



BDRA AGM 2024	
Date: 07-09-24	Time: 6PM
Present: 37 members present 3 Online 5 non-present voted by email in advance	Finished time: 7:35PM

#	Item
0	<p>The agenda to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction • Review/accept the minutes from the last AGM • Reports from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman (Cerberus Velvet) ○ Secretary (David Allen) ○ Treasurer (John Knight) ○ Membership Secretary (Calum Maxwell) • Membership fees • Update to Constitution to retitle 'BMFA Liaison Officer' to 'BMFA and FAI Liaison Officer' and to make core position. • Update to Constitution to include 'Whoop Liaison Officer' • Requestion for suggestions from the floor for ideas to increase the participation in BQE's • Update the Rules to allow the Committee to allocate three wildcard places in the Championships. Typically wildcards would be offered to previous winners, those unable to compete in competitions through the year, etc. • Election of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posts up for Election are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairman ▪ Membership Secretary ▪ BMFA and FAI Liaison Officer • Any Other Business
1	Cerberus Velvet Will welcomed all attendees online and in person.
2	Minutes from Sept 2023 were agreed. Proposed by Spex, Seconded Druid.
3	<p>Chairmans report</p> <p>Chair said that the BDRA finances and rules were in bad shape when he came to office and there was a lack of track equipment. We had climbed a mountain. Formed several technical Partnerships and brought in £15k in sponsorship. BDRA now has full set of equipment to be stored at Buckminster. Whoops now brought into membership. Important to spread the message that flying is fun. Perhaps bringing X Class and Wings into the BDRA. Cerb said he had a difficult year and that updating the rules was hard work. Proud of the new set of rules, but they should not be changed now. Cerb apologised for not standing again and letting the BDRA down in doing so. The meeting clapped to thank Cerberus for his efforts.</p>
4	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Thanked Cerb for what he had done. Been a busy year. Noted that most were happy with the new rules, personally would like to tweak them, but heard what Cerb said about not constantly changing them. Touched on the experience of going to Korea.</p>
5	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Have invested in a new set of gates. Started year with £1,700 and have approx. £11,054 at present, but that there were still sums to payout for this years champs. Many thanks to the One4HDD who provided sponsorship. Expected to end the year with c. £10k</p> <p>Questions from the floor</p> <p>Q1. How is it proposed to spend the money. A. We will seek views from the membership. We know what costs what and need to know where to direct funding.</p> <p>Q2. Why was Weston Park so much more expensive this year. A. John explained an overall breakdown. i.e. screen which was £1,700</p>

