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Minutes Ratified at meeting dated 6th September 2017

Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 12th July 2017

Venue: - **The Ship Inn**

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time: 8.00 hrs. pm

Present:	S Area Office	Club
Tony Butterworth FSMAE	Chairman	Waltham Chase
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman/ ASC Co-ordinator	Helipad (ACE)
Terry Weeks	Hon Treasurer/RC S/F	AMC/ASF Delegate
Peter Turley	Hon Sec & RC Fixed Wing	PAM Delegate & CADMAC
David Burstow	Area Delegate & Dorset Area	Eagles Delegate
	Support Representative	
Roger Newman	* Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson	* South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Peter Willis	* RC Scale Comp. Special	Wimborne MAC
	Body Co-ordinator	

* Co-opted to the committee 12th July 2017
to be ratified at the Next SA AGM

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Ken Knox	PRO	CADMAC Delegate
Richard Sharman		BMFC chairman
Paul Newell		Hornets MFC
Ginny Newbold		Hornets MFC
Graham Gibson		BVMFA

2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 3rd May 2017 Area Meeting

The Previous Minutes were reviewed and accepted, after minor change.

Proposed: - K. Gale Seconded: - T. Butterworth

2.1 John Thompson Free Flight Comp Sec, Obituary

We need words to put on our web site. John was a very accomplished aero modeller competing at several world championships, has had models designs published in several worldwide publications so we need to record his achievements as well as recording his considerable support to Free flight in our area.

Action T. Butterworth



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2.2 Area Committee update

Our Chairman said that we need replacements for Steve Warren, and John Thompson.

It is important that we keep the integrity of our committee positions, we are an active committee and as such we have to ensure that we do not overload those individuals who regularly contribute and support our activities.

The work load is potentially increasing next year, with some 7 Southern Area events so far and 2 BMFA events to support (Model Engineers Exhibition and Farnborough 2018) were mentioned.

Roger Newman accepted an invite from the committee to be co-opted to the committee as Free Flight Comp. Sec.

Stuart Simpson accepted an invite from the committee to be co-opted to the committee as South Hampshire Operations Support.

Peter Willis accepted an invite from the committee to be co-opted to the committee as RC Scale Comp. Special Body Co-ordinator

Positions to be ratified at the Next SA AGM

SA Area Return for 2017 to be updated to reflect above changes

Action P. Turley

SA Area web site is to be updated to reflect the committee changes

Action P. Turley/ K. Knox

3 Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1. (Agenda 3.1) Alternative site for Southern Area fly in

Tony has found the Sunnysdale Camp site, with an adjacent field that we could fly in just West of Hamble in the old Netley Area. The camp site has a shop and toilet/shower facilities and hard standings with electric points that could be used to charge the batteries for electric fliers.

It was noted that the event would be self-funding by participants booking a place on the campsite if we can arrange a 2 day event – the patrons have been very helpful to date and the prospect looks good.

With support needed to cover the current activities, it was agreed to suspend this activity.

Action Suspended

3.2 (Agenda Item 3.2) BMFA Long Service Award for 2017

After a discussion, a nominee, has been agreed for 2017.

Action T. Butterworth



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3.3 (Agenda Item 3.3) Merryfield, Middle Wallop and Odiham Aerodromes.

This action is to now review the effect of the Hatton report on Merryfield and Middle Wallop aerodromes.

Points of concern are: -

Merryfield Limited access only as previously reported.

Middle Wallop Middle Wallop: Change of airfield management has taken place. SAM1066 are no longer permitted to hold free flight events on the airfield. SAM1066 has liaised with SAM35. SAM35 has got a licence to hold 1 RC events, 8th October, a meeting to be held at the end of the month to discuss the events.

Salisbury Plain Salisbury Plain – Area 8: Access is available to hold Free Flight events, with permission via BMFA FFTC. SAM1066 has held one such event in 2016. Events planned for 2017 are 30th July and 30th September. Full details are on SAM1066 web site. Southern Area Gala 9th September, 70th Anniversary Event.

Odiham Access has been available for a single Free Flight event in 2016. It is planned to see to seek permission for a single Free Flight event in 2017.

We need to monitor the situation of Airfield access for model flying. Action continues

MOD flying sites

The Southern Area seems to be more dependent on MOD Airfields than the other Areas

Info gained from discussion with BMFA – we have agreed to wait until further information is provided by BMFA on airfield review and then decide best way forward. Currently we continue to make good progress in improving communication with local airfields – we will review action we should take going forward (contingency plans) when more is known.

