

Proceedings of the
6th Annual General Meeting
of
Helicopter Association of Great Britain

President : J. G. WEIR, C.M.G., C.B.E., F.R.A.E.S.

Chairman : N. J. G. HILL, A.M.I.MECH.E., A.R.A.E.S.

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, 19th May, 1951, at 2.30 p.m.

The notice convening the meeting was read by the Acting Honorary Secretary ; also the Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting. W/Cdr. R. A. C. BRIE proposed that these Minutes be adopted. This proposal was seconded by Captain J. S. FAY, the resolution was carried unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

The Chairman then announced that the following Members had been elected to the Council : Messrs. N. J. G. Hill, A. McClements (re-elected) ; Messrs. C. Colin Cooper, J. S. Fay, J. W. Richardson (to fill vacancies on the Council).

The Chairman also stated that the constitution of the new Council was : J. G. Weir, *President* ; J. A. J. Bennett, C. C. Cooper, J. S. Fay, O. Fitzwilliams, H. Grinstead, R. Hafner, N. J. G. Hill, R. N. Liprot, A. McClements, J. W. Richardson, H. Roberts, N. E. Rowe, J. S. Shapiro, W. Stewart, L. S. Wigdortchik.

Mr. A. E. BRISTOW proposed and Mr. J. R. ANDERSON seconded the approval of this Council. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Honorary Treasurer then presented his report. Mr. G. A. FORD proposed that the statement of yearly accounts be approved. This proposal was seconded by Mr. J. C. CLARK and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then referred to the Annual Report of the Executive Council which had previously been made available to members. In particular, he drew attention to the success of the 1950 Annual Dinner and Flying Meeting. It was proposed by W/Cdr. R. A. C. BRIE, seconded by Mr. J. R. ANDERSON, and subsequently carried unanimously that the Annual Report of the Executive Council be approved.

W/Cdr. R. A. C. BRIE proposed that, in those cases when Members of the Council offered themselves for re-election, a statement of the number of attendances at Council meetings during their period of office should be included on the ballot sheets. Mr. J. R. ANDERSON seconded this proposal, which the Chairman put to the vote. The proposal was carried, 10 Members voting for it and 8 against.

Mr. N. E. ROWE then proposed that a vote of thanks to the Royal Aeronautical Society for their co-operation in allowing the Association to use their rooms for lectures and meetings should be recorded. The Chairman seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then mentioned that consideration was being given to holding meetings on week-days instead of on Saturdays ; he asked for the views of members on this point. After discussion it appeared that the majority of members favoured week-day meetings for a trial period.

W/Cdr. R. A. C. BRIE proposed that page 5 of the first Articles of Association, on which are set out the eight names of the original Founder Members, should be framed and displayed in the Association's office. The Chairman ruled that this suggestion be recorded and adopted.

Mr. A. E. BRISTOW suggested that the Association should organise a Helicopter Flying Race on the lines of that recently held in Italy. It was ruled that such action was outside the scope of the Articles of Association, but the Chairman announced that the Association had agreed to organise a 30-minute Flying Display and Static Exhibition for the Royal Aero Club Jubilee Meeting at Hendon on July 19th, 20th and 21st.

The Chairman then delivered his speech (see Editorial) and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.

Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. N. E. ROWE and Mr. L. S. WIGDORTCHIK gave brief talks on their impressions of the American helicopter industry and the American Helicopter Society Forum. Mr. A. E. BRISTOW followed and gave an account of his experience during helicopter operations in Indo-China and the Antarctic.

LECTURE PROGRAMME 1951/52

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| <i>Friday, 31st August, 1951</i> | "Military Aspects of the Transport Helicopter," by F. N. PIASECKI, at The Institution of Civil Engineers, at 5.30 p.m. |
| <i>Saturday, 6th October, 1951</i> | "Design and Construction of Rotor Blades." All-Day Meeting, at The Royal Aeronautical Society, at 10.30 a.m. |
| <i>Friday, 23rd November, 1951</i> | "The Giant Helicopter," by O. L. L. FITZWILLIAMS, B.A., at The Royal Aeronautical Society, at 6 p.m. |
| <i>Friday, 18th January, 1952</i> | "A Review of Helicopter Patents," by L. H. HAYWARD, at the Royal Aeronautical Society, at 6 p.m. |
| <i>Friday, 22nd February, 1952</i> | "Helicopter Power Plants," by A. GRAHAM FORSYTH, B.Sc., F.R.Ae.S., at The Royal Aeronautical Society, at 6 p.m. |
| <i>Friday, 21st March, 1952</i> | "Some Recent Helicopter Research Investigations," by W. STEWART, B.Sc., at The Royal Aeronautical Society, at 6 p.m. |

Unless otherwise stated, lectures will be held in the Library of the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London, W.1. (by kind permission of the Council of The Society). Tea will be available at 5.30 p.m., except on October 6th, when it will be served at 4 p.m. Non-members will be admitted on presentation of tickets (free), obtainable from the Assistant Secretary, The Helicopter Association of Great Britain, 19 Park Lane, London, W.1.