



British Model Flying Association

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Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting

Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 25th June 2019

Venue: - **The Ship Inn**

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time: 7.30 hrs pm

Present:	S Area Office	Club
David Smith Acting Chairman	Vice Chairman/ Area Delegate	Helipad
Terry Weeks	Hon Treasurer/RC Comp Sec S/F	AMC, ASF, Skylarks & MVSA
Peter Turley	Hon Sec & PRO	CADMAC
Peter Willis	ASC Co-ordinator/RC Comp Sec. FW	Wimborne MAC
Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Richard Sharman	West Hampshire Operations Support	BMFC chairman
David Newbury	Visitor Club Secretary	NADMAJ

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Tony Butterworth FSMAE	Chairman	Waltham Chase
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Ken Knox		CADMAC Delegate

The acting Chairman welcomed our visitor David Newbury Club Secretary from NADMAJ

2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 3rd April 2019 Area Meeting

The Previous Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

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

2.1 Committee Members listing updated

3 Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 (Agenda Item 3.1) BMFA Long Service Award for 2019

Nomination for 2019 is being considered.

Action T. Butterworth

3.2 (Agenda Item 3.4) Future BMFA/SA activity/meetings (SA activity in Bold)

Sunday 14th July 2019 Southern Area Gala at Middle Wallop

Sunday 21st July 2019 Esoaring

Saturday 14th September 2019 BMFA 3rd Full Council Meeting

Sunday 8th September 2019 Esoaring

Saturday 12th October 2019 2nd Area Council Meeting

Saturday 19th October 2019 2nd Technical Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2019 Southern Area AGM

Saturday 16th November 2019 72nd BMFA AGM

Friday TBC November 2019 Southern Area Balsa Brain (Date options 8th or 22nd November)

Saturday 11th January BMFA 2020 1st Full Council meeting



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For Free Flight Dates, please see SAM1066 and SAM35 web sites

3.3(Agenda Item 3.5) What Controls are required at club level to limit models over 7kg from flying above 400ft.

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. work in progress.

On hold, awaiting new regulations

Action on Hold

Access to the Trundle, which is now within the Goodwood Airfield restricted zone

Ken Knox advised that the CADMAC committee had contacted Goodwood Airfield management and have written permission to fly at the Trundle providing that we phone the Tower to advise them that we plan to fly.

CADMAC committee agreed to provide a copy of the poster, displayed at the site to be put on the SA web site.

Action K. Knox

3.4(Agenda Item 3.6) Latest DOT Drone document review

3.4.1 DOT/CAA Current Status

3.4.2 BMFA Current Status, see latest BMFA News.

3.5(Agenda Item 3.7) PRO proposes a Club Newsletter for 2019

The Draft newsletter has been updated as requested by T. Butterworth and submitted to for approval.

Action T Butterworth

Propose to advertise the Gala event on the BMFA web site and RCM&E

Action Complete

3.6 (Agenda Item 3.9) Supporting M Wallop Museum Wartime Wallop 27th May 2019

Event was very successful; report has been written and issued.

Complete

3.7 (Agenda Item 3.10) SA Gala Event at Middle Wallop on Sunday the 14th July 2019

Terry has offered to prepare a poster for the event.

Action complete

Apply for licence and book 14th July for Middle Wallop s/a gala day.

Action Complete

Tony submitted a list of the actions, needed to complete the preparations to support the event, which has been circulated with the meeting responses, via e-mail.

Action Complete



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3.8 (Agenda Item 4.1) BMFA “The National Model Flying Month May 2019”

Action at Club level is being carried out

Action Complete

3.9 (Agenda Item 4.2) BMFA 2nd Full Council Meeting Report Saturday 11th May 2019

Notes from BMFA Council 11 May 2019

Finance

Hon Treasurer reported that the accounts for 2018 19 would break even, with the possibility of a small surplus (<£10k). We received a rebate of £27k from the insurers, instead of the anticipated no rebate. Buckminster made an operational loss of £15k, partly because the Treasurer missed the fact that VAT of £5.4k is payable on the £27k rent of the site, offset by donations and bequests to give a net surplus of £12k. Membership is down by 1000 compared to this time last year.

