



# British Model Flying Association

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*Minutes Ratified on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 meeting*

## *Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018*

*Venue: - The Ship Inn*

*41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN*

Start Time: 8.00 hrs. pm

### **Present:**

Ken Gale  
Terry Weeks  
Peter Turley  
David Smith  
Peter Willis  
Roger Newman  
Stuart Simpson  
Chris Bradbury

### **S Area Office**

Vice Chairman/ ASC Co-ordinator  
Hon Treasurer/RC S/F  
Hon Sec & PRO  
Area Delegate  
RC Comp Sec. Fixed wing  
Free Flight Comp Sec  
South Hampshire Operations Support

### **Club**

Helipad  
AMC/ASF Delegate  
CADMAC  
Positive Pitch  
Wimborne MAC  
Bournemouth MAC  
Hayling Helis/CADMAC  
FMHC & Wimborne MAC

### **1.0**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Tony Butterworth FSMAE Chairman  
Richard Sharman

Waltham Chase  
BMFC chairman

### **2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Area Meeting**

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

Proposed: - T. Weeks                      Seconded: - P. Willis

### **2.1 Committee Members listing update**

2.1.1 Welcome to David Smith to the committee as Area Delegate.

2.1.2 Photos of new members required

Action P. Turley

### **3 Matters arising from previous minutes**

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

Action Closed

**3.2 (Agenda Item 3.2) BMFA Long Service Award for 2018**

Nominations for 2018 will be considered later in the year.

Action T. Butterworth

**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: -



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- 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 SAM1066 held 4 events in 2017
- 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 SAM 1066 events planned for 2018 are 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> September and Crookham Gala 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- Odiham* Odiham Gala 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> September Date and Venue subject to RAF Odiham approval.

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

### 3.4 (Agenda item 3.4) The latest EU "prototype regulation" **UK current status** (26/11/2017)

Action now closed

### 3.5 (Agenda item 3.5) **Future Show options** (currently we have adequate events 2018)

#### 3.5.1 **Yeovilton Model Show future.**

After discussion with RN museum during 2017 it appears there is the possibility of a model flying show in 2018.

Action ongoing

#### 3.5.2 **Bovington Tank Museum Model shows for 2018**

The committee and members of the Chesil Club supported the October 2017 Model show.

Action Closed

### **Winter Edition 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

However food for thought and a successful result to the work put in last October -- TB

Chesil club have offered to do a static show for the February event, this being a 2 day event and Chesil being a local club means that transport and overnight accommodation is easier for them.

Tony has contacted the new Bovington event manager and requested to be kept in touch with all future model shows and advising our interest in supporting them, received a very positive reply with invite for second show later in the year.

Hopefully we can persuade them to at least allow us to fly helicopters at the next show. We will continue discussion at future meetings.

Action Continuing



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## 3.6 (Agenda Item 3.6) Web Site/Southern Area Actions

Submission of Southern Area articles for the BMFA News, Ideas

Terry has submitted article to cover London Model Engineer support by Southern Area – approved by *Manny*

SA Web site update

Web Site review—Pete (our webmaster ) has obtained some new software that may enable us to enhance our current web site – when we know the capabilities of this new software we can discuss at future meet changes we would like to embody –will circulate more info on software as soon as I am advised –

To be discussed at the next meeting

Action TB to circulate

## 3.7 (Agenda Item 3.7) Balsa Brain Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Report issued, circulated to SMC thanking them for donating a prize, the committee and Alan Wallington for inclusion in the WCA newsletter.

Report has been added to the SA web site.

Action Closed

## 3.8 (Agenda Item 3.8) Future BMFA/SA activity/meetings (known)

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Bovington Model Show Winter Edition**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Area Council Meeting

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Council Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Southern Area Committee meeting

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> BMFA Full Council meeting

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Esoaring Competition

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Middle Wallop Wartime Show, SA support has been requested.**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Esoaring Competition

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Southern Area Gala at Middle Wallop

### **Friday/Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July Farnborough International Air Show**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 Esoaring Competition

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> BMFA Full Council meeting

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Esoaring Competition

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Scale flying only event at the Wimborne Club site

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Meeting

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Bovington Model Show Autumn Edition**

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Southern Area AGM**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 71<sup>th</sup> BMFA AGM

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January BMFA 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council meeting

## 3.9 (Agenda Item 3.9) BMFA Full Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January report

For meeting see Area Delegates report.

Action Closed



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## 3.10 (Agenda Item 3.10) Southern Area AGM Preparation. 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The draft AGM minutes, have been issued. Our web site committee listing is updated.

