



# British Model Flying Association

Southern Area (AR000009),

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*Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting*

## Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Venue: - **The Ship Inn**

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

Start Time: 7.30 hrs pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>S Area Office</b>	<b>Club</b>
Tony Butterworth FSMAE	Chairman	Waltham Chase
David Smith	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

### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Richard Sharman	West Hampshire Operations Support	BMFC chairman
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Shaun Webb	(e-mail received)	Lee Bees MAC Club Delegate
Ken Knox	(Phone call)	CADMAC Delegate

### 1.1 cc Action K. Knox para 3.3

### 2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Area Meeting

The Previous Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Proposed: - T. Weeks                      Seconded: - T. Butterworth

### 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 In hand

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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 BMFA 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Council Meeting

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Meeting

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Southern Area Balsa Brain**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Southern Area AGM**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 72<sup>nd</sup> BMFA AGM

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January BMFA 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council meeting

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



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### **3.3(Agenda Item 3.3) 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**

The poster that details the flying requirements are situated at the entrance to the flying site.

The committee have asked that the poster details are added to the SA web site.

Action K. Knox

### **3.4(Agenda Item 3.4) Latest DOT Drone document review** Current Status on hold

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

The Draft newsletter will be updated for issue in the Autumn Action P. Turley/ T Butterworth

### **3.6 (Agenda Item 3.7) Area Finance proposed changes**

Terry had already prepared a draft financial forecast for 2020 spend and it was reviewed at meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the Meon Hut, attended by T. W, T. B, D. S and P.T.

The draft Area financial forecast was reviewed at this meeting for submitting to the BMFA.

Action Complete

### **3.7 (Agenda Item 9) Future of Model Flying at Odiham**

### **3.8 (Agenda Item 10) Full Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

David is planning to attend the meeting, Agenda received.

### **3.9 (Agenda Item 11) Southern Area Balsa Brain is on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Date agreed for the event.

Action Complete

Poster has been updated, thanks to Ken Knox. is to be sent to the clubs, with a newsletter

The Poster has been circulated to the Committee and the Web master for adding to the web site.

### **Balsa Brain Preparation**

Terry Weeks has agreed to be Quiz Master and prepare the Questions.

Terry has asked the committee for Questions

Action Committee

David Smith has agreed to collect the entrance fee of £1.00 and sell the Raffle tickets.

Tony Butterworth is to contact Firebirds to book the food order and provide a projector.

Raffle prizes

Peter is to contact SMC for a donated prize.

Action P. T

Tony is to contact Flight Hood for prizes

Action T. B



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## **3.10 (Agenda Item 12) Saturday the 07<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Swapmeet.**

Swapmeet is to be held at Marcia's Farm Shop, Spetisbury DT11 9DF.

See Para 5.3 for report.

Item closed

## **3.11 (Agenda Item 4.1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council meeting preparation on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

David is preparing for the meeting and the Southern Area Budget has been prepared for submission to the BMFA.

Action D. Smith

## **3.12 (Agenda Item 4.2) Way ahead for the BMFA Events in the Southern Area**

It is proposed to hold a discussion group with Sam35, Sam1066, London Area and Southern Area to review Flying site options for holding events in the future.

Action T. Butterworth

## **4 New Topics for Discussion)**

### **4.1 Southern Area AGM Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 preparation**

Peter Turley is standing down from the committee after some 12 years, with vacancies for Hon. Sec. and PRO.

Peter Turley has seen Stuart Simpson recently and he has asked me to advise the committee that he wishes to stand down from the committee at the AGM, because of the difficulty in getting to the meetings as currently he cannot drive himself.

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

### **5.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman**

Attended the Power Nationals once again supported by several members from down South and can report the campsite team airfield responsibilities were completed without issues this year. The weather was excellent and although numbers appeared to be slightly down from previous years the event was well supported by both competitors and visitors.

At the end of the event my conversations with the local management advised they were very complimentary of our management of the site over the duration of the event and looked forward to welcoming us back next year.