CEO report

EASA regulations are now approved and will become part of European law in 2020. The biggest challenge is getting member states, including the UK, to honor them! Part of our difficulty is that UK Government policy pre-empted what would be included in the EASA regulations and they got it wrong, and back - tracking will be difficult without some politicians getting egg on their faces.

CAP 1763 was implemented with no warning, even to Air Traffic Control units, and the CAA have since had to revise their definition of unmanned aircraft to exclude paper planes, Frisbees, BMFA Darts and other ‘toy’ gliders. However, the previous 400’ exemptions for models <7kg and for gliders have been extended.

The CAA has a new stakeholder group for Unmanned Aircraft that includes the BMFA, LMA and SAA. Questions from the BMFA have been ignored “because they are unanswerable”!

CAP 1775 has also been introduced without warning.

All members are urged to respond to the consultation, and write to their MP and to the Aviation Minister as these letters cause maximum inconvenience and embarrassment to the DfT.

If a response is received, try to reply with ‘clarification’ questions to keep up the pressure. The most effective route into the CAA is via their complaints procedure, rather than letters to the CEO that go unanswered.

The BMFA / LMA / SAA / FPVUK are considering registering as drone operators, citing their members as their drone flyers, to circumvent the need for all members to register (and thereby also reducing the number of potential registrations by around 50,000!).

More detail on the current situation is in the current (June) edition of BMFA News.

Areas funding proposal

Despite being approved at Areas Council, the draft funding proposal was given a hard time by a couple of Area Delegates, the Competition Secretary, and the Chairman of Free Flight Technical Committee. Some of the detail in the proposal (the Excel spreadsheet that I circulated recently) was withdrawn, and the general proposal to review the mechanism of Area funding was then approved. The Area budget will be agreed as usual at the AGM, then allocation to Areas will be debated at Areas Council on 12 October. My understanding is that we will still need to prepare a draft Southern Area budget for 2020 , but probably not until the Areas Council meeting.



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3.10 (Agenda Item 4.3) The Area is now listed as Club on the BMFA Data Base as AR000009.

6 BMFA Members (our ACE's) are registered on AR000009, propose to keep them up to date and send them meeting agendas and the meeting minutes.

Took decision to send additional members Agenda and meeting minutes

Action Complete

3.11 (Agenda Item 4.4) Area Finance proposed changes

Terry had already prepared a draft financial forecast for 2020 spend.

After a discussion of Davis Smiths Area Council report dates 16th March, it was agreed that all committee members should advise Terry of the return mileage to each meeting

Action the Committee

3.12 (Agenda Item 4.5) BMFA policy with regards to supporting a member **with Dyslexia?**

This issue has now been raised twice now by a member of the Chesil club.

Extract from Peter Willis's ASC co-ordinator report para: 5.5

"It is believed that BMFA as an Association have a legal obligation to have policies in place and make every effort to support members with disabilities of all kinds.

Does the Southern Area Committee believe (as I do) that this topic should be raised at BMFA Council, or Areas Council?"

It was discussed that it was a physical, not mental problem as found out by D. Smith.

P. Willis is preparing video's to take an "A" and "B" tests.

Our visitor David Newbury, said that he was Dyslexic and said that learning the questions was a problem, does the BMFA Disability policy cover these topics

The committee agreed that this topic should be raised with the BMFA.

Action D. Smith

4(Agenda Item 4) New Topics for Discussion)

4.1 Future of Model Flying at Odium

4.2 Preparation for attendance at the Full Council meeting on the 7th September 2019

David is planning to attend the meeting.

David has asked for a volunteer to attend 2nd the Area Council meeting on Saturday 12th October 2019.