Area Return for 2018 has been generated and issued, to reflect the committee membership changes that took place at the 2017 AGM.

The BMFA web site, the Southern Area committee listing has not been updated to reflect the changes notified (sent to BMFA on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017).

Have had conversation with Andy Symonds and he is going to link the BMFA web page directly to the Southern area web site committee page, to avoid duplication. Actions Closed

## 3.11 (Min Ref 2.1.11) BMFA AGM Preparations

Action Closed

## 3.12 (Agenda 3.12) Additional ACE's required to support the SA

Request for an ACE in the BMFC, but Richard Sharman has only been a club examiner for 1 year. To be an ACE you have to have been an examiner for a minimum of 2 years.

Ken Gale has raised 3 ACE application forms, signed to cover Peter Willis, Chris Bradbury and Richard Sharman. The forms will be submitted to the BMFA tomorrow the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

### Chesil Model Flying Club

Model flying group in Chesil area, this morning (telecom with Tony 29<sup>th</sup> January) they also again identified their interest in the achievement scheme and testing of club examiners.

Apparently they also came to the Southern Achievement scheme roadshow last year and now want to take another step forward.

Today their biggest problem is flying sites as they only have farmers' fields and in the current weather conditions these are just not useable. So although having the interest logistics currently are a problem for them. I also get the feeling that they are talking potentially 6 plus clubs who would support an achievement day in their area and potentially 20 pilots; however these details can be extracted later on.

I am expecting another call in the next couple of weeks at which point discussion on the Bovington show will be complete and then I'd like to introduce them to Peter W and Ken Gale as the key contacts to move this initiative forward, where we can start to feed them more info and encouragement.

### Richard Sharman, Chairman Beaulieu MF Committee Achievement Scheme actions.

After a lot of publicity, some action but rather poor response last year, the BMFC will be making a big push on A-certificates this year, mainly for the country members who don't have ready access to a club examiner.

All new permit applications (those not seen in previous years) that don't have any certificate are being targeted as one group.

Existing permit holders who have never bothered are another group.

Existing A-certs who want a B-cert are a third group



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## 4(Agenda Item 4) New Topics for Discussion)

### 4.1(Agenda Item 4.1) Model Engineers Exhibition Friday 19<sup>TH</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

David Smith, Terry Weeks, Roger Newman Tony Butterworth and Peter Turley (part time on Sunday) supported this show.

The report has been supplied by Terry and approved by Manny and will appear in BMFA News. Copy of report has been added to the SA web site.

Action Closed

### 4.2(Agenda Item 4.2) possible flying events at Middle Wallop in 2018

Last year we were invited to Wartime Wallop and we have been allocated the airfield for a full day (Saturday) later in the year

#### ***Middle Wallop Wartime event is to be held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018***

Roger advised us that he was to attend a meeting next week, with the Airfield users group and the Airfield Manager.

It was suggested that 3 half hour flying slots, were available, also a PA system, would be needed

Roger is to arrange a date for a show planning meeting. It was agreed that several committee members were happy to support Roger. Peter Willis said that the grass would need to be cut to fly aircraft at the event.

#### ***SA Gala was to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Southern Area Gala at Middle Wallop***

Roger was not sure, what the MOD licence for the event would cost. He said that a FF licence was £150.00 plus vat

Roger stated that a planning meeting with the Airfield Manager would be required with members of the committee to discuss the proposed event

A discussion was held as to what the Gala event would actually be!

SA BMFA event held adjacent to the Museum

An Airfield event with free entry BMFA members only Fly in, with various flight lines.

Roger and others proposed various activates and flight lines that could be held at the event.

Action to be reviewed at the next committee meeting

### 4.3(Agenda Item 4.3) What Controls are required at club level to limit models over 7kg from flying above 400ft.

Peter Willis advised us that the BMFA Buckminster site to AIS Pilots map.

Peter requested David Smith to get the topic added to the Agenda if the Area Council meeting to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



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Peter said that he would like to carry out a review of local clubs, to ask what controls are in place to limit models over 7kg to below 400 ft.

#### **4.4(Agenda Item 4.4) Request received from BMAC to help cover costs of Indoor events.**

Copy of letter attached to these minutes

After a discussion it was agreed that Roger would contact BMAC advising them that we would review the costs of running the event at the end of the year to see if they made a loss again and not give an upfront donation.

Action Roger Newman

#### **5.0 (Agenda Item 6) Officers Reports)**

##### **5.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman**

With the Southern Area team again attended the London Model Engineer and helped set up and supply some 14 models for the stand. Also help the manning of the stand over the 3 day event.

