



WHIRLWIND FIGHTER PROJECT

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Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting held on the 30th of May 2015 at the Premier Inn Hotel meeting room, Premier Inn, The Phoenix Centre, Millennium Way West, Nottingham, NG8 6AS.

The meeting was opened at 13:00 with 15 members present.

Committee members present.

Mike Eastman
Matt Bearman
Chris Hayward
Patrice Moreau
Rob Bowater
Stuart Hawkins

Apologies

Gunnar Olsen. John Boland
Ian Walton Dave Tanner
Peter Howell
Rene Peters
Matt Painter
Dave Gibbings

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed by all members present.

Proposed by Patrice Moreau and seconded by Rob Bowater.

Chairman's Report;

Since Our first AGM last year we have all been busy in various ways behind the scenes both on the domestic and aviation front.

I think I can say without contradiction that most of the project leading team have had some challenging times on the personal front with health etc. I know I had to pull out from

our first AGM sadly with the sudden passing of mum at the grand age of 97.

In the background although to members it might not seem that a lot has been going on the team have been very hard at work on their various parts of the project.

The CAD Team led by Gunnar has been very busy producing some excellent production drawings so that those of us dealing with the manufacture side of things are able to start turning plain sheets of metal into recognisable aircraft parts.

Other members of the team have been responsible for fund raising and also coordinating and controlling the effective use of the funds.

Our secretary Chris has been very busy indeed even though he has had family illness issues to contend with also.

The addition of Rob Bowater to the lead team has taken pressure off a couple of us in that Rob now controls the web site and sales/fund raising side of things.

Patrice has been working hard at research and background information gathering on the aircraft in various countries.

Sorry if I have missed out any specific contributions from team members.

Now we have a significant number of drawings compiled by Gunnar and his team with the assistance of Westland's and Dave Gibbings and management at Yeovil for which we are greatly thankful.

The project should start to make significant progress over the next couple of months and we anticipate by the time we get to W100 to have the majority of the rear fuselage in kit form and some of the sub-assemblies already riveted together. It may not be possible to actually have the rear fuselage all together as it will involve construction of a jig to enable the parts to be put together.

I have at the ARG workshops the steel and materials already to construct such a jig.

There will be some slight delay in the assembly process as ARG are currently in the process of preparing to move to new premises on an airfield taking our WW2 96 feet by 42 feet blister hanger recently dismantled from an old site in Doncaster with us. Once we have moved the jig will be assembled and bolted down for us to start major assembly work.

I see the year ahead leading up to the 2016 AGM to be a time of major construction of the aircraft with the rear fuselage being completed and put to one side and all being well Gunnar and the team will then be able to provide drawings on the tail end and fin/rudder and tail plane etc. All being well we should also have some information and drawings becoming available on the centre section and cockpit area.

Finally I would like to challenge all members and followers of the project. This is an aircraft and project of national importance and no such aircraft has existed since 1947. I am not aware of any other project to date that has been a complete reconstruction of not only the aircraft but the drawings to enable it to happen and all from 11 drawings and three wind tunnel models.

This is your aircraft please continue your support get behind us and help to make this project be a resounding success and an inspiration to others to do likewise with other missing aircraft from our history. Can you help by fund raising? Can you help by sponsorship or do you know of a company who would like to sponsor some part of the aircraft for free publicity even if it's only for nuts and bolts or washers ??.

Please if you would like to become more involved you don't have to be in the UK be like some of our major team leaders and work from where you live in the world. Just contact our secretary Chris or any one of the team or even contact me and I will find you a task you can do where ever you are or whatever your skills and abilities are.

Mike Eastman

Chairman
WWFP

Secretaries Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our four speakers for their kind attendance and presentations to our members.

Short update on project by Matt Bearman

Jim Munro on "Ghosts of the Whirlwind".

Dave Birch from the RR Heritage Museum on the Peregrine.

Mike Coghlan on his father Humphrey who flew with 137 Sq.

Roger Bailey from the Shuttleworth Trust.

This has been a busy year one way or the other, the monthly online meeting continue with the occasional breaks for holidays.

We are still chasing Charity Status, I have heard from HMC&R and due to their comments I have had to make a couple of changes to the our Constitution which we can discuss further later on in this meeting.

The team are getting ready to attend Westland's anniversary in July and will be taking the fuselage with us to display.

The search for the Jersey wrecks continue and hopefully will see some progress this summer.

I have written to both Jules Hudson and Dan Snow in the hope that we may spark some interest.

The Newsletter is being received quite well as the feedback is positive, this months has gone out a little early due to this weekend.

Mike's pictures from the workshop have also been well received.

