



# British Model Flying Association

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Minutes Ratified at meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Venue: - **The Ship Inn**

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

Start Time: 8.00 hrs pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>S Area Office</b>	<b>Club</b>
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman/ ASC Co-ordinator	Helipad
Terry Weeks	Hon Treasurer/RC S/F	AMC/ASF Delegate
Peter Turley	Hon Sec & PRO	CADMAC
David Smith	Area Delegate	Positive Pitch
Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Richard Sharman		BMFC chairman

### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

Tony Butterworth FSMAE Chairman [Supported the meeting by phone] Waltham Chase  
Peter Willis RC Comp Sec. Fixed wing Wimborne MAC

### 2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Area Meeting

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

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

### 2.1 Committee Members listing update

2.1.1 Photo of P. Willis required for web Site Committee page      Action P. Turley

### 3 Matters arising from previous minutes

#### 3.1 (Agenda Item 3.1) BMFA Long Service Award for 2018

Nominations for 2018 will be considered later in the year.      Action T. Butterworth

#### 3.2 (Agenda Item 3.2) 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.



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*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 17<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> September and Crookham Gala 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

*Odiham* The licence for the Odiham Gala is now being pursued with a fixed date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

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

### 3.3 (Agenda item 3.3) Future Show options (currently we have adequate events 2018)

#### 3.3.1 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 T. Butterworth

#### 3.3.2 Bovington Tank Museum Model shows for 2018

##### Autumn Edition 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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

### 3.4 (Agenda Item 2.1.4) Web Site/Southern Area Actions

SA Web site update

Web Site review—Pete (our webmaster) has circulated a test web site for review.

T. Weeks, D. Smith and R. Sharman have accessed the test web site.

K. Gale and P. Turley reported that they had been unable to access the site, but will try again after the meeting, prior the next meeting.

K. Gale managed to access the site on this phone during the meeting.

The test website comments will be reviewed at the next meeting, followed by a meeting with Peter Robinson.

Action T. Butterworth

### 3.5 (Agenda Item 3.5) Future BMFA/SA activity/meetings (known)

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Farnborough International Air Show**

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

Saturday/Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August Power Nat's

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Crookham Gala**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> BMFA Full Council meeting

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Southern Area Committee meeting**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Odium Free Flight Gala**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting

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Saturday 20<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**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Southern Area Balsa Brain**

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

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

## **3.6(Agenda Item 3.6) flying events at Middle Wallop for 2018**

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

Peter Willis has written a report and submitted to the BMFA for inclusion in the BMFA News.

Concerns were raised that submitted articles were being rejected because they were in the wrong format. David Smith agreed to raise the question of what is the correct format needed to be used to successfully submit articles to the BMFA News for publishing.

Action D. Smith

### ***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.

Tony Butterworth supported the discussion on arranging the Gala by phone.

Terry was to contact the Museum, to see if they would support us with gate duties.

Action T. Weeks

Roger to give Ken contact details for DIO.

Action R. Newman

Roger said that we would need to hand each car driver a slip to record BMFA Number and mobile contact number, to be placed on the dash board.

Action?

We did discuss having several flight lines Covering RC, Powered Gliders, Helicopters & Turbines.

There was a need to have a site visit to agree on the location of each flight line and car parking prior to the event.

## **Post meeting**

Ken OK. I have spoken to Helen Toon at DIO Andover. She was extremely helpful.

Apparently Mark Goodwin can issue his own licence for a 'one off' event providing he regards it as low risk! What he charges for that is up to him.

She will email Mark so that he will get it Monday when he returns to work and has asked me to phone her Tuesday (Helen only works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) to find out if he is prepared to issue a 'local' licence or whether DIO will have to issue one.

So a bit more positive – so far...Ken



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Tony has advised us that Peter Willis sent risk review to BMFA 2 weeks ago to get insurance so that is already sorted and Peter is going to be flight director for the event.

Ken's information about Marc being able to issue licence fits with reply I received from mark...So the event still on

To confirm I will contact Marc Goodwin next week to arrange visit before the event. This was his proposal to me before he went on holiday so best to keep current lines of communication. Peter Willis has sorted BMFA insurance and on the form is the identified flight director for the event.

Should be OK as no public is involved only BMFA members.