Action Volunteer required

4.3 Agree on date for Southern Area Balsa Brain in November 2019

Dates of the Friday the 8th or 22nd November hare proposed for the event.

Action T. Butterworth

4.4 Saturday the 07th July 2019 Swapmeet being held at Marcia's Farm Shop, Spetisbury DT11 9DF. P. Willis has advised us. Please see Para 5.5 sub para 12 of P. Willis report.



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Full details of the advert has now been included in the BMFA events calendar.
If the Southern Region of the BMFA would like to set up stall then please let me know.
T. Weeks has offered to support the event.

5.0 (Agenda Item 6) Officers Reports)

5.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman

Firstly, apologies for missing the meeting, my input for the meeting is the e-mail covering the Gala preparations.

5.2 David Smith Vice Chairman

See para 3.12

5.3 Terry Weeks Hon. Treasurer

Please refer to the balance sheets, they show the predicted balance as at the end of March 2020. Details of all known income and expenditure for the coming year are listed.

Notes on the accounts:

1. We have now paid the £183.00 for the 2018 Odiham Rally held since last year and as Roger has given me a cheque for £13.00 the actual amount paid out was £200.00, I am sure on-one will complain that this is £4.00 extra.
2. The area grant was finally received on the 8th May and with more clubs registered in the area it was just £2.66 more than last year, let us hope the new system will improve things.
3. As agreed the room hire / sandwiches cost has been set at £30.00. On this subject the cheque for the last £40.00 given to them on the 23rd January was never banked, whereas the last payment for £30.00 has. I have thus re-credited the £40.00 to our account.
4. The gala allowances also now reflect the known costs including a £125.00 payment to share one of the SAM 35 weekends.
5. The grant to CADMAC of £100.00 for the Trundle subsidy was paid on the 5th April 2019.
6. All of the above adjustments now make the deficit on the year £586.24, but this will be reduced by any income from the Middle Wallop events.

5.4 Peter Turley Hon. Sec. report.

Firstly I have been visiting Stuart Simpson every 10 days now he is in Salsbury Hospital, Spinal Rehabilitation Unit with Dave Stockley of Hayling Heli Club Secretary
His house is almost ready for him to return home, now in July.

I enjoyed supporting CADMAC static stands at Tangmere Model Day and on the roof of the New Goodwood Flying Club to celebrate its opening Public, had a static aircraft show, where you could walk around the aircraft and a fly in.

I will be sending an e-mail to the committee with the appropriate Clear dope monthly newsletter, covering each event. Clear Dope is available for review on the CADMAC web site.

With a further 4 days of Static model aircraft displays at public events to come this year.

David Smith is trying to sort out with the BMFA a complete list of clubs in our area and contact details.



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For the 14th year, hope to support Tony Butterworth running the Power National's camp site, with a new tent and a bit more space, if it's raining!

I am standing down from the committee at the AGM in November this year.

