



British Model Flying Association

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Minutes of the London Area Annual General Meeting for Thursday 1st November The Pedham Golf Centre, London Road, Swanley ,Kent BR88PP

Present: Dave Warren (Concord); Bob Ryan (Bickley); Steve Brett (Bickley); John Lewis (Epping & North Weald); Martin Dilly (Croydon); Neil Bradshaw (FOOHLs); Dave Chinnery (Hayes)

Apologies: for absence;

Terry Rounce (Bretons); Bill Wheeler (Bickley)

Minutes of the previous Meeting: These were accepted. Proposed Bob Ryan and seconded Dave Warren.

Matters Arising None

Chairman's report. Dave Warren reported as follows: As usual I started the year by attending the BMFA stand at the London Model Engineering Exhibition held at Alexandra Palace. The event went well, attracting many enquiring minds and the simulator was as popular as ever. The BMFA Roadshow was to have a new southern venue this year and I was instrumental in booking the venue on behalf of the BMFA but unfortunately due to work commitments I was unable to attend. I have attended all Area meetings this year. All Area clubs that I have knowledge of have enjoyed flying during the long hot summer-albeit a little too hot on some occasions to go out in the sun and fly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those on this year's Committee for their help and continued support.

Vice Chairman's report. Steve Brett reported that he had attended the Examiners' Roadshow and the London Model Engineering Show. He had tested a number of candidates on slope and silent flight as well as a Fixed Wing C with Dave Warren.

Secretary's report. John Lewis reported that there had been six Area meetings since the last AGM. The average attendance was seven individuals representing six clubs. Notice of the meetings were sent by the BMFA to all London Area Clubs and advertised on the London Area website.

Treasurer's report. Unable to attend due to severe traffic delays (1-2 hrs) at the Dartmouth Crossing, Terry Rounce reported by phone that the Area was holding £975.29 and 36p in the current and deposit accounts respectively.

Achievement Scheme Coordinator's Report. Dave Warren reported: I have had a few requests for A, B and examiner tests this year mostly passed onto Keith Berry due to him being closest geographically. Personally I have been tested on slope and Silent Flight tests as well as taking several tests including silent flight, Fixed Wing A & B and my first Fixed Wing C. The positives for the year are that the number of candidates wanting or taking tests is higher than the last couple of years. However one negative is that I have had to advise



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how a club needs to go about having a member retested following a recently awarded B test FW. Both myself and Keith Berry were unanimously ratified to continue as CEs.

Area Delegate's Report. Martin Dilly reported that he represented the London Area at all the Council meeting except the May one which Terry Rounce attended as alternate, plus the 2017 AGM. He also attended the October Areas Council meeting. Details of the business conducted at these meetings is all available on the BMFA website.

The Buckminster National Centre is now well established as an asset to British model flying with events held on almost every weekend in the UK. However more funding is needed for Phase 2 of the development and there is no sign of progress on the establishment of the heritage centre and museum. With many of the people involved with the early history of our sport no longer with us it is vital that we take steps to conserve and record what we can before it is too late. Although we have a London Area presence at Council and Areas Council meetings, that fails to represent the 24 of the Area's 30 clubs who don't bother to attend our meetings; maybe they are unaware of the help, including financial help, the Area can provide for their events. Thus London still struggles on with five people filling the ten committee posts.

PRO Report. Martin Dilly reported that the London Area once again supplied personnel for the setting up and manning of the BMFA stand at the London Model Engineering Exhibition in January, assisted by people from the Southern Area. The Area will be helping to man the BMFA stand at Alexandra Palace in January 2019.

Bill Wheeler is now the webmaster for the Area's website but needs a constant supply of news and event listings from London Area clubs in order to make the site relevant.

Safety Advisor's Reports. Bob Ryan reported three incidents at gliding events which the clubs and CDs had initially been reluctant to report. Bob ensured that they did and spoke to Manny about a failure to report incidents if they did not involve insurance claims. The result was a notice by Manny in the BMFA magazine and an incident report procedure to go into future BMFA Handbooks. Bob had been actively promoting slope and flat field glider tests as well as encouraging members to respond to the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Survey. Dave Warren also drew attention to a circular about DJI drone sudden battery failures for TV50 and TV55 batteries.

Education Officer's Reports. Nothing to report

Silent Flight Report. Dave Chinnery reported that: The London Area sponsored Robert Mahoney Memorial Electric Fly In was held at Middle Wallop in early August. Benefitting from the fine weather, turnout was up on last year and a wide variety of models was flown. These ranged from a small Concorde from a 1960s Aeromodeller FF plan, flown RC on rudder and motor only, to an 88in span Maher Thunderbird powered by 8s lipos. The Robert Mahoney Trophy was won by Roy Thompson of the Basingstoke Club for his scratch built model of the Martin Baker Meteor ejector seat test aircraft.

Free Flight Report. Martin Dilly reported that: Croydon & DMAC's Wakefield Day was postponed twice due to weather but they ran the Coupe Europa at Area 8 on Salisbury Plain and the Area was thanked for its support for these contests. Croydon member Ian Kaynes

represented the UK at the F1E (magnet-steered free flight gliders) European Championships in Slovakia.

Helicopter Report. Bob Ryan said that there had been very little activity in this area but he had taken 4 multi rotor drone tests.

RC Power Report Steve Brett reported that the Bickley Fun Fly supported by London Area had gone well as had the Scale Meeting in August.

Fixed Wing Turbine Report. Steve Brett reported that turbine activity generally had been low due to the dry fields in the hot summer.

London Area Webmaster: There was a request for interesting items to be sent to Bill and for more London Clubs to engage the Portal.

Election of Officers. The posts for London Delegate and PRO were up for election. Bob Ryan proposed the status quo which was seconded by Dave Chinnery.

The Meeting closed at 20.45

Next AGM :14th November 2019