

Meeting Report - December 9, 2020

Item	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by President Matt Piatkowski at 7:30 pm 	
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 members and guests were present. The meeting was held via Zoom. 	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of the minutes of the November 13, 2020 meeting, prepared by Rob Pringle and to be published on the BBMFC website, was moved by John McFayden and seconded by Chris Hubbard – carried. 	
Financial report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Paul Emmerson presented his financial report. The Club’s account balance stands at \$2,766.57. Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Chris Hubbard and seconded by Stuart Henderson – carried. 	
Business arising from minutes of the previous meeting(s)		
MAAC Annual General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the deadline for registration and proxy voting was December 8. The actual meeting will be held December 13. 	
Structure of the Club executive for 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Piatkowski proposed that given the relatively small number of active Club members, the executive be streamlined to include only the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. According to the Club’s Constitution, there are four other positions – Junior/Novice Representative, Past President, Contest Coordinator, and U-control (Control-line) Representative. Paul Emmerson moved that we not fill the positions of Junior/Novice Representative, Past President, Contest Coordinator, and U-control Representative on a temporary basis until this can be reconsidered under more normal circumstances, as changing the Constitution would be permanent. Seconded by Pat Mackenzie - carried 	
Election of Vice-President for 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Piatkowski asked for expressions of interest to fill this position – no interest was expressed by those present. Matt Piatkowski proposed that the position be left open until a suitable candidate is found. Chris Hubbard suggested that Matt Piatkowski send out an email describing the responsibilities of the position and requesting that anyone interested in running for the position email Matt Piatkowski to this effect. Anyone expressing interest would have an opportunity to introduce themselves at a future meeting. Doug Blackmore asked if there is a formal restriction on where members of the Club Executive should live. Matt Piatkowski stated that he did not believe 	It was generally agreed that Matt Piatkowski will advertise, by email, the position of Vice-President and will inform the Club members of the outcome.

	there was such a restriction but distance may make participation at this level difficult.	
Judging of stunt events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Piatkowski indicated that he had obtained the names of several active F2B judges in the United States and had contacted them. He has also contacted some European judges. He was able to establish the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent judging is considered necessary for successful stunt contests at this level (F2B). • No formal training is available, although Peter Hanson noted that an FAI judging guide is available. • Matt Piatkowski talked about the potential to train judges using a computer simulation exercise, where a judge candidate's scoring could be compared with a baseline results database. Such a system is not used in the United States. Instead, a more traditional method is used, where judge candidates observe and discuss judging with very experienced judges (e.g. Keith Trostle, Bob MacDonald) • Len Bourel felt that consistency on the part of a given judge across multiple contestants was more important than accurate absolute scores. • Gustavo Urtubey is planning to spend some time in the US and potentially could observe/assess judging practice over several days at the U.S Nats. Matt Piatkowski and Dwayne Donnelly indicated they would also consider this possibility. • Gustavo Urtubey and Dwayne Donnelly expressed an interest in judging stunt at Club contests. • John McFayden noted that we have resources within the Club. Konstantine Bajaikine, Peter Hanson, Pat Mackenzie, John McFayden and Len Bourel are skilled judges, subject to their availability on a given day. He felt the judging could be organized internally. • Matt Piatkowski proposed that a stunt 'clinic' be organized where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ existing judges and new candidates would be able to practise judging flights by other participants and refine their skills; and, ○ judging experience and related knowledge could be passed on to new candidates. 	Matt Piatkowski will initiate the organization of a stunt 'clinic' as a Club 'event'.
Pull-testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Piatkowski proposed that the Club implement pull-testing for every model and for every event. It was noted that this requires additional time to hold an event; to weigh planes and apply the pull test. A pull-test equivalent to 10G is required. In long past 	It was generally agreed that pull-testing will be implemented for future Club contests as per Chris Hubbard's proposal.

	<p>Club events, a common pull-test of 40 (or 50 lbs) was used covering models weighing 4 (or 5 lbs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Hubbard proposed a procedure using the marked 'pit lane' that is normally set up at Club contests. Models could be weighed in the pit lane and pull-tested immediately thereafter. Once tested, models would remain in the pit lane (except during flights) to preclude the need to re-weigh and re-test them. If a model is removed from the pit lane except for a flight (e.g. the event spans more than one day), it would need to be re-weighed and re-tested. • John McFayden raised the question of pull-testing equipment. Matt Piatkowski indicated he had Club equipment in his garage including a pull-testing device. • John McFayden mentioned that the Club's safety rules mandate pull-testing and questioned whether MAAC insurance would cover damages in the absence of a pull-test. He felt it was better to be on the safe side. 	
New business		
2021 Club contest events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi Macklem suggested that dates for the Club's 2021 contest events be proposed as soon as possible so that interested participants can plan ahead. However, there is still uncertainty as to when contest events can be resumed due to the current pandemic. • Matt Piatkowski suggested that it was prudent to plan ahead and that we stay with the events and approximate dates from 2020, while adding the proposed stunt judging clinic for a floating date in May/June • It was noted that the postponed 2020 Control-line World Championship is slated for August, 2021 in Poland. Ukraine has applied to be the host for the 2022 event. If that application is approved, John McFayden will consider organizing the Team Trials sometime in 2021. 	It was generally agreed that the number and type of events from the last 1/2/5 years be retained for 2021 and that a stunt judging clinic will be added and slated for a floating date in May/June.
Availability of minutes for previous meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Diamond asked about the availability of the minutes for previous meetings. Doug Blackmore indicated that they are available in the Member's section of the Club website under 'Events' and can also be accessed from the Home page. 	
Membership dues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Emmerson reminded the members that Club dues were due as of October 31 and could be submitted via e-transfer to treasurer@balsabeavers.com . The annual dues for 2021 remain at \$30.00. 	
Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Piatkowski expressed appreciation for the work done by Doug Blackmore on the Club website. 	

Adjournment		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjournment was moved at 8:50 pm by Chris Hubbard and seconded by Stuart Henderson – carried.	