Action continues.

3.4 (Agenda item 3.4) Middle Wallop Museum

Roger reported that a request for support for Wartime show Monday the 29th May 2017 had been received and has been suggested that we provide a model flying display to support the event.

The event was successful and an e-mail has been received requesting out support again for next year

3.5 (Agenda item 3.5) the latest EU "prototype regulation" current up-date".

D. Phips attended the CAD/DFT meeting on the 23rd March and the report is contained in the BMFA News Issue 143 dated August 2017 Ongoing



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3.6 (Agenda item 3.6) Future Show options

3.6.1 Yeovilton Model Show future.

David Burstow reported that no Future Model Show events will be held this year but after talking with RN museum it appears there is the possibility of a model flying show in 2018.

Dave is to monitor situation.

Action Dave Burstow

3.6.2 Bovington Tank Museum Tank Mod Model Exhibition day, the 7th October 2017

A meeting was held on the 25th May. For David's notes on the meeting see Appendix 2

It was agreed that we needed a 3 metre square for the Marque.

David was to raise a risk assessment for the event and it was agreed that to cover the flying display a Notan would be raised. Also David agreed to contact the local Gliding Club and notify them of our presence at Bovington.

Action David Burstow

Peter Wills agreed to talk to the Dorset Helicopter club, to see if they would support the event.

Action P. Willis

A Planning meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16th August 2017 at The Ship Inn.

3.7 (Agenda Item 3.7) Web Site/Southern Area Actions

The following topics were discussed.

- What about clubs who do not have a newsletter – how do we gain information?
Need further review
- Is the current data on our web up to date ref club recruitment etc.
- Submission of Southern Area articles for the BMFA News, Ideas Action All
- We need to further improve the information on our web site.

The Club page has been added to the web site.

Letter is to be drafted notifying all clubs in the area of the website Club support section, which is now available. Action T. Butterworth

Letter to be sent out to all clubs Action K. Knox

Identify when each of the web site pages have been updated. Action Ken Knox

3.8 (Agenda Item 3.8) Review of ARC roadshow last Saturday 18th March 2017.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Southern Area should hold an examiners workshop this year.

Peter Wills suggested that the Popham Club could be a more suitable venue to hold the event with indoor and outdoor facilities. Peter is to agree a date for the event. Action Peter Wills

It was agreed that we would need to contact all of the examiners in the area. Action Peter Wills



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3.9 (Agenda Item 3.9) Balsa Brain 2017

Friday 3rd November 2017, has been booked for the event. (Date Change post ratification).

Action Ongoing

3.10 (Agenda Item 3.10) Future BMFA/SA activity/meetings

Saturday 9th September BMFA Full Council meeting

Saturday 7th October Bovington Tank Museum Model show, supported by SA

Wednesday 8th November Southern Area AGM

Friday 3rd November Southern Area Balsa Brain

Saturday 18th November BMFA AGM

Monday 28th May 2018 Middle Wallop Wartime Show, SA support has been requested.

3.11 (Agenda Item 3.11) BMFA Full Council Meeting Saturday 13th May

Copy of the notes taken by David Burstow at the Full Council, is attached as Appendix 1.

4 (Agenda Item 4) New Topics for Discussion

4.1 BMFA Full Council meeting 9th September, preparation

Agenda for the meeting has been circulated.

4.2 BMFA Nationals support

Tony Butterworth our Chairman will be running the Camp Site, supported by Peter Turley.

5.0 (Agenda Item 6) Officers Reports

5.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman

To date we have made excellent progress during 2017 in our quest to improve communication in our area.

Our committee can now be seen (and contacted) at several events during the year around the area and this will hopefully provide improved communication with member clubs.

As a group we now support displays shows at Model Engineer show London, Middle Wallop Museum events, Farnborough air show, Bovington museum model show and hopefully RN Yeovilton.

If we consider that we also host Balsa Brain and may also participate at the new Blackbush air show then we cover a large proportion of the Southern area, and we know from experience that each and every show we always receive a positive response from public and past and present modellers.

The loss of 2 of our very active committee members (Steve and John) does mean that we need to ensure that their responsibilities are shared amongst our group and we need to consider this at the AGM, being careful not to overload our willing team. Our web page continues to be a focus for many modellers in our area and its current design has served us well.



