



British Model Flying Association Southern Area

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Minutes of the S Area Meeting held on the 30th August 2023

Venue: - **Meeting to be held via Zoom**

Start Time: **7.30 pm**

1.0 Present:	S Area Position:	Club:
Terry Weeks	Chair & Secretary	ASF & Popham
David Smith	V Chair & Delegate	Helipad
Alan Wallington	Committee / Club Delegate	WCA
Peter Carter	Committee / Club Delegate	Aldershot MC
Peter Willis	Club Delegate	Wimborne*
Peter Bennett	S A ASC	Lansdown
Ray Cox	Club Delegate	Popham

*Peter Willis sadly could not properly take part due to an unknown audio problem.

1.1 Apologies for absence:

Dave Burstow retrospectively.

2.0 Approval of the minutes from the last Meeting held on the 19th of July 2023.

These were previously sent out but are now also on the website in "Draft" form for all to read.

Proposed: David Smith. Seconded: Peter Carter. Agreed: Unanimous.

3.0 Committee reports:

3.1 Chairman's & Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting I have been involved with Peter Carter regarding the S Area Free-Flight Gala planned to be held at Odiham, however both the original date and the reserve date was cancelled due to bad weather, it is hoped that a further date be agreed for the event to take place. The current situation is that we have paid the licence fee of £460.00 and to date received £290.00 in entrance fees. When another date is fixed it is hoped that further entrants will be forthcoming to minimise any deficit.

I attended the last Popham show meeting on site to finalise the layout at 4:00pm on the 16th of August with several others of the organising team.

Although not a S Area event I attended the Families Day at RAF Odiham at the invitation of Peter Carter, I believe our attendance was appreciated, and from my personal point of view believe that this helps us keep on good terms with the base.

I have been in contact with The Middle Wallop Museum regarding their Wheels & Wings event in 2024 offering to put on a demonstration of model aircraft, this has now been accepted, the date the 6th of July. Further information as things develop.

Finally, I was asked by Michael Woodhouse from BMFA HQ for an estimate of the Areas Budget requirements for the 2023 / 2024 financial year. Based on past activities with some adjustments I prepared a balance sheet with some notes of explanation for him. I have estimated that at this point in time we should apply for a grant of c£1300.00 to see us through to March 31st, 2025. I will email a copy to all of the committee members with the minutes for information.

3.2 Vice Chairman's Report & Area Delegates report:

Little has happened since our last meeting. I attended a site visit at Popham Airfield on 16 August in

preparation for the Popham Model Show and have kept the model helicopter contingent up to date on the flying schedule and other details.

The next Areas Council meeting will be by Zoom on Thursday 14 September. The only agenda items of interest are 'Club representation at Area meetings' to look at ways that clubs can be encouraged to send a delegate to Area meetings; please let me have any ideas & 'A rolling membership introduction', this idea was strongly opposed due to the extra work it would put on club membership secretaries, David to report our feelings at the meeting.

Positive Pitch Model Helicopter Flying Club, based near Marwell Zoo, are struggling with dwindling membership despite regular advertising, and can no longer afford their site rent at a reasonable cost to the remaining members. They are looking for a nearby club or clubs to share their site for helicopter / drone flying (the landowner has specified no fixed wing flying). If any club is interested in this proposal, please contact me.

The flying weather this summer has been poor, so much so that HeliPad Model Club had to cancel our scale helicopter fly-in on 23 July. Let's hope that we get some better **weather this autumn**.

3.3 Treasurer's Report:

No report given by Wayne, so Terry advised of the current position being the second signatory on the account. The current position is that we had a starting balance of £6217.22 and to this was added our annual grant of £1480.00 and the receipts to date from the free flight gala entrants of £290.00 giving a total of £7987.22. We have paid out expenses to date totalling £218.10 for committee meetings and £84.00 for Popham meetings. We have also paid the licence fee for the Southern Area F/Flight Gala of £460. Thus, our current balance sheet shows a nett figure of £7225.12. However, our current bank balance is £7592.12 as it includes the £367.00 of self-generated funds, we have built up over a period of time that we allowed to keep separate.

3.6 Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinators Report:

Peter reported that no requests have been made for testing and everything that everything was very quiet. No news yet on Dave Burstow's testing of Simon Dawes as agreed at the last meeting.

3.7 Free Flight Report:

Peter carter the situation at Odiham regarding the S Area F / Flight gala. A new date is being sought but for this to be agreed Peter has to co-ordinate with the two RAF personnel and the base, and as the two RAF lads are both airman this is not easy, but Peter said he would persevere.

3.8 Webmaster's report:

Apart from adding any items requested and deleting expired items, little to note.

5.0 AOB:

5.1 Events already planned / in progress for 2022 / 2023.

- 5.1.1 TBA S. Area A S Workshops, dates to be set. **Action Peter Bennett**
- 5.1.2 TBA S. Area Webinar, date to be set. **Action David Smith**. As Andy Symons said he needs "substance" for the meeting to take place this has been on hold but maybe the recently reported attempt to "Club representation at Area meetings" might be a good starting point.
- 5.1.3 2&3/9/23 Popham Model Show. An on-site meeting took place on the 16th of August to finalise the layout. Peter Bennett has in the meantime produced the paperwork (risk assessment and the like) and sent it off to The LMA representative to get the insurance in place for the show, all now agreed.
Thanks, from all must go to Peter for all his work on this.

- 5.1.4 TBA S. Area Free-Flight Gala at Odiham. As reported above Peter Carter due to the cancellation of both the prime and reserve dates a new date has to be arranged with the base.
- 5.1.5 As Peter has reported that “Wimborne MAC have postponed their Jet/EDF weekend due to the multiple clashes this weekend, it will now be on 16th/17th Sept. As reported by David the Helipad event was also cancelled due to bad weather, please note the following: -
Should an unrecoverable loss be made by any event cancellation that is open for all S Area members to take part, please advise and the committee will consider a contribution towards that loss.

5.2 Letter to Dave Phipps

Mike offered to raise this with Dave Phipps when he met him, Dave said to Mike he had never received either letter, I checked, and both were confirmed as sent. Even so Dave has still not been in touch so still no comment / reply. Now I do give up.

5.3 Future committee meetings.

All to try to make the in-person meetings at Popham but Zoom will be available.

The following dates have been agreed with Mike.

18th October S. Area Committee Meeting at **Popham** + Zoom.

15th November S. Area AGM Meeting at **Popham** + Zoom.

5.4 Popham Show: Terry reported all has now been arranged.

5.5 Middle Wallop Wheels & Wings.

Great news we have been invited to attend to put on a flying display / demonstration. Details to be discussed at a later date. (Note: I haven't got the title wrong.)

6.0 The next Meeting as above is the 18th of October at Popham + Zoom.

An agenda will be sent out late on the 4th of October due to my holiday. If anyone would like anything added please let me know by email so I can pick up when I return.

I will send out a reminder and a zoom link to all when I return from my holiday, please all try to attend as the AGM agenda will be discussed.