5.5 ASC co-ordinator Peter Willis

1. Wimborne MAC participated in the BMFA Flight Fest event on Saturday 25th May 2019 with an Open Day and mini display. Although attendance was not great, we did get several members of the public visiting and at least two have since joined the club as a result. Importantly the club members had a very enjoyable day also.
2. The AS Rep. supported Wartime Wallop event as per usual and despite the windy conditions the event was well received. A post to the (unofficial) BMFA Facebook Group was made live from the event and received lots of positive support.
3. As Rep. attended Buckminster for the Achievement Scheme Fly In and coaching weekend on Saturday 15th June 2019. Weather forecast was not good (strong winds & showers). Only one person turned up (+3 ASRC members) so a good learning session in the meeting room was conducted and one session trying to fly in the blustery conditions was undertaken. AS Rep returned home Saturday evening and one member of ASRC (who lives closer) went along on the Sunday but left at 11:30 when no one had turned up and the forecast rain started.
4. AS Rep. having emailed the Minister Baroness Vere and his local MP was asked to support the Chesil Club when Sir Oliver Letwin MP was due to visit their club site on Friday 7th June 2019, as part of the BMFA campaign to influence Government changes to the regulation re: Operator registration and Pilot competence. Sir Oliver Letwin was most supportive and undertook to table any amendments to legislation that could be appropriate. David Phipps was put in touch to pursue this opportunity.
5. AS Rep also met with his own local MP Michael Tomlinson on Friday 21st June to discuss the above topics. Once again he was most supportive and undertook to speak to the Minister and would also make contact with Sir Oliver Letwin MP. Another member of Wimborne MAC has had an email exchange with his local MP Desmond Swain who has also undertaken to speak with the Minister. A follow up email has been written to Michael Tomlinson MP (please see attached).
6. The first two BMFA Achievement Scheme guidance videos have now been published on the BMFA YouTube channel and lots of feedback has already been received. Links to the videos on AS Reps personal YouTube channel (before they were uploaded to BMFA channel) have been published on the S Area BMFA website.
7. Due to the workload in preparing videos, supporting BMFA and AS with legislation change guidance, plus Club and Area events, the decision was made to cancel the (postponed from



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last year) Scale Contest. As yet no date has been fixed for this year's contest, or the proposed Area AS Workshop at Lee on Solent.

8. Wimborne MAC supported the local Ferndown library 'Hobbies Day' on Thursday 11th April with a display (with the help of the S Area display board - see pic). Definitely the best display on the day and lots of interest, even from the library staff.
9. Wimborne MAC (with some limited help from the Salisbury Club) supported the local Ferndown Rotary Club's - Fete on the Field on Saturday 22nd June 2019 with two large Static displays plus a flying display. The event was well received (helped by unusually good weather) and the Korean War slot with Freewing 64mm EDF Migs and Sabres was well received. As well dual formation Aero's and WWII (loose) formation slot.
10. WMAC is hoping to get **14** Freewing Migs and Sabres airborne together during it's club members EDF and Jet day in a few weeks!
11. Simon Cragg of the Phoenix Club attended the Western Areas AS Workshop (convenient location) along with Dave Burstow and I have received feedback that he would like to be considered as an Area Chief Examiner for the Southern Area.
12. I received the following email from James Parry (following a previous telephone conversation) re: S. Area attending (no charge) the swapmeet details below;

I refer to quick conversation a couple of weeks ago regarding a swapmeet being held at Marcia's Farm Shop, Spetisbury DT11 9DF.

The advert has now been included in the BMFA events calendar.

If the Southern Region of the BMFA would like to set up stall then please let me know.

Starts-Saturday the 07/09/2019 at 09:30

Ends-07/09/2019 at 13:30

Venue- Marcia's Farm Shop / cafe

Location- A350, Spetisbury, DT11 9DF

Summary- Meet will be indoors in barn. Cafe, bar, WC and free parking available.

Space for seller / trader £7 Buyer entrance fee £4

Additional Info- Mainly model aircraft but may include some boats, cars, trains.

Disciplines- Control Line, Electric, FPV, Free Flight, Gas Turbine, Indoor , RC

Fixed Wing, RC Helicopters, Scale, Slope, Soaring

5.6 Peter Turley PRO

See Para 3.5 and 3.10.

5.7 David Smith Area Delegate

See Para 3.11



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5.8 Roger Newman Free flight comp.

The weather continues to dominate – not for the better, as extreme winds resulted in the cancellation of our 1st meeting back on Middle Wallop scheduled for 27th April. Fortunately a dialogue with the Authorities during the following week ended with an alternative date of 13th October being granted to make up for the lost day.

Successful Area meetings continue to be held at Beaulieu & on Area 8 of Salisbury Plain with reasonable attendances & good flying. We have received a very nice letter from the CO of RAF Odiham following the recent Gala – copy attached for info.

Indoor meetings continue to struggle but have kept going.

