



British Model Flying Association Southern Area

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Minutes of the S Area Meeting held on the 18th October 2023

Venue: - Meeting was held at Popham and via Zoom

Start Time: 7.30 pm

1.0	Present:	S Area Position:	Club:
	Terry Weeks	Chair & Secretary & ACE	ASF & Popham
	David Smith	V Chair & Delegate	Helipad
	Peter Carter	Committee / Club Delegate & ACE	Aldershot MC
	Peter Bennett	S A ASC	Lansdown
	Mike Pearson	Delegate	Popham
	James Hounslow	Committee / Delegate	South Hants Helis
	Via Zoom:		
	Dave Burstow	Delegate & ACE	Eagles
	Ray Cox	Club Delegate	Popham
	Alan Wallington	Committee / Club Delegate	WCA
	David Durnsford	Committee / Club Delegate	Alton & ASF
	Simon Woods	Delegate	Bracknell

1.1 Apologies for absence:

Peter Willis	Delegate	Wimborne
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2.0 Approval of the minutes from the last Meeting held on the 30th of August 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 on holiday for much of the time but have still been involved in the following.

I attended Popham Airfield to start to set up for the show on Thursday 30th Aug and Friday 1st Sept having prepared all of the registration documentation. Registration started on the Friday from 2:00pm until around 6:00pm as the Pilots / Helpers arrived. As my holiday started on the 3rd of Sept, I was pleased to get a pass-out to attend the first day of the show on the 2nd to finalise registration and assist / take part in the show, all went well.

I have been in contact with The Middle Wallop Museum regarding their Wheels & Wings event in 2024 regarding putting on a demonstration of model aircraft, this has now been accepted, the revised date is now the 13th of July, unfortunately I will not be able to make the revised date, but I hope we can get enough support to take part in the event for the Museum. I have promised to give them a go / no go decision following this meeting.

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 have emailed a copy to all of the committee members with the minutes for ratification at this meeting. No comments received at the time of writing.

3.2 Vice Chairman's Report & Area Delegates report:

Since the last Area meeting, I have attended the Popham Model Show on-site planning meeting on 16 August and helped with set-up for the show on Friday 1 September. I was present for both show days (2/3 September), coordinating the helicopter flyers and participating in the flying display as well as helping out on the HeliPad Model Club stand. I attended an Areas Council meeting by Zoom on 14 September, at which the formation of BMFA Scotland as a new Area was adopted. There was also discussion about increasing club participation in Area Committees, for which a webinar for Areas will be developed by the Club Support Officer.

I shall attend the BMFA AGM in Solihull on Saturday 18 November, but have no details yet on the Finance Director's budget proposal for 2023-24.

3.3 Treasurer's Report:

No report given by Wayne, no change from the last meeting, so Terry re-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.

Regarding the budget proposal sent to Mike Woodhouse this was ratified at the meeting it had been previously sent to all committee members to view.

Acceptance was agreed. Proposed David Smith, Seconded Peter Bennett & Agreed Unanimously.

3.6 Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinators Report:

It was agreed that David Durnsford be awarded ACE FW status and James Hounslow be awarded ACE Heli / Multi Status. *Others are being approached in advance of the AGM to allow us to better cover the area to minimise the traveling requirements. P B To stand down at the AGM.

**Terry added following the meeting Andy Beswick was approached, being located in the North of the area, and is more than willing to take on the role FW & HELI.*

3.7 Free Flight Report:

Peter Carter reported on the situation at Odiham regarding the S Area F / Flight gala, due to personnel availability there is no chance of a date being arranged this year. It is hoped that a date will become available in 2024 and that the licence fee be carried forward.

Although not a S Area Matter Peter has been asked to attend the families day next year, this is good for us as it keeps the contact with the base favourable.

3.8 Webmaster's report:

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

4.0 AOB:

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

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| 4.1.1 TBA | S. Area A S Workshops, dates to be set. Probably now in 2024 if we can get a new A S Co-Ordinator at the AGM as Peter is standing down. |
| 4.1.2 TBA | S. Area Webinar, date to be set. Action David Smith.
Andy Symons to be contacted with regard to this. |

- 4.1.3 26th Nov '23 Aircraft enthusiasts' day at Middle Wallop – We will be taking part as usual, David Smith, David Durnsford, Peter Carter and Terry Weeks to man the stand.
- 4.1.4 TBA S. Area Free-Flight Gala at Odiham. See note above.
- 4.1.5 13th July '24 Middle Wallop Wheels & Wings – Agreed we will attend to put on a flying display, more details to be sought once confirmed with the Museum.
- 4.1.6 7/8th Sept'24. Popham Model Show, early days yet but this is the likely date.

5.0 Support request from Helipad.

Following the previous request, details were requested that are now to hand. Terry read out the details and the following agreement was reached. Having read the report supplied highlighting the loss due to cancellation of their scale event it was agreed that we pay Helipad the £176.00 loss in full few other claims had been made and this was within our budget. Terry to action by bank transfer.

6.0 Discussion on the ACE situation.

Proposed new FW Aces – David Durnsford

Proposed new Heli' ACE – James Hounslow.

The agreement was to ratify these two and to minimise the need to travel others be sought as above.

7.0 Future committee meetings.

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

The following date has been agreed with Mike.

S. Area AGM Meeting at **Popham** + Zoom. An agenda will be sent out on the 25th of October, if anyone would like anything added please let me know by email so I can include it.

We also need to discuss the election of officers in a manner that conforms to the new constitution where possible, in the past the whole committee has stood for re-election at each AGM. Unless anyone has any objections, I would like to propose the following:
 2023 AGM – All stand down as before and the following posts be elected as a minimum for 2024: Each Position to be proposed and seconded at the meeting and be willing to stand, should more than one person be proposed for any role a ballot be held to decide the successful candidate. This procedure agreed – Unanimously.

Officers:

Chair	2 Year Term	\
Secretary	2 Year Term	
Delegate / Vice Chair	1 Year term	> Minimum of 3 members
Treasurer	1 Year Term	
AS Co-Ordinator	1 Year Term	/

Plus:

Events Secretary	2 Year Term
Webmaster	1 Year Term

Those posts elected for a 1 Year Term to stand for election for a 2 Year Term at the 2024 AGM, as per the constitution this ensures a level of ongoing continuity.

7.1 The next Meeting as above is the AGM on the 15th of November at Popham + Zoom.