to put forward the name of the person who will represent the AHA on the RCPTC. If no-one else comes forward, I confirm that I am willing to take on this role.

Finally, I am willing to stand again as the AHA's BMFA Rep. for 2021.