Maintaining a positive relationship with Barkston Heath not only support future nationals but also acts as a positive reference when we are talking to other airfields re potential future use.

It was also positive that we welcomed members from the CAA as VIP guests during the weekend providing the opportunity to showcase our sport and its many classes, I am advised this went well.

The recent notification from Middle Wallop to cease model flying on the airfield at the end of the year did come as a shock - all the hard work we have completed over the past years appears to have been in vein.

However I do know that moves are afoot to open negotiations with MW and also to explore other facilities in the local area for model flying in the future.

On this note SAM35 events - some 10 days in all - have been well supported.



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Attended the budget review (grant submission 2020) with Terry, David and Peter T - considering the level of activity we complete within the area the requested increase submitted was realistic - this increase if achieved will stop the annual reduction in area funds and will enable us to plan for the future with a higher level of confidence in being able to support area events and local clubs when they need financial help.

Have spoken with Firebirds and Balsa brain has been booked for 8th November - same location as previous years.

Finally spoke with Dave Phipps at nationals re update on UK regulations , although many hurdles still existed there was some light at the end of the tunnel and I sensed cause for a small level of optimism, let's hope so.

## **5.2 David Smith Vice Chairman**

I attended the Meadstead RC Model Show on 3/4 August to run a SABMFA stand (including a flight simulator), with thanks to Ken Gale and Terry Weeks for their help with this.

I also helped Peter Willis to set up a BMFA display at the Dorset Model Swapmeet.

I have provided a collection of questions to Terry Weeks in preparation for the Balsa Brain quiz.

Also drafted the SABMFA budget proposal for 2020-21 before submitting the final version to the Hon Sec in preparation for Areas Council.

I have submitted my Directors Report for the 2019 BMFA AGM, and will attend the BMFA Full Council meeting on 14 September.

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

Please refer to the balance sheets, following our meeting at the west Meon Hut on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September these have been considerably amended to conform to the discussion held and budget proposals put forward to BMFA HQ.

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

1. This financial year is shown on page 8 (the second sheet of the balance sheet) and as you can see by the few items that remain in red, is almost complete with only Balsa Brain left as a major expenditure and the AGM and January meeting room hire remaining. We still have an allowance for a roadshow / workshop that to date has not been planned included as a possible expenditure.

2. For the year April 2020 until March 2021 the figures show the items budgeted for and the requirement for the grant to increase by c£760.00 if we are to achieve it, the outcome of the BMFA HQ debate on this subject remains to be seen. On paper the idea of increasing the grant on the active areas and reducing the grant on the less active areas is a good one, but good ideas are not always adopted. We have reduced the web-site funding to cover an interim period of changeover to the cost-free BMFA hosted site, on the assumption that this happens, I will keep pushing for it with Andy Symons. Any Questions?



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

After reviewing again at the last meeting, I have decided to stand down from the committee at the AGM in November this year after some 12 years on the committee and 19 years supporting the SA initially via PAM.

Have seen Stuart Simpson since the Nationals and he has asked me to advise the committee that he wishes to stand down from the committee at the AGM, because of the difficulty in getting to the meetings as currently he cannot drive and lack of access to the meeting room.

It is the 15<sup>th</sup> year, that I have support Tony Butterworth running the Power National's camp site, with a new tent. Out of the 15 years I think it was the best weather of all times.

Two members of CADMAC took part in the Nationals, one in Vintage Control line and the other in the Fun fly event in class two came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 15 and in the climb and glide, won the event.

I attended the Southern Area funding meeting at the Meon Hut on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

I have supported CADMAC static show at the Thorney Families day last weekend.

The next CADMAC event is the Remembrance Day Glider Fly in and donations to the Poppy Fund.

