



Report from BMAF Secretary

The year to November 2025 has been a difficult one for the Federation. Some time ago the Federation at AGM and the affiliated clubs and associations agreed to incorporate BMAF. The structure suggested and agreed was a holding company with a subsidiary. Early in the year this issue became acrimonious. The underlying problem, to my mind, is that this process has taken longer than anticipated. I originally took over the role of secretary in the hope that providing a firm base would allow the incorporation to proceed with reasonable speed, my role would then be redundant. This has not happened, and it has proved to be one of the significant problems this year.

The Executive has not been fully filled during the year with some posts vacant after last year's AGM. Two people left the Executive during the year and were not replaced. This has had two main consequences.

- Some meetings have been inquorate (5 voting members required) and
- committee members have had to take on extra roles. For example, Glen Reddington – International and IT, Alistair Kendrick Treasurer and commercial/social media, Ian Richards BMAF Chair and council Chair. I have also taken on the role of Cross Country Secretary.

I have found these problems time consuming, upsetting and tiring. This is having an adverse effect on my health which was already poor. I have therefore taken the decision to stand down as BMAF Secretary at this AGM.

Robert Lands, BMAF Secretary 4 November 2025