January also has seen a very positive response from our friends at Chesil MFC in helping support the Bovington 2 day model show in February.

New management appears to be in place for future shows at Bovington and initial contact very positive. The Chesil flying group have also advised an interest in the achievement scheme, great to have this positive group on board and we need to develop this relationship.

Have contacted our webmaster and been advised he has some new software available – when details are known we need to agree proposals for update of our web site.

Will create an achievements document for 2018 as we already have several candidates for inclusion

##### **5.2 Ken Gale Vice Chairman**

I supported the Bovington Tank Museum Model show in October 2017. Nothing else to report.

##### **5.3 Terry Weeks Hon. Treasurer**

Please refer to the balance sheets provided tonight, it shows the predicted balance of **£3464.29** as at the end of March with the cost of tonight's venue and the money we are holding for the Odiham Rally withdrawn. An increase of **£268.51** over the previous year's total.

These are the figures have been presented to the BMFA HO together with the AGM minutes as required to qualify for the 2018 grant.

##### **Notes on the accounts:**

1. I have spent some time on the presented accounts to delete the 04/2014 – 03/2015 period to make room for the 04/2018 – 03/2019, this now shows the anticipated income and expenditure for the coming accounting period. The second page which shows the details of the accounts have however been retained and go back to when I took over the accounts in 2011.



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2. The 2018 Balsa Brain event has been budgeted to cost the Area around £385.00 but following the expected raffle and entry fee collections I anticipate the actual cost will be in the region of £235.00, similar to the 2017 event.
3. The usual subsidies to CADMAC and Waltham Chase will be continued at a cost of £200.00.
4. As can be seen we are holding £125.00 for the 2018 Odiham Rally that was deposited after last year's event.

## 5.4 Peter Turley Hon. Sec. report.

Supported the visit to the Bovington Tank Museum in October and ran the indoor stand, taking some models along, including a GWS A10. Unfortunately the Flight simulator was not available.

I took the Southern Area Flight Simulator to the Chichester Club meeting in January.

Went to the Model Engineers Exhibition with Stuart Simpson, again with the Fareham Steam railway society and helped out on the BMFA stand on the Sunday.

I am still supporting the indoor events at Wickham and Havant, run by WCA. Thanks Alan.

After talking to Andy Symons about the Southern Area committee listing, I mentioned that none of the BMFA documents you can download from the web site are web site compatible! As page one is not the front cover of the BMFA hand book, the page numbering starts at page 7, so that the page "Contents" listing the page numbers is out by 7 (page 1 is print page 7), Andy said that he would look at it.

## 5.5 ASC co-ordinator Ken Gale

See Para 3.1.2

## 5.6 Peter Turley PRO

Club Secretaries listing has been updated, with receipt of 32 Club affiliation form copies for 2018 covering some 6 changes to club secretaries to update the club mailing list.

Last year's totals of 68 clubs plus 2 youth groups in the area remains unchanged so far.

## 5.7 David Smith Area Delegate

Notes on Full Council Meeting held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Co-option of vacant Executive posts

Chairman – Ian Pallister, ratified until next round of elections

Vice chair – Peter Halman, ratified until next round of elections

Julie Fisher, UK F3N Team Manager, takes over Peter Halman's role as FAI delegate

### Membership database

The existing membership database has reached the end of its useful life and will be replaced for 2019 renewals by an improved on-line system, probably via [gomembership.co.uk](http://gomembership.co.uk).

Renewals will be done on line, and membership certificates will be sent electronically.

### Marketing



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The BMFA has been working with Paul Tallett of Progression Marketing to improve external visibility and build links with partner organisations. This has been very successful, for example building links with the RAF, Melton Mowbray Council (for the Buckminster project), and industry support (e.g. Payload Challenge). A contract for the next 15 months was agreed at the meeting.

## Support for competition flyers

Paul Lomax, treasurer, confirmed that there is no objection to Areas providing financial support to members of Area clubs competing at international events, should they wish. Team managers are already fully funded.

## CAA / EASA feedback

The CAA has published their drone safety document (available on the website).

No change in conventional model related airprox incidents over recent years compared with steady increase in drone related incidents.

Positive negotiations with EASA have removed the proposal to register individual aircraft, and will permit bodies like BMFA to manage pilot registration at country level. Craft capable of automatic flight (e.g. drones) are not considered to be model aircraft, so will be regulated differently. There is a potential future requirement for all aircraft, manned and unmanned; to carry some form of 'conspicuity' to enable recognition by other manned craft. Currently some manned craft, for example paragliders and balloonists, do not carry this.

## Achievement Scheme

Duncan McClure was appointed as Achievement Scheme Controller, as he was the only applicant.

