



British Model Flying Association Southern Area

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Minutes to be ratified at the next meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2022

Venue: - Meeting Held Via Zoom

Start Time: 7.00 hrs pm

Present:

Tony Butterworth FSMAE
David Smith
Terry Weeks
Wayne Broom
Peter Bennett
James Hounslow
Alan Wallington
Dave Burstow
Dave Newby
Dave Durnford
Peter Willis

S Area Position:

Chairman
Vice Chairman/Area Delegate
Hon Secretary/RC SF Rep Web
Hon Treasurer
ACS C-Ord
Facebook editor
Club Delegate
ACE
Club Delegate
Club Delegate
Club Delegate

Club(s):

Waltham Chase
Helipad
ASF; Skylarks & MVSA
Chesil
Lansdown
South Hants Heli's
Waltham Chase
Eagles
NADMAS
Alton MFC
Wimbourne

Apologies:

None

11 a good attendance, thank you all for your interest.

The minutes of the Area meetings on the 13th April were agreed as a true record. (They had been available to read as usual on the website).

Proposed: Terry Weeks: All Agreed:

Chairman's Report:

Most of my time has been allocated to supporting Alan and the traders list for Popham. This has involved visits to Old Warden, Woodsprings wings where conversations with traders has proved fruitful - all relevant information has been passed on to Alan. Have also contacted all adjacent local BMFA area committees to request their support in advertising the Popham show to their members, have received favourable replies. Sad to receive notification from Roger Newman ref his resignation from our team, hope to catch up with Roger in the coming weeks to see if we can find a new representative who can continue with his valuable contribution to Free Flight model flying in the south. Am attending the Buckminster centenary celebration opening this Friday.

Vice Chairman's and Area Delegate Report:

I was unable to attend the Full Council meeting on 14 May and have had little feedback on the meeting, but I understand that the BMFA Vice Chairman will step down at the AGM this year and that the Executive have already found a suitable replacement. Not particularly democratic, in my view, but this seems to be the way things are done.

There has been no further progress with the BMFA Strategic Review that I am aware of, though I suspect that the Centenary celebrations have shunted this to the back burner for now. I attended SABMFA planning meetings for the Popham Model Show on 11 May and 28 June.

I have continued to be involved with preparing the helicopter section of the BMFA Centenary Exhibition to be held at Buckminster during July and August and will be there to help set up on Monday 11 July.

I have given my apologies for the BMFA Full Council meeting on Saturday 17 September and for the Areas Council meeting on Saturday 8 October, as my wife and I will be in Canada for our 20th wedding anniversary trip which was postponed due to the Covid pandemic. However, I plan to attend the BMFA AGM on Saturday 19 November.

HeliPad Model Club hosted two successful events for the Association of Helicopter Aerosports this year, an F3C aerobatic workshop on 9 April and a scale fly-in on 14 May. Hopefully this will be a springboard for similar events in the future, hosted around the country.

Secretaries Report:

Terry reported that he had written and distributed the 13th April minutes, posted the draft onto the website, and emailed them to BMFA HO and prepared a draft agenda for this meeting.

Although covered by separate meetings, I attended all the Popham Model Show Meetings and prepared the minutes for same. For information I have spent a considerable time on confirming pilot attendance at the Popham Model show. To date I have 80 Fixed Wing, Glider and Helicopter entries confirmed for the main flightline and a further 12 control-line entries. Similarly, I have 22 helpers confirmed.

Following an email I sent, we finally have confirmation that both a BMFA Stand and the BMFA Simulator will be on site delivered by HO personnel.

Sadly, Peter has advised me that there will be no model flying at South Cerney this year so I will not be attending the show on all days as noted in the previous minutes, I may however still visit the show on one of the days.

I have continued to assist Wayne by preparing / updating the S. A. Accounts spreadsheet.

Treasurer's Report:

Year starting April the 1st / Balance from 2021 was £6,347.35 . Balance in July is £6,107.80 following the purchase of the 2(3) Banners at £189.60, Wayne's postage of £11.95 and the Bovington expenses of £38.00 agreed. On the budget, Terry had sent the draft proposals for consideration, and all agreed to the proposal. This is now ready for presentation to HO as / when requested, but it will have to be translated into the format required by the recently received spreadsheet from HO. Following a suggestion from Terry all agreed as the budget was already agreed, Terry and Dave Smith could get together to translate our accounts sheet into the HO Accepted format and present same when complete.

Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinators Report:

I have participated in all the meetings to plan the Popham Model Show 2022 so far this year.

Attended Woodspring wings and wheels Yatton 8th 9th 10th July 2022

Lots of talk about the Popham show.

Still receive emails and some calls of interest from various club regarding A and B test and training days of which I find very encouraging. Peter further reported that Dave Durnford and Dave West wish to train and take SFE A, and then if successful Dave Durnford take the B tests with a longer-term view of adding SF to his Club Examiner qualification. Terry agreed with Dave to undertake this at East Worldham. Date TBA.

Just some useful information possible.

I was asked when a glider is fitted with a gas turbine and in glider mode (no power on) is it classed as a glider or as gas turbine glider. I can now clarify that any model fitted with gas turbine power regardless if the engine is running, it is still classed as turbine powered model so need to fly at the 75m distance from flight line. Christchurch MFC is organising a few Achievement scheme days, so I have volunteered to help. When I have the dates will ask Terry to update the SABMFA web page.

No update received .

Dave Smith added that 2 "B" cert's and 1 "A" cert had been achieved at Helipad.

Free Flight Report:

As Roger has resigned no report was presented. However, refer to the notes on Odiham below regarding the upcoming S Area Free-Flight Gala.

Silent Flight Report:

Following the cancellation of the 5th June date due to our farmers Jubilee celebrations, I am sorry to report that the whole S Area Soaring League for this year has been cancelled due to lack of support, another casualty of very high fuel / travelling prices I suspect. The situation will be reviewed for 2023.

AOB:**Action from the last meeting:**

1. Tony Warrilow – Discussion on a suitable award.

Action: Tony to purchase a plaque, David Smith to arrange for a certificate and Dave Burstow to apply for an award. Tony had looked over some new trophies / plaques and wanted more information before agreeing to the wording to be engraved. David has applied regarding a certificate. Dave Burstow to put him up for an award later in the year. **This has progressed and is ongoing.**

Actions from the 26th January meeting:**Abingdon:**

This facility remains currently the best opportunity for the S/Area to hold an open meeting covering multiple classes for model flying. We know that our free flight members have visited the site and agreed its suitability, and we have a management contact at the site who is positive about our using this facility. It was agreed that we should hold this topic on the agenda.

Odiham:

Peter Carter has agreed dates with Odiham for the S Area Free Flight Gala to proceed here. The date is the 6th August (reserve date of the 13th August). We have been advised of a possible loss for the first time due to a low attendance, but to cancel the event would cost more than going ahead.

Popham show report:

This project is being progressed by a separate “Organisers Group” and will have meetings and minutes prepared in its own right. Information only to be added here.

Peter proposed we have a supply of Water for the pilots, Terry to get Prices but it was generally agreed it was a good idea in case of hot weather. We had done this previously at the Middle Wallop Gala.

The presence of either or both LMA & CAA inspectors to be advised at the briefing so pilots are aware. (Peter I will add this to the “On the Day Briefing” not the one sent out, it will have more impact.)

BMFA centenary celebrations next year:

Central BMFA is promoting the area to help celebrate this achievement. The Popham Show was suggested and accepted as it would be the biggest event, we would be running this year. They have agreed to be present with both a BMFA stand and the BMFA simulator.

AOB:**Web Site / Facebook integration:**

James has the link up and running with just the future event details to be sought and entered. Following a period of James ill health, he and Terry can now proceed with this before the next meeting.

Hold a second webinar:

Progress on web page and facebook for S/Area:

Popham Model show -- report on the 2021 and 2022 events.

Encourage area Club participation.

Winter indoor events.

Encourage new members to join the area committee.

Action: A date to be set for this at the next meeting.

The strategic review:

Refer to Dave Smiths report.

Cub / Scout Event:

James to contact the Cub / Scout groups to try to arrange an alternative site / event with them.

Action: James.

Integration of other local Areas on our website:

Tony asked if our website could give the links to the websites of other local areas websites, Terry said he would look into getting this done. This incomplete due to time constraints.

Action: Terry

S Area Achievement Scheme Day:

A date to be set at the next meeting towards the end of this year.

Balsa Brain:

The general feeling was that it should be abandoned for this year, but to be retained as an activity even if in a different format, it was felt to be too important to lose the history associated with it.

Finally, with nothing else to discuss the meeting closed at 21:05.

The next meeting is on the 14th September 2022 at 7:00 pm.