## **5.5 ASC co-ordinator and FW Comp. Sec. Report Peter Willis**

1. AS Coord. Attended Buckminster for the Achievement Scheme Fly In and coaching weekend on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August 2019. Weather forecast was good and we had a very good turnout for the weekend with several test being undertaken including an Aerobatic C and a S Area Club Examiner test.
2. FW Comp Rep/AS Coord. attended the Dorset Swap Meet along with Terry Weeks and Dave Smith to represent the S Area BMFA on Saturday 7th September. Numbers were not great (60 buyers and approx. 10 selling tables) but the event broke even and an email of thanks has been received from James Parry. They are planning on holding another next May with wider publicity and S. Area will be invited along again.
3. FW Comp Rep/AS Coord. has received a response from local MP Michael Tomlinson MP during the last week of August following meeting with him on Friday 21st June. Letter really just forwarded the Secretary for State's response (Baroness Vere) to his enquiries, which did not differ from previous response received direct from Baroness Vere's office. However, Grant Shapps has now replaced Baroness Vere and Dave Phipps (BMFA CEO) is holding numerous meetings with the various departments and ministry in a last ditch attempt to head off some of the less sensible proposals.



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## **5.6 Peter Turley PRO**

Balsa Poster, Ken Knox has changed the date to this year and corrected the postal code. This year we are sending out with the Balsa Poster with an SA newsletter.

Just to record I have received the Flight Simulator Kit back from David Smith.

## **5.7 David Smith Area Delegate**

See Para 3.11

## **5.8 Roger Newman Free flight comp.**

Apologies received.

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

The last of the planned 4 National Esoaring Opens took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> September as planned and this year we have been lucky as all 4 enjoyed good weather. The final winner was Mike Raybone with 14982, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Foss with 14973 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Stucky 14814, as you can see really tight with only 9 point separating the top two over the four rounds. The trophies presented were well received by the eventual winners.

I joined David and Ken at the Meadstead model show on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, this has the potential to grow to a bigger event, so I intend for one to keep my club calendar free of next year's date.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September I had a very busy day. From 10:00am until 4:00pm at the request of the MVSA Chairman Ian Shilling I attended an "A" test day for the slope soaring lads.

12 tests were taken and successfully passed; this followed a talk I gave at the MVSA club night on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. I was really impressed at the level of attention given to the preparation by all of the candidates.

A further 10 or so are lined up for a future date yet to be arranged, followed by some "B" tests and finally some examiner tests in the more distant future.

At 6:00pm rather than go home after the above I met Peter Turley at the West Meon Hut to have dinner in advance of the Area budget meeting mentioned in Para 5.3.

I joined Peter Willis at the Dorset Area Swapmeet at Spetisbury on the 7<sup>th</sup> September to man the BMFA stand; this was well received and again has the potential to expand in future years.

## **Aldershot Model Club, Skylarks, MVSA & Alton Silent Flyers Club-delegate reports.**

**MVSA:** The main item to note is that mentioned above, longer term the club is to drop its own achievement test in favour of all taking the BMFA "A" test as a minimum standard to fly solo.

**Skylarks:** As with the MVSA, Keith the secretary / chairman is continuing with the push to get all members, now 51 by the way, to pass their "A" test under the threat of not being allowed to fly unaccompanied after December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ASF:** As above the 2019 season of running a series of Esoaring league competitions on behalf of the S. Area is now complete and all look forward to 2020 season.



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The membership has risen to 22 including 2 enthusiastic juniors.

**AMC:** Are still without a flying site with little activity to change this situation.

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

See Para 5.5

## 5.11 Richard Sharman West Hampshire Operations Support report

Apologies received

## 6.0 Any other Business

The meeting finished at 10.15 pm.

The Southern Area AGM will be held on **Wednesday** 13<sup>th</sup> November 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Name	Committee Position	Club
PETER TURLEY	Hon Sec PRO	CADMAC
Peter Willis	AS Coord / Comp <sup>FW</sup> Sec	WMAC
TERRY NEEDS	S/FLIGHT / TREASURER	ASF, SKYLARKS
DAVID SMITH	Vice chair / Area delegate	MVSA, HELIPAD
TONY BUTTERWORTH	CHAIRMAN	WALTHAM CHASE