

The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Committee Meeting.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there were present: Sir Charles D. Rose, Bart., M.P., in the Chair, Mr. Griffith Brewer, Mr. Ernest C. Bucknall, Col. J. E. Capper, C.B., R.E., Major J. D. B. Fulton, Col. H. C. L. Holden, C.B., F.R.S., Prof. A. K. Huntington, Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, Mr. Alec Ogilvie, Mr. C. F. Pollock, Com. C. R. Samson, R.N., Mr. R. W. Wallace, K.C., and the Secretary.

Election of Chairman.—Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon proposed the re-election of Sir Charles Rose, Bart., M.P., as Chairman of the Club for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Major J. D. B. Fulton, and carried unanimously.

Sir Charles Rose explained that owing to his many other engagements, he feared he would not be able to give the necessary time that the position of Chairman demanded. He much regretted, therefore, that he did not see his way to accept re-election.

The question of the election of Chairman was adjourned till the next meeting.

New Members.—The following new members were elected:—Lieut. D. L. Allen, Charles E. Best, Ralph Bingham, Capt. Loftus A. Bryan, J.P., D.L., 2nd Lieut. John Eden, Arthur Ewing, H. Unit Lavarack, Pierre Marechal, H. Arnold Pallant, Harold Robinson, Dr. D. E. Stodart, and David Tod.

Aviators' Certificates.—The following Aviators' Certificates were granted:—

- 444. Serjt. J. Kemper (Maurice Farman Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
- 445. 1st Class Air Mechanic J. C. McNamara, (Maurice Farman Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
- 446. Leading Seaman Philip Ephraim Bateman, R.N. (Maurice Farman Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
- 447. Lieut. Raymond Fitzmaurice, R.N. (Short Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
- 448. Lieut. W. F. Robertson Dobie (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
- 449. Lieut. Neville Osborne, R.F.C. (Caudron Biplane, Ewen School, Hendon).
- 450. Lieut. Guy Blatherwick, R.N. (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
- 451. Lieut. Wilfrid Picton-Warlow (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
- 452. Arthur B. Ashford Thomson (Bristol Biplane, Eastbourne Aviation School, Eastbourne).

Letter from the Aero Club de France asking the Club to give its sanction to the issuing of Aviators' Certificates to Major E. M. Maitland and Mr. Charles Reynolds was read and the necessary permission granted.

Re-election of Stewards of the Club.—On the motion of Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, seconded by Major J. D. B. Fulton, the following Stewards of the Club were re-elected for the current year:—

- The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Lonsdale Sir Charles Henry, Bart., M.P.
- Admiral Rt. Hon. Sir Edward H. Sir Charles D. Rose, Bart., M.P.
- Seymour, P.C., G.C.B., O.M., Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P.
- G.C.V.O.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

The following appointments were announced by the Admiralty on the 28th ult.:

Lieuts. C. E. Maude, F. G. Brodribb, W. G. Sitwell, C. H. K. Edmonds, A. W. S. Agar, and A. B. Gaskell, to the "President," additional, for course of instruction at the Central Flying School, to date May 17th.

Capt. H. Fawcett, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. G. H. V. Hathorn, R.M.L.I., to the "President," additional, for course of instruction at the Central Flying School, to date May 17th.

The following appointments were announced by the Admiralty on the 31st ult.:

Lieut. S. D. A. Grey, to the "Actæon," additional, as flight commander in command of Calshot Naval Air Station, to date March 29th.

Sub-Lieut. J. L. Travers, Royal Naval Reserve, to the "Actæon," additional, as flying officer, for Calshot Naval Air Station, to date March 29th.

The following appointment was announced in the *London Gazette* of the 1st inst.:

Daily Mail Prizes.—The Chairman reported that he had transmitted the following telegram to Lord Northcliffe:—

"The announcement in your to-day's issue of your magnificent offer of prizes for a circuit of Great Britain by hydro-aeroplane and flight across the Atlantic, affords further proof of the patriotism and generosity of the *Daily Mail* in all progressive movements, and especially in the development of aviation, about which the public is so much concerned at the present time in connection with the defensive security of the country. The assistance of the Royal Aero Club will be entirely at your disposal as in the past."

and the following reply had been received:—

"Warmest thanks for your extremely kind telegram."—**NORTHCLIFFE.**

The Secretary reported that he had that day had an interview with Lord Northcliffe, who had decided to defer consideration of the regulations to govern the *Daily Mail* Prizes until after the Hydro-aeroplane Meeting now being held at Monaco.

Sub-Committees.—The Finance Committee was appointed as follows:—Mr. Griffith Brewer, Mr. Ernest C. Bucknall, Mr. G. B. Cockburn, Prof. A. K. Huntington, Mr. A. Mortimer Singer, Mr. R. W. Wallace, K.C.

The appointment of other Sub-Committees was deferred till the next meeting.

Aeronaut's Certificate.—The following Aeronaut's Certificate was granted:—

No. 30. Lieut. F. L. M. Boothby, R.N.

Airship Pilot's Certificate.—The following Airship Pilot's Certificate was granted:—

No. 16. Lieut. F. L. M. Boothby, R.N.

Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

The F.A.I. has just issued the official list of certificates granted up to December 31st, 1912, to pilots of aeroplanes, airships and balloons by the different Countries forming the Federation. The following figures have been tabulated from the list:—

	Aeroplanes. Aviators' Certificates.	Balloons. Aeronauts' Certificates.	Airships. Airship Pilots' Certificates.
Argentine Republic...	15	13	—
Austria	84	86	24
Belgium	53	55	2
Denmark	8	7	—
Egypt	1	—	—
France	966	264	23
Germany	335	909	22
Great Britain	376	32	11
Holland	26	17	—
Hungary	7	—	—
Italy	186	67	13
Norway	5	5	—
Russia	162	4	1
Spain	15	30	2
Sweden	10	17	—
Switzerland	27	30	—
United States	193	42	3
166, Piccadilly.	HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.		

R.F.C.—Military Wing.—Lieut. George I. Carmichael, Royal Artillery, to be a flying officer, and to be seconded. Dated March 11th, 1913.

The following appointment was announced by the Admiralty on April 5th:—

Sub-Lieut. J. Babington, to the "Actæon," additional, as flying officer for Isle of Grain Air Station, to date March 27th.

Australian Flying Corps.

LIEUT. HARRISON has now sent out to Australia the two 35-h.p. Anzani-Deperdussins, and he is staying on until the couple of B.E. biplanes, which are being built by the Bristol Co., are ready. The Australian military authorities have now decided not to have the headquarters of the Flying Corps at the new capital, Canberra, as it is about 2,500 ft. above sea level, and the neighbouring mountains might set up remous. The aerodrome will probably be near Melbourne, where there is an area of over 30 square miles of country, compared with which Salisbury Plain would be considered mountainous.