



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 14th September 2022

Venue: - Meeting Held Via Zoom

Start Time: 7.00 hrs pm

Present:

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

S Area Position:

Chairman
Hon Secretary/RC SF Rep Web
Hon Treasurer
ACS C-Ord
Club Delegate
ACE
Club Delegate
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Club(s):

Waltham Chase
ASF; Skylarks & MVSA
Chesil
Lansdown
Waltham Chase
Eagles
NADMAS
Alton MFC
Wimbourne

Apologies:

David Smith, Ken Knox, Ray Cox.

9 plus 3 apologies a good attendance, thank you all for your interest.

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

Proposed: Terry Weeks: All Agreed: Status on Website now amended from "draft"

Chairman's Report:

I attended the VIP BMFA Centenary Exhibition opening day on the 15th July at Buckminster. The event was well attended and featured several dignitaries who congratulated the BMFA for reaching this historic milestone. During the event the BMFA was awarded a certificate from the FAI (Federal Aeronautique International) for an Exceptional Air Sports Performance which read as follows:

As part of the centenary celebrations on May 15th, 2022, 3109 models were simultaneously flown throughout the country. FAI would like to congratulate BMFA and its members for this exceptional achievement. The event also marked the opening of a collection of models representing our development over those 100 years and included a wide range of many model types from the past. Whilst there I also visited the recently opened tethered car track which was attracting much interest and seems to be growing in popularity.

As advised at the AGM last year I do intend to stand down as chairman at this year's AGM. My current term of office as chairman has lasted in excess of 16 years and this is the second time, I have filled this role.

*I include some pictures from the centenary model display, plus an example of an extremely competitive 2.5 tethered car for your review. (*The photos will be added to the website minutes for all to view.)

Vice Chairman's and Area Delegate Report:

As mentioned in my last report, I am unable to attend the Full Council meeting on 17 September, nor the Areas Council meeting on Saturday 8 October; nobody from Southern Area has volunteered to deputise at either meeting. Duncan McClure, ASRC RC Power scheme controller, has been co-opted as the Member's

Director to Full Council, and Keith Lomax, BMFA Hon treasurer, has been nominated as Vice Chairman to replace Peter Halman.

I attended the SABMFA final planning meeting for the Popham Model Show on 2 August, helped with setting up on 18/19 August, and attended the show on both 20 and 21 August.

I attended BMFA Buckminster on 11 July to assist with setting up the Centenary exhibition, and again on 15 July to represent Southern Area at the VIP opening day. I went up again on 1 September to collect the helicopter exhibits at the end of the exhibition. David Smith reported prior to the meeting.

Secretaries Report:

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

I attended the final Popham Model Show Meeting on the 2nd August, no minutes for this were taken for this as it was essentially a site layout meeting.

I attended Popham on Thursday 18th to carry out the major setting up to ease the workload on the Friday. My Friday the 19th attendance was mainly taken up by the final setting up work and pilot registration and collating the pilot declarations.

I attended the actual show days to continue with registration of the new arrivals, give the briefing and then generally helping out with the running of the show.

Finally on the Sunday evening and Monday morning attended to breakdown the site and pack the equipment away. Much of Tuesday 23rd was taken up by cleaning the returned lanyards, folding the vests and ordering replacement lanyards as required in readiness for future events. As you all know I have also purchased a "Really Useful Box" for this equipment to be properly stored, cost £13.12.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Broom (Assisted by Terry)

At the last meeting our balance stood at £6107.80.

Since the last meeting expenditure has been as follows (all within the parameters of the published budget).

S Area Free Flight Gala (Re-payment of final loss)	£ 136.00
Expenses to attend meetings	£ 105.30
Popham Expenses (Lanyards £42.47 & Box £ 13.12 for storage of equipment)	£ 55.59
General stationary & Cartridges	<u>£ 62.02</u>
Total	<u>£ 358.91</u>

The balance in the Bank (at 07/09/22) as a result of the above is: £5748.89

As per Terry's report / agenda item our budget proposals agreed have been submitted to Keith Lomax & Ian Pallister for approval, no response to date has been received.

Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinators Report:

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

As far as feedback from the Popham show it seems very encouraging to have a show within the area.

It seems to have got a little quieter regarding A and B tests from various club. Training days and help to achieve A and B are what clubs are looking for which I find very encouraging.

Dave Durnford asked would there be Southern Area examiners workshop this year.

This was discussed at this meeting, and it was agreed that Terry and I should approach Mike at the shakedown meeting on the 28th to see if Popham would be available for this to take place.

Free Flight Report:

As Roger has resigned no report was presented. However, refer to the notes on Odiham below regarding the very successful S Area Free-Flight Gala that was held on the 6th September. The full report is on the website.

Silent Flight Report:

As stated at the last meeting, 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 and hopefully will be re-instated.

AOB:

Action from the last meeting:

1. Tony Warrilow - A suitable award was agreed as follows:

Tony to buy a plaque that is boxed with a blue satin lining and have it suitably engraved with the wording agreed. Dave Birstow to present it to Tony and ensure a photograph is taken. A brief summary of the presentation to be put together for Terry to add to the website. Action Tony / Dave B.

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:

Please refer to the full report by Peter Carter now on the website as previously noted above. I am pleased to report that the final loss was reduced to just £136.00 as shown on Wayne's report, much less than initially expected. Due to the success of the event it is expected that it will be better supported next year.

Popham show report:

This project was organised by a separate "Organisers Group" and had meetings and minutes prepared in its own right. A report to be produced by Terry following the "Shakedown" meeting on the 28th of this month.

BMFA centenary celebrations this year:

Central BMFA helped to promote the area to help celebrate this achievement. The Popham Show was suggested and accepted as it would be the biggest S Area event, we would be running this year. They were 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. James has yet to contact Terry as agreed previously with a view to getting him up to speed with using the system in parallel with James.

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 in February to be set ASAP.

The strategic review / Areas Constitution:

Peter Willis volunteered to go over the draft proposal (c March 2022), compare them with the current document and assess any amendments that should be put forward. Terry forwarded to Peter the last version he had dated 24/09/2016. Tony to see if a later version exists for comparison.

Action Petr W / Tony

Cub / Scout Event:

James to contact the Cub / Scout groups to try to arrange an alternative site / event with them. No further progress reported due to James absence.

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, Terry to now look into getting this done.

Action: Terry

S Area Achievement Scheme Day:

A date to be set at the next meeting towards the end of this year, Peter and Terry to approach Mike to see if Popham could be used.

Action Peter / Terry.

Balsa Brain:

The general feeling was that it should be abandoned for this year, but to be retained as an activity, it was felt to be too important to lose the history associated with it. The last team to win the trophy was Southampton in 2019, further events curtailed due to Covid but watch this space for 2023 in perhaps April or May.

Wimborne MAC Participates in CAA Airspace Modernisation Trial.

Peter Willis advised that the Wimborne Model Aero Club were invited to participating in a CAA Airspace Modernisation trial at their Cashmoor site in Dorset. This is one of four model aircraft sites in the UK participating, which includes Buckminster, LMA NW site and Phoenix Model Club. Additionally, four full size glider sites and four hang/paragliding sites, one of which is a Dorset Hang/Para gliding club that operates from various sites around Dorset. In short this might pave the way to the UK not going the way of the USA in requiring all models long term to effectively be fitted with transponders. I will post the full report given us by Peter on the website.

Indoor flying to start at Wickham.

Alan advised that this popular activity is about to start again from the 15th. Dates for all classes to be forwarded by Alan to Terry for inclusion on the S Area Website.

The next meeting is the AGM on the 9th November 2022 to be held at Popham from 7:30 pm.

Finally, with nothing else to discuss the meeting closed at 9:15pm.