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However with increases in activities and new events being planned for the future suggest that a review on how to improve the web page may be a topic worth considering between now and the year end. Contact has been made with Pat Parsons and we can confirm the 2017 Balsa Brain event will be held on November 10th at Hamble social club.

5.2 Ken Gale Vice Chairman

4th May I attended a pre-display meeting with various interested parties involved with the Wallop at War meeting scheduled for the 29th of May.

25th May I attended a meeting at Bovington Tank Museum with a view to participating in a proposed model show at the Museum in on 8th October.

29th May I participated at the Middle Wallop 'Wallop at War' show with my large-scale Bell 47G helicopter along with Kevin Lever who also flew a large-scale Bell 212 helicopter modelled after a full size aircraft based at the Army Air Corp site. Roger Mayo, a member of the British F3C Helicopter Aerobatic Team gave a display of precision aerobatics and Matt Lodge one of the UK's top 3D helicopter pilots a display of superb helicopter ACRObatics! Feedback since the show has all been positive, so hopefully the Southern Area objective of promoting different disciplines of model flying is being achieved. A 'thank you' note was sent to those that attended afterwards who all said that they had enjoyed the day.

Since the last SA meeting I have only received one enquiry regarding PA testing. The enquiry came from Paul Mead of the South Coast Helicopter club saying that they wished to have an A and B test day in the near future and could I send details of how they organise it. I replied that if they give me a selection of dates, and numbers wishing to take part, myself and Matt Lodge would attend and take them for the tests. The email was received on the 1st of June, but so far I have yet to receive a reply.

I have developed a mailing list of SA club and AC examiners from that, that was handed to me at the last meeting. Unfortunately there are a significant number of club examiners that don't appear to have an email address, or have an email address that was part of the EE empire that have now ceased! So I'm in the process of adding club secretary email addresses to those in the hope that the proposed SA PAS Workshop gets advertised to the widest audience possible.

I have started to produce a 'flyer' for the website but have left it until we have a definite date to go ahead.

5.3 Terry Weeks Hon. Treasurer

Please refer to the provided balance sheets, the duplicated payment to BMAS has now been repaid and all grants to the various clubs agreed have been paid.

Notes on the accounts:

1. The figures show we continue to work within budget and I can confirm that this year will shows an increase in our end of year balance of £340.82. (This obviously does not take into account any additional expenses taken on / agreed to).



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2. As previously reported the 2017 Balsa Brain is budgeted to cost the area around £385.00 but this is likely to be reduced to £235.00 when taking into account the raffle and entry fee collection (See note below on timing).
3. I have paid Peter Robinson £35.86 for the web-site host renewal, all as already budgeted.

5.4 Peter Turley Hon. Sec. report.

I have been supporting the small models events at Wickham, with a summer break until September.

Have notified the BMFA of the passing away of Steve Warren and John Thompson and re issued the Area Return Rev 2, in order record additional amendments.

I note that the BMFA web site Southern Area Page has not been updated with our new Area Delegate will wait until we have a replacement the FF Comp Sec. before notifying them again.

I have asked the BAMA Admin, why the Area Secretaries, do not get the same information as the Club secretaries! e.g. - the Club Bulletins which contains the BMFA AGM Agenda.

PAM Delegates report,

Our Chairman has had to stand down for personal reasons and is replaced by Mark Agate and Andy Palmer is now back on the committee as Web Master.

5.5 ASC co-ordinator Ken Gale

Please see para 4.2, Vice Chairman's report

5.6 Ken Knox PRO/Web site

Apologies received, Club contact listing is now up to date for 2017.

5.7 David Burstow Area Delegate

Report on the Full Council meeting on the 13th May is attached as Appendix 1.

5.8 Roger Newman Free flight comp.

The untimely death of our well respected Southern Area free flight representative came as a shock to all those who knew him. This report is respectfully submitted on his behalf.

Two area meetings have been held at Beaulieu since the last SABMFA meeting. Both had reasonable weather if a bit blowy during the days concerned.

Attendance was not so good at the 4th Area, but better at the 5th Area, with some fine flying on the latter day.

A SAM 1066 meeting was held on Salisbury Plain in June, with excellent weather & a good attendance of some 40 fliers, competing in a variety of events.

Another meeting is scheduled at the same location for end of July.



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The Southern Area Gala at Odiham (9th Sept) is planned to go ahead, with the licence having been granted and bodies co-opted to organise, on the basis of around 65 maximum attendance. A covering note is appended to this report.