ASRC elections returned the following members:

- Brian Cooper (South Midland)
- Mick Eames (South Midland)
- Andy Ellison (North West)
- Peter Willis (Southern)

Council approved a proposal to allocate five places at the annual dinner to successful A and B certificate candidates, instructors and examiners. The process will be managed through the Areas Council, but will need to involve some form of ballot or selection.

David Smith, SA delegate  
15 January 2018

I also supported the Model Engineers Exhibition BMFA Stand.

## 5.8 Roger Newman Free flight comp.

This is a quiet time of year, with very little flying activity.

Comp schedule for 2018 organised & published. Details are on BMFA website, SABMFA website, SAM 1066 website & sent to Aeromodeller Mag.

Support & models provided for London Model Engineering Show.

Beaulieu permits mostly issued. Many thanks to Richard Sharman and the BMFC Committee.





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

Once again the Alton Silent Flyers plan to run four S.A Esoaring competitions, planned for 20<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

I attended the "London Model Engineering Exhibition" staying in London for the whole four days assisting in the setting up, running and breaking down of the stand, a tiring but rewarding event that attracted hundreds of visitors. I have produced a report with some photos, some supplied by Tony this has been distributed to Peter Robinson for our website, Manny Williamson and the BMFA News editor.

Sadly I think I will miss the 2018 Wartime Wallop 2018 due to a planned holiday.

I am available for any other events planned for 2018 once details are known, but my opinion regarding the Bovington Show is that it is better run as planned by the local clubs of the area given support as/if required.

### **Aldershot Model Club & Alton Silent Flyers Club-deligate reports.**

The new site for the AMC is proving very hard work to prepare due to the inclement weather, but I hope the members will be patient and allow sufficient time for the work to be completed. The club now has 28 members including two juniors.

The Alton Silent Flyers continue to thrive and all is well on that front, as already mentioned they are planning to run 4 Esoaring competitions in 2018.

## **5.10 Peter Willis Fixed Wing Comp. Sec. report.**

Peter, is to hold a Scale flying only event at the Wimborne Club site on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

## **6.0 Any other Business**

The meeting finished at 10.45 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018

7.30pm for 8.00pm

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

***41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN***

(Meeting will be in the skittles room)

*Peter Turley* BMFA SA Hon. Sec



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## BMFA Southern Area committee meeting Attendees dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Name	Committee Position	Club membership
KEN GALE	V/CHAIRMAN ASC	HELIPAD
ROGER NEWMAN	FESE FLIGHT	SIAM 1066/ PROVCHAMP
Stuart Simpson	Committee.	C.ADMAC & Henning Heli's
Chris Bradbury	N/A	FMAC
PETER WILLS	SCALE/COMP REP.	WIMBORNE MAC.
TERRY NEEDS	TREASURER & S/F REP.	ANC, ASF.
DAVID SMITH	SA Council Delegate	HELIPAD
PETER TORLEY	HON SEC PRO	CADMAC



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## **Submission by BMAS to Southern Area BMFA: Fiscal Year 2018**

This submission is made to request financial support for BMAS hosted indoor free flight meetings, to be held at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne during 2018.

These meetings have been held monthly over the past several years & have proven to be generally popular, with a typical average attendance of around 12 flyers & 2 spectators. Flyers have been charged £5 per session, whilst spectators are charged £1.50. The meetings are the only ones held in the general area of Bournemouth.

However, there has again been a year on year increase in hall hire charges, whilst the number of flyers has marginally changed, with reducing numbers over time. The actual cost of hall hire for 2017 was £868 inclusive of a very small negotiated discount. Attendances by flyers & spectators yielded an income of £740, resulting in a loss of £128.00 subsidised from diminishing Club funds & the SABMFA grant of £100 for 2017. As the Club membership continues to drop, due to age & mortality, subscriptions from Club funds can no longer be relied upon to continue this subsidy, particularly as several of the flyers are BMFA members but not BMAS members.

The entry fee for flyers will be increased from £5 to £6 for 2018 and the number of meetings to be held in 2018 is to be reduced to nine from eleven, but it is likely that participant numbers will still decline during the year. A further increase of 8.5% for hall hire for the year has already been notified. Thus it is estimated that costs for 2018 will be approx. £837, with a predicted income of approx £675. Taking account of these circumstances, it is requested that the Southern Area of the BMFA kindly provide a modest subsidy – say £100 per annum to help balance income & expenditure, such that the meetings can continue.

John Taylor (Chairman BMAS)  
Keith Fredericks (Treasurer BMAS)

January 2018