We can then decide on when we can visit the site to prepare ourselves with the locations of the flight lines / car parking.

Action T. Butterworth

### **3.7(Agenda Item 3.7) 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.

David raised the topic at the Area Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Action Complete

Peter "W" 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. Action P. Wills

### **3.8 (Agenda Item 3.8) Request received from BMAC to help cover costs of Indoor events.**

Copy of letter attached to the previous minutes

Roger has contacted BMAC to say that we do not give an upfront donation.

Action Complete

WCA indoor support was reviewed and is not to be continued.

The events should be planned to break even.

Action T. Butterworth is to talk to WCA representative.

### **3.9 (Agenda Item 3.9) 4.2 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Full Council Meeting, SA preparation**

Notes from BMFA Full Council Meeting 12 May 2018

BMFA membership is down by 1000 senior members for 2018 compared to 2017.

#### **National Centre**

Two new staff members on part time contracts to assist Manny Williamson. Bookings are going well, and the budget is ahead of projection. A defibrillator and some starting benches have been installed. Next phase, for showers and bunk room, has planning approval. EU Leader funding of £70k has been applied for. Charitable status being considered; pros and cons. There is a full report in the latest BMFA News.

#### **Insurance**

A new three-year deal has been agreed with Integra, including a significant 'cashback' to reflect our good claims record. They will sponsor the show line at the 2018 Nationals.

#### **EASA regulations**

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Negotiations have been successful, with differentiation of *bona fide* model flying from drones, removal of the lower age limit, and registration applying to pilots rather than aircraft. The 120m height restriction remains, but individual states can agree exemptions. The requirement for geo-fencing has been commuted to geo-awareness, subject to the zone of operation of the unmanned aircraft. The legislation should be effective end 2018; the PM has stated that the UK will remain a member of EASA after Brexit.

## UK Drone Bill

The initial BMFA meeting with the CAA and DfT was unproductive, but successful parliamentary lobbying has led to a much-improved dialogue. Timescale slipping to late 2018. The BSI is drafting 'standards for unmanned aircraft'... watch this space!

## AGM venue

The Executive are exploring alternative venues for the AGM and Awards Dinner, as the BMFA does not have sole use of the current venue, which is too large. Locations in Daventry, Hinckley, and Milton Keynes are being considered.

## Achievement Scheme

Focus for 2018 is 'Continued competence'. Process for ASRC Awards at Awards Dinner has been agreed, details and nomination forms are on the BMFA website.

## BMFA News

To be continue in printed format.

Our PR consultant will work to increase advertising revenue.to support this.

## Club support officer

There has been a recent increase in noise complaints, for reasons that are unclear. The BMFA now host 99 club websites. Six new FPV racing clubs have affiliated this year. The new Go! Membership website is still a work in progress, with an expectation to go live in July 2018. The Clubmark scheme is being revised, with Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; platinum level = Clubmark status. Onerous, but apparently worthwhile for attracting younger members.

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

### 4.1 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Farnborough International Air Show

Tony and Terry have been in contact with Dave Phipps, who has asked us to support the event on Friday only.

For information I have Mike Fantham, Chris Bradbury and myself all lined up for attendance to Farnborough on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> with the word out to a few others to bolster the attendance. Have emailed Dave Phipps to confirm we will be able to cover the event and requested further details of exactly what he expects.

I will be taking the ¼ scale Super Cub and ¼ scale K8, Mike Fantham a laptop based simulator and Chris one of his large Drones.

.Action T. Weeks



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## **4.2 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> BMFA Full Council meeting preparation**

David Smith is to attend.

## **4.3 Friday xx November 2018 71<sup>th</sup> SABMFA Balsa Brain Agree date**

Peter Turley is to e-mail Roger Staunton to arrange a suitable date in November.

Action P. Turley

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

### **5.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman**

Supported the Middle Wallop Wartime event.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Please refer to the balance sheets provided tonight, it shows the predicted balance of **£3454.04** as at the end of March 2019 assuming the money we are holding for the Odiham Rally has been withdrawn.