Sports flying, has been conspicuous by its absence! Truly old age & - for once, too hot weather takes its toll on the few remaining folk who fly for fun at Beaulieu. Nevertheless, we persist in doing what we can when we can!

5.9 Terry Weeks Aldershot Model Club & Alton Silent Flyers, Club-delegate reports.

Aldershot Model Club & Alton Silent Flyers Club-delegate reports.

The first of the 4 Esoaring National Opens took place on the 21st May with an entry of 11 competitors, and the second as planned on the 11th June with 13 competitors. This 2nd round although quite windy at the start went ahead but as the wind increased during the day the 6th round was not flown taking away the possibility of a discard. Martin Garnet won both rounds so is in a good position in the championship with Chris Foss is in second place and Terry Stuckey third. The other two dates are the 23rd July and the 24th September.

As mentioned in my last report: I attended the Middle Wallop preparation meeting on the 4th May and the 2017 "Wartime Wallop" event on the 29th May to both fly and assist in the provision the static display. I also attended the preparation meeting at Bovington to assist in the preparations for the 8th October.

I also expect to attend the Odiham Families day on the 24th August this year with Peter Carter and several members of the Aldershot model club to put on a static display, hopefully we can make it as impressive as it was last year where we had 41 quality models on display, we will again be pushing to put on a flying display as well.

A reply received from Blackbushe although saying they could not accommodate us this year, was positive in that they stated they were considering re-instating the model show into their future calendars, terrific news.

A reminder that due to my holiday (22/11 until 16/12) I have requested that the Balsa Brain 2017 be run on Friday 17th November one week earlier than usual as I would like to attend as usual to assist?

Aldershot Model Club & Alton Silent Flyers Club-delegates report.

The Aldershot Model Club continues with little success to seek a new flying site. The Alton Silent Flyers continue to thrive and all is well on that front, especially as the farmer is now well into flying models.

5.10 Peter Turley Fixed Wing Comp. Sec. report.

No activity

6.0 Any other Business

None



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The meeting finished at 10.55 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2017

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Venue: - ***The Ship Inn***

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(Meeting will be in the Marque, access via the Bar)

An additional Meeting to discuss the Bovington Tank Museum model day planning,
will be held on Wednesday 16th August 2017

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Venue: - ***The Ship Inn***

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

(Meeting will be in the small room adjacent to the bar)

Peter Turley BMFA SA Hon. Sec



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BMFA Southern Area committee meeting Attendees dated 12th July 2017

Name	Committee Position	Club membership
<u>Ken Gale</u>	V. CHAIRMAN ASC	HELIPAD.
Dave Buntow	ACE / Domet Rep	Eagles FA & Cherid MFC
Peter Wills	Wimbome MAC Rep.	WMAC,
TERRY WICKS	TREASURER	ADW007/ASF/TVSF.
Roger Newman	Vintage FAF Rep	BMAS / SAM 1066
Stuart Simpson	H. Helis rep.	Hayley Helis / CADMAC
Peter Tumbly	Hon SEC	PDM & CADMAC.
Tony Butterworth	CHAIRMAN	BWM Dushepa Watthwa MFC



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Appendix 1 13 MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

I attended the above meeting as Area Delegate. Below are my notes as related to the circulated Agenda numbering. I have left out the administrative stuff and reports, which will be in the provisional minutes when circulated. The following items are those which I thought of immediate interest and/or where a vote was taken.

6. BMFA 2016/17 surplus is £37k, but a VAT issue over the last 4 years has reduced this to circa £10k. Not seen to be a problem as BMFA is notionally a not-for-profit organisation and should not run a funding surplus other than reserves.

An increase in international team support (70-80 people) is planned and, so as not to be a direct cost to members is to be funded from Sale of Goods, Power Nationals surplus and donations. Currently circa £5k

7. The proposal to the AGM to remove the PRO post was approved (see 9e). A guest presentation was made by a professional PR man, also a BMFA member and active modeller, on how to project BMFA presence and aims. This was focussed largely on marketing the National Centre (NC) but with wider aims for the future. The general message was that we have a way to go to be a professionally orientated PR organisation. This was recognised by the Executive as an area for organisational and resource change, with an implication for staffing and IT support and sophistication. A proposal to engage the above PR man for a 6 month trial (4hrs/wk) at a cost of £4120 was approved 19-1. Some concern was expressed about how success could be measured but the Executive seemed confident about judging the result.