	<p>Q3. Is Weston Park and the like, the best form of investment for promoting growth. Grass roots may be more successful and helping create new local clubs. A. Cerb said it was up to the Members to decide where to spend the money. David said we needed a Championship to create a Champion. Suggested that Weston Park might be taken on by a club. Other venues could be considered such as County shows, fairs, etc. Consider ways to increase footfall. Any suggestions to make Weston to be better to go on Discord. Weston is an aspirational event. May need to break away from Weston, as it doesn't generate many Members. Perhaps invest more in Blades over Buckminster.</p> <p>Q4. What happened to Cosford. A. Did not have a venue suitable to us and in any case the event they had was plagued with RF issues.</p> <p>Q5. On future collaboration with One4HDD. A. Their funding is coming to an end for this technical partnership. New sponsors need to be found.</p> <p>Q6. Scope to look outside of RC hobby for sponsorship. A. Absolutely, Committee needs to look into this.</p>	
6	<p>Membership Secretary</p> <p>Calum said the membership is currently 100. Thanks to Ben for iFPV. This year membership down 21, only 5 down the previous year. Have been working on the website, more work to be done. Thanked Owen Knight for all the work on the Socials and for bringing in Sponsorship. Meeting clapped to thank Owen.</p> <p>Q1. Why did the 21 members leave. A. No clear reason why people have left except for costs, will chase up within confines of GDPR.</p> <p>Q2. Where did new Members hear of us. A. Good question to go onto iFPV application.</p> <p>Q3. How are we currently recruiting new members. A. Not that actively at the moment, mostly through events. More could be done.</p> <p>Q4. Have the BDRA tried approaching colleges and schools. A. A little, but not sure who actually has the time to do this.</p> <p>Q5. What do the BMFA / BDF do for us. A. They will publish articles if we send it to them. Jamie suggested that we use the BDF platform where possible. Maybe BDF members could opt into correspondence from the BDRA when joining up.</p> <p>Q6. Could the BDRA logo be available to Members. A. Yes (new Hi-res version is available) Cerb suggested that a brand guide should be produced.</p> <p>Q7. Should we go to Universities. A. Yes, the BDRA would like to do this and will try. Linked with improving the website.</p> <p>Q8. Could the BDRA do bulk deals for purchases. A. BDRA doesn't have the resource available to do this but could be picked up by a Member.</p> <p>Q9. What links do we have with Velocidrone, including publishing tracks. A. Not enough. Not a sponsor this time round. Committee will look into this.</p> <p>Q10. Is the membership fee to change. A. Not proposed. Could only increase to £12 as described in the constitution. Some already struggle paying £10.</p>	
7	<p>Membership fees</p> <p>It was agreed to retain the Membership fee at £10. Members were reminded that <18 membership fee is £1 (add to constitution)</p>	
8	<p>Constitutional and Rules changes</p> <p>It was agreed to update to Constitution and retitle 'BMFA Liaison Officer' to 'BMFA and FAI Liaison Officer' and to make core position. Agreed unanimously (37).</p> <p>It was agreed to update to Constitution to create the position 'Whoop Liaison Officer' 33 in favour, 4 abstained.</p> <p>Encouraging participation in BQE's and the following was discussed.</p> <p>Q1. Could there be a family discount. A. Yes, Committee to look into that. Perhaps Members could also promote in their local contacts.</p> <p>Q2. Can Whoops be brought more into the organisation. A. Yes, but where possible dates should avoid 5" events.</p> <p>Q3. Is there a Whoop ruleset. A. In progress, with Matt Shawtell will be published soon.</p>	

	<p>Q4. Is there a way of avoiding calendar battleships? A. Matt Shawtell has a proposal. To advise Committee.</p> <p>Q5. Can kit be made available to new pilots. A. This is something that could be run at club level. Can approach sponsors. Whoops may be a better start than 5”</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed to update the Rules to allow the Committee to allocate three wildcard places in the Championships. These places would only be available if the Champs did not fill by Qualifying events and Scottish events.</p>	
9	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>Chairman Calum thanks the outgoing committee for all they have done in the past year. Wants the number of flying pilots to grow with the BDRA helping in that. Was pleased the 8 pilots from Scotland are taking part in the Champs. Will make use of the information that has been gathered from the Membership over the year. Rules should stay as is for now, with concentration being on running events. There being no other candidates, Calum Maxwell was elected to Chair with 25 votes in the room and 5 email votes.</p> <p>Membership Secretary - A candidate was sought amongst the floor and Matthew Neale was proposed by Clive, Seconded by Derpy. Voted in unanimously.</p> <p>BMFA and FAI Liaison Officer – There being no other candidates Eric Li-Koo was elected in to the position. Voted in unanimously.</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Q1. Should there be meetings with club reps through the year. A. Yes</p> <p>Q2. Can the committee meeting minutes be published. A. JC. Have been in the past.</p> <p>Q3. Can a handbook be written of Committee roles to help incoming Committee Members. A. Yes</p> <p>Q4. Can Lipo charge limits be added to the rules. A. Was agreed that this should be added to the rules. Can also be covered in local rule set. MrE to help with wording. Eric offered the new FAI draft for this.</p> <p>Q5. Can we have more announcements on and off Discord. A. Committee will increase this.</p> <p>Q6. If there is a Scottish Secretary should there be a Irish and Welsh. A. To be considered by the Committee.</p> <p>Q7. Can tracks be released on Velocidrone in advance. A. Clarified that this is possible but must be advertised on iFPV. Existing guidance note to be transferred to rules.</p> <p>Q8. Can the number of competitors in the finals be agreed. A. This is already in the rules (13.1). This should applied for all events unless there is a note to the contrary in the local rules / iFPV listing.</p> <p>Q9. IF there are 50 pilots for example, can it be recommended to RD’s that heats are 5, i.e. 5*10 A. Possible, but 6 is normal. It was reiterated the RD’s should not vary from the agreed rules and that if they do, it may no longer be a BQE. Committee to issue guidance.</p>	