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

1. As can be seen we continue to hold £125.00 for the 2018 Odiham Rally that was deposited after last year's event.
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 subsidy to CADMAC has been made for £100.00, the Waltham chase subsidy has been deleted as agreed at the last meeting.
4. I have paid Peter Robinson for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 the sum of £360.00, no change from previous years.
5. I have added in a £250.00 allowance for the 7<sup>th</sup> July event assuming £150.00 for the licence and any other expenses incurred.
6. The annual grant has now been received, a sum of £1526.81, £131.35 less than last year with more clubs in the area? I queried this with BMFA HQ and was given the reason that the overall budget to be shared amongst the areas has been reduced.

### **5.4 Peter Turley Hon. Sec. report.**

Attended the Middle Wallop Wartime event and took a selection of static models.

Concerns over why the BMFA are not allowed to circulate the current year's club listing until 5.5 months into the year, after the Full Council meeting held in the "May" of each year, is to be raised by David Smith at the next Area Council Meeting in September.

Action D. Smith

In the meantime, we are sent copies of the signed Club re-affiliation form, now in PDF format.





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At the time of this year's Full Council meeting in May we as Area 09 were missing copies, some 10 to 15% of the signed club re affiliation forms.

BMFA website available documentation available to download is not web site compatible, e.g. the BNFA hand book, computer page 1 is the front cover, where the contents actually start at page 8, so when using the contents sheet provider, you have to add 7 to the page you want to match the computer page, Lynda Harding is aware of the situation. So let's hope future documentation produced will be web site compatible.

I am happy to support the Southern Area Gala event in July.

## 5.5 ASC co-ordinator Ken Gale

Had a request for a Drone test, so forwarded it to Chris Bradbury, who reported back to Ken that the test was successful.

## 5.6 Peter Turley PRO

2018 club listing received post Full Council meeting from the BMFA.

## 5.7 David Smith Area Delegate

Notes from BMFA Full Council Meeting 12 May 2018 recorded in para 3.9

## 5.8 Roger Newman Free flight comp.

A quiet start to the year continues with the 4<sup>th</sup> Area meeting held at Beaulieu & a poorly attended SAM1066 meeting on Salisbury Plain earlier this month, due to – yet again, cold & windy weather. There has been a reasonable amount of relaxed sport flying at Beaulieu. The 5<sup>th</sup> Area meeting is scheduled for later this month at Beaulieu, together with two further meetings on Salisbury Plain in July.

The licence for the Odiham Gala is now being pursued with a fixed date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The RAF Liaison Officer has requested that RAFMAA members are permitted to attend. I have indicated that they are very welcome.

I attended the Free Flight Nationals at Barkston, first time for 41 years & enjoyed the event. Called in to Buckminster on the way back. The BMFA are making excellent progress & the site is very good for local RC fliers, but not suitable for free flight (other than very small models) due to the restricted area available. Not surprising, with free flight now constituting a very small percentage of the BMFA membership.

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

The Alton Silent Flyers have run two of the planned S.A Soaring competitions, on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> June. The last two of the series are planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Sadly I missed the 2018 Wartime Wallop due to a planned holiday, but I attended the "Wartime Wallop" meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March to assist in the planning of this and the new event planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> July that I will be attending. Report / notes issued and NOTAM's requested. I delivered both Marquis and the S A BMFA banners to Dave as agreed on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May.



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I am available for any other events planned for 2018 once details are known, these include the 7<sup>th</sup> July and assist at Farnborough between the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

I currently have 6 Esoaring pilots lined up to do my proposed “Mock” Esoaring competition slot on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. All 6 pilots to launch simultaneously to compete in a 10 minute slot and land as time conditions allow within that slot, this can be repeated during the day if required.

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

Sadly the AMC have lost their new site before it had really been developed due to a change of mind by the farmer, very sad as much work had been done, the only positive being that the farmer was willing to return all monies paid.

## **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**

None

The meeting finished at 10.55 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Name	Committee Position	Club membership
TERRY WEEVES	Treasurer S/Flight Rep	ASF & SKYLARKS
Stuart Simpson	Committee delegate	CADMAC & Hayling Helis
Richard Sturman	Visitor	BMFC
KE GAZG	V. CHAIRMAN/ASC	HELIPAD
PETER TURLEY	HLN Sec/POO	CADMAC
DAVID SMITH	AREA DELEGATE	HELIPAD / POS PITCH
ROGER NEWMAN	FREE FLIGHT REP	PAM 1066 / SPTS