The CEO also gave an update on the EASA proposals and advised that the prototype rules had now been published. However, these run to 128 pages, so the CEO proposes to produce a summary of relevant items and implications, to be published shortly. Overall, with some reservations, modelling activities under CAA, BMFA and Club controls should not be significantly affected. In any case, new rules are unlikely to come into full effect until 2020/21.

The official NC opening is planned for 28 July followed by a flying event on 29/30 July.

- 9e (i) Approved 19-1
(ii) Approved unanimously



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10. The updated Handbook is ready except for possible imminent changes to CAP 658. The general view was to press ahead with printing and issuing now rather than await this, and for any change to be presented as an addendum in BMFA News.

11b (i) and (ii) Approved unanimously

(iii) Rejected

(iv) Withdrawn

13. FAI has reached an agreement with DHL (Germany) for the specialised transportation of air sports items including models, *especially those containing LiPo batteries*. The arrangement is available to all, not just those in competitions.

14a Control Line Aerobatic Pilot Association reps gave a guest presentation on the proposal to become a Specialist Body (which CLAPA had been in the past but had withdrawn from). Despite some debate about past friction and disagreements, the proposal was approved.

14b Rejected by Chairman's casting vote.

17d Study continues for replacement for membership and back office systems. Bespoke systems are seen as expensive, with off the shelf systems seen as more affordable and flexible. Two companies had recently given demos; both being involved already with sports organisations with wide memberships.

17f

- The AS presentation to be made available to all for club night talks
- All test forms to be available as downloads from 2018
- AS Facebook page established
- Guidance video for FW A test under development
- Proposal to be made for any ACE to operate at the NC as an ACE rather than seeking 'out of area' approval
- To avoid administrative time and expense, reversion of Registered Instructor status to Club control, rather than membership card qualification. A downloadable pro forma certification to be provided. AI, QI and ACI qualifications unchanged.



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Appendix 2 Meeting notes at Bovington on 25 May – see below:-

All agreed we could do a S Area static stand outside using our marquees, flags etc and site the trailer simulator inside the Museum (access is adequate). **the revised date is Saturday 7 October, we will need to change the simulator booking. Also, can you find out what the footprint/viewing area of the deployed trailer simulator is as we will need to advise the show organisers of space requirements).** I think we would get access the Friday before if required. The proposed position for the static is the grass area just south of the main car park adjacent to the North Bank arena entry

- Heli flying would take place within the tank display arena in the NE corner. There is a stone gabion wall for crowd line separation, and a dedicated arena PA we can use. I can see no problem with this. Helis could integrate with Terry's gliders flying higher above. One snag which has come to light since our visit is that there is a significant Charmouth Heli event around this weekend (allegedly 7/8 October) so we may have some difficulty attracting quality Heli display pilots (although not everyone attends).
- FW flying would be limited to suitable electrics for this event, positioned to the S side of Car Park 3 on the site plan, runway running broadly E/W depending on conditions on the day. Land to the S and E is unoccupied. We may need to arrange with the organisers for a bit of grass cutting here. Also, it is relatively tight, so, as Will said, we would need to be satisfied with the suitability of models and the competency level of pilots beforehand. For the future we could fly larger models N/S off the sports pitches, but we are starting at a relatively low key level for this first event.
- I would suggest we fly for two 60-90 minute slots, starting at 11.30 to avoid disrupting the earlier peak flow of paying customers to the Museum, with an AM and PM session – not too formal. Commentary facilities are available for the Helis, but we might consider whether we need to do something additional for the FW area.
- I have spoken to Chesil MFC, who gave me the initial contact for the Museum (thanks Wayne). They are happy to assist S Area static, simulator and flying-wise rather than do a stand alone. This is very helpful, as I estimate we will need about 10 people to cover our activities on the day. Other local model clubs may well also be willing to help and/or fly. Will G is the man with the pilot contacts and the competency judgement for this site.
- Overall, the Museum Events and Operations Managers were happy with our proposals, they await a confirmatory submission. There is an ambition to expand the model show to as wide a range of (RC and other) activities as practicable.
- It would be desirable to do a NOTAM at an appropriate time – there is a gliding club about 3km to the NE, but no other active airfields or control zones that I am aware of. (Pete – do you know of any?)
- Due to military sensitivities, no 'drone', FPV or other photographic flying will take place. That's about all I can think of, please come back with any comments/additions/amendments and I will put something together for the Museum. If we make a success of this it can only grow. Next steps will be to do the BMFA paperwork, risk assessments etc, clarify the details, circulate the local clubs and find some pilots.

Dave Burstow