As we are getting quite a few requests from flying scale modellers for information on the Whirlwind we have decided to make a small charge of £10.00 to go as a donation towards the build.

I would like to thank Airframe Assemblies for their help in making frame 10.

Chris Hayward.
Secretary WFP

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 26/05/15: £2,958.99

(Balance as of 28/05/14: £3,783.67)

Outgoings

June 12 th 2014	Purchase of Baseball Caps for Shop	
		£116.28

July 8 th 2014	Purchase of Magneto Switches	£130.45
August 14 th 2014	Matt Bearman Expenses Materials	£100.00
October 23 rd 2014	English Heritage Photo Archive	£56.40
November 4 th 2014	Purchase of Wireless Aerial Mast	£80.00
December 17 th 2014	Rob Bowater Expenses, Shop	£47.12
December 23 rd 2014	Patrice Moreau Expenses, Postage	£22.66
March 13 th 2015	Purchase of Tail wheel Fork	£113.44
April 17 th 2015	Website Hosting Charge	£69.76
April 21 st 2015	Insurance Premium, W100	£51.00
May 5 th 2015	Build Expenses, Frame 10, JM	£1,000.00
May 10 th 2015	Matt Bearman Expenses, Printing, Courier	£200.00
Total 12 Month Outgoings:		£1,987.11

Income

May 29 th 2014	Shop Takings	£185.00
June 2 nd 2014	Book Sales (RB)	£100.00
June 3 rd 2014	Sale of Prints	£26.43
June 9 th 2014	John Harris	£50.00
July 28 th 2014	John Harris	£50.00

September 1 st 2014	John Harris	£40.00
September 22 nd 2014	Shop Takings, Transfer from PayPal	£201.00
September 26 th 2014	John Harris	£40.00
October 23 rd 2014	Shop Takings, Transfer from PayPal	£120.00
November 5 th 2014	John Harris	£50.00
December 4 th 2014	John Harris	£50.00
January 14 th 2015	Shop Takings, Transfer from PayPal	£100.00
January 21 st 2015	John Harris	£50.00
March 13 th 2015	John Harris	£50.00
April 7 th 2015	John Harris	£50.00
		£50.00
Total 12 Month Income:		£1,162.43

Treasurer's comment:

Still a healthy balance, sufficient for materials for another build phase.

Matt Bearman.

Westland Anniversary

With the up and coming event getting closer it was decided that we ought to produce a build portfolio so that we can show prospective sponsors what our aims and ambitions are this is to contain our objective and photographs of the project.

Changes to Constituion;

Due to our first application for Charity Status returned to us from HMR&C as unacceptable in its present form changes had to be made to meet their criteria. The changes are as follows.

Constitution changes for the AGM

Objective insert

The objective is to increase and advance the intellect and education of the general public in aspects of the great aircraft industry in the United Kingdom. This subject is capable of being of educational merit and value to everybody, Both in the subject itself and the process.

Dissolution (1)

The Group may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at a special meeting. Any assets or remaining funds after debts have been paid shall be transferred to similar charitable groups at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The above changes were read out and then voted on, the members present passed the amendments. The Constitution to be altered accordingly.

Formal Project plan.

There is no plan as such the build will continue a stage at a time as funds are available there is no critical path or time scale to follow.

Any other business

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Harris for his continuing support for this project. It was suggested that he be approached to see if he would consider becoming an Honorary Patron of the Project.

Can we again approach Tom Eeles and ask if he would consider being our press/PR officer.

Why not build a flying Whirlwind.

This is due to liability should anything go wrong, it was only under this criteria that Westland agreed to help this project.

Will all control surfaces be moveable

Yes they will and this will include the inboard slats as the outboard ones were sealed shut on the original airframe.

Have all scrapyards been looked at for remains.

Yes they have, the only surviving parts are from crash sites.

Mystery still covers the missing engines from AGOI the Whirlwind that was retained by Westland and scrapped in 1947.

The Jersey Island Wreck sites are in 23 to 25 meters of water and the project has purchased a small underwater remote camera for the purpose of locating and surveying the airframes.

Westland are proposing to do a geo study of the area on the airfield where AGOI is supposed to be buried.

It was suggested that the Project contact NASAC which is a sub aqua club based at the University of Southampton.

The project will continue to upload information and pictures to the web site.

Can we produce a certificate to award those who donate money or items to the project?

The project would like to be able to allot ancillary parts to members who have 3D printers.

Can the secretary write a letter of condolence for Steve Haig who was chairman of the BAPC who sadly passed away recently.

The meeting closed at 14:15hrs

The location of the next AGM will be released when the location has been firmed up.