Uncertainty for the future of free flight remains for any models over 250 grams.

The news from the BMFA is not reassuring. A new Minister of Aviation who appears to know nothing about the subject but follows the party line concerning registration & certification casts considerable despondency amongst us, as does the evidence presented at the recent joint Parliamentary Select Committee meeting on drones.

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

Silent Flight & S A Committee Member Reports.

I delivered the Marquis and banners to Dave for his “Helifest event” after which he delivered them to Wartime Wallop. I attended Wartime Wallop but due to a very bad back I was unable to be much help; however I did fly three slots with my Supra Esoarers glider.

On the day it was a shame that the wind speed prevented a fuller display. We received a thank you from Joe and his team asking for any comments, I replied to say we were pleased with the event and would like to contribute again next year but that I thought a little more publicity on our location and what we were doing would further improve things.

The first 2 of the planned 4 National Esoaring Opens have taken place on the 26th May and the 9th June as planned, and enjoyed good weather. On the 9th of June we had an interesting sky with both very strong lift if you found it but equally bad sink if you didn't; we await the third round on the 21st July.

Aldershot Model Club, Skylarks, MVSA & Alton Silent Flyers Club-deligate reports.

MVSA: I gave a brief talk to the members of the MVSA at their club night in June on the achievement scheme taking with me an Esoaring glider to add interest, as the club is pushing for 100% “A” certification. Longer term it is intended that two club examiners will be appointed.

Skylarks: I chased and have now received from the BMFA the 4 “A” pass certificates (2 SF Thermal and 2 SF Electric) for Paul Bolton and Peter Marks, some 5 weeks had elapsed since requesting these; they were finally presented at the 5th May Skylarks club night. As mentioned before Skylarks have given members until the 31st December to either gain an “A” certificate or only fly if accompanied.

See BMFA news for evidence that this is working, Chris Bradbury having taken several tests are pictured.



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ASF: Two new senior and 1 junior member have joined the club in the last month both totally new to aeromodelling, a very encouraging sign, we now total 2 Juniors!

AMC: Are still without a flying site.

5.10 Peter Willis Fixed Wing Comp. Sec. report.

See Para 5.5

5.11 Richard Sharman West Hampshire Operations Support report

Nothing to report

6.0 Any other Business

6.1 Saturday 12th October 2019 2nd Area Council Meeting.

David has asked for a volunteer to cover this meeting, as he will not be available.

The meeting finished at 9.45 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday** 24th July 2019

7.00pm for 7.30pm

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

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

(Meeting will be in the skittle alley)

Also

The following Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday** 11th September 2019

7.00pm for 7.30pm

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

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

(Meeting will be in the skittle alley)

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BMFA Southern Area Committee Meeting Attendees 25th June 2019

Name	Committee Position	Club Membership
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DAVID SMITH	VICE CHAIR / AREA DELEGATE	HELI PAD.
PETER WILLIS	AS COORD / COMP SEC	WIMBORNE MAC
DAVID NEWBY	CLUB SECRETARY	N.A. / D.M.A.S.
TERRY NEEDS	TREASURER / SF REP.	SKYLARKS, ASF, MVSA.
RICHARD SHARMAN		BHFC
ROGER NEWMAN	FF Rep	CRANFORTH / SOUTHS



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Dear Roger

10 June 2019

Thank you for your letter dated 17th May 2019 and the extremely kind donation of £172 to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund supports the Service family, both serving and retired, and as the charity enters its' 100th year I know that they will put your kind donation to good use.

It was a pleasure for Royal Air Force Odiham to host the 70th Annual BMFA Free Flight Event and in truth a pleasant surprise to me to learn that we had such a long standing and positive relationship. Cpl Alex Woods, who did a superb job of organising and supporting the day, has taken the time to find a photo from September 1949 showing one of the original gatherings. It would appear that the aircraft hangers here at Odiham haven't changed much in that time!

Once again thank you for your kind donation and I wish you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

