



BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS



MID WEST AREA

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
MID WEST AREA COMMITTEE OF THE BMFA/SMAE
ON TUESDAY, 8th MAY, 2018
AT 7.30pm

AT THE GROVE GOLF CLUB, PORTHCAWL. CF33 4RP.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of the Agenda and items for A.O.B.
3. Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting (13th March, 2018)
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
5. Full Council Matters.
6. Area Council Matters.
7. Area Events.
8. Officers Reports
9. A.O.B.

All Clubs are asked to send a representative and all Mid West Area Officers are requested to attend. Travelling expenses are paid for one car per Club so there is no excuse for not sending a delegate.

The minutes are sent out to all Clubs within the Mid West Area and there is always spare space available to include any flyers or messages relating to any open events your Club may be holding. It's an opportunity to get your message across to other Clubs in the Area so please forward any information to me as soon as available. If you require any special items to be added to the agenda please let me know prior to the meeting.

The Grove Golf Club is located on the A4229 towards Porthcawl. From Junction 37 of the M4 Motorway follow the signs for A4229 Porthcawl. At the next roundabout go straight on and at the next roundabout turn right, following the signs A4229 Porthcawl. The Club is on your right after about 150yds. There are also brown tourist information signs from the M4. On entering the car park turn left. This is where the main Club and restaurant are located. The room is located to the right of the bar area.



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Minutes of the Meeting Held at the Gala Club, Gloucester 13th March, 2018.



Those present:

*Andrew Potts	Chairman	Gaer Park MFC
*Dennis Pritchard	Secretary	Amman Valley RCC
Nicole Mosley	Treasurer	
Mike Williams	Vice Chairman	Gaer Park MFC
*Dean Mosley	Education Officer	Monmouth & Raglan MAC
*Keith Setchell	Ach Sc Coordinator	Swansea MFC
*Mike Tilley	Cardiff MAC	
*Jeff Powell	Pembrokeshire MC	
*Brian Lacey	North Cotswold MAC	
Harriett Lacey	North Cotswold MAC	
*Robert Maltby	Cotswold RCS	
Terry Clarke	Cotswold RCS	
*Neville Hill	Bromyard Model Flyers	
Bob Donaldson	Bromyard Model Flyers.	
Richard Edwards	Bromyard Model Flyers.	
*Selwyn Read	Prestbury Park MFC	
Frank Skilbeck	Newent and District MAC	
*John Lawrence	Newent and District MAC	

*indicates a voting member.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: David Thomas
2. Approval of the Agenda: the Agenda was approved as circulated.

Proposed: Prestbury Park MFC – Selwyn Read
Seconded: Newent & District MAC – John Lawrence.
Voting: unanimous

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (12th November, 2017)

Proposed: Gaer Park MFC – Mike Williams
Seconded: Prestbury Park MFC – Selwyn Read
Voting: unanimous

4. Matters arising from the minutes.
There were none

5. Full Council Matters.

Area Delegate – Andrew Potts informed the meeting that the first full council meeting was held on 13th January, 2018. Ian Pallister was appointed Chairman, Peter Halman as Vice Chairman and Julie Fisher as FAI delegate. The Chairman reported that the BMFA were still having difficulties over the use of Barkston Heath but the Nationals for this year are confirmed.

The computer system at Chacksfield House needs replacing as its running at full capacity. A new handbook, which will include a ‘Code of Conduct’ for BMFA members will hopefully be issued about Easter time.

The Dinner Ticket award concept was discussed and after the wording of the proposal was re-drafted it was passed 19 for 5 against.

The Full Council Meetings for 2018 will be on 12th May and 8th September.

6. Area Council Matters.

Area Delegate – Andrew Potts – the first meeting of the Areas Council was held on Saturday 17th February when the Areas Council was ratified.

The BMFA PRO reported that there was an increased level of use of the BMFA Facebook page. Social media is now overtaking websites as a means of communication. The Chairman requested that Area Delegates report back to their Committees and Clubs to spread the word and encourage greater use.

Achievement Scheme workshops were discussed and agreed that they were the mainstay of BMFA membership structure and the ASRC are putting together a comprehensive DVD portraying each of the scheme disciplines.

The new IT membership system was outlined and a number of Clubs will be selected as beta testers ready for the 2019 renewals

The next Areas Council meeting is proposed for 29th September, 2018.

7. Area Events.

Wings over Wales will be held on 26th and 27th May, 2018 again hosted by Gaer Park MFC.

North Cotswold MAC will again be holding a ‘Fly-in’ on 11th and 12th August, 2018. There will be a charge for pilots of £3 for the two days.

For both events it was requested that the Area fund the hire of portable toilets. It was proposed by Andy Potts and seconded by Dennis Pritchard that both requests be granted. Approved unanimously by those present.

An event that is being held at Eglwysilian Club, Cardiff is a ‘Fun Fighter’ Weekend on 28th and 29th April. For information, this Club is not a BMFA affiliated Club.

8. Officers Reports.

Chairman – Andrew Potts – Reported on the need to arrange Area meetings so that the Area meeting is held before the Full or Area Council Meetings. This is so that the Delegate can then bring up any matters of concern.

The Chairman reported that he had received a message from North Cotswold Club regarding an item in the last meeting. This was in relation to a £3 charge for pilots at their fly-in. This was discussed.

Secretary – Dennis Pritchard – Reported that for the information of Clubs a new Data Protection Act was coming into force at the end of May and this would apply to all Clubs who kept personal details on a computer.

As previously announced a new Membership management portal will be introduced on the BMFA system. This will make membership management a lot easier and allow Membership Secretaries to carry out more tasks than they can at present.

An article will be published in the BMFA news outlining both items.

Vice Chairman - Mike Williams - Gaer Park will once again host the 'Wings over Wales' event.

Treasurer – Nicole Mosley- outlined various costs to the Area. Balance stood at £1,602.

Education Officer- Dean Mosley – No report but asked if anyone had any information on who was entering the 'Heavy Lift Challenge'

Mike Tilley said that he had been contacted by the University at Pontypridd for advice.

Achievement Scheme Coordinator – Keith Setchell – It is hoped that we will hold two workshops this year. Nothing has been arranged but Gaer Park MFC have offered to hold one and Bromyard Model Flyers another. The Vice-Chairman, Mike Williams said that it will not be part of their Fly-in.

9. Any Other Business.

Bromyard Model Flyers – Richard Edwards is working on a Code of Conduct and raised the question of First Aid at the field. Apparently Andy Symonds can supply an excellent Powerpoint presentation which has been compiled by a Doctor. It is important that the first aider be present at the field. Dean Mosley said that he could possibly help by putting together an information package.

The Secretary – Dennis Pritchard raised the question of the Area holding an indoor flying event during the Winter. Other Areas seem to hold several and advertise them in the BMFA News. Mike Tilley said that there may be a possibility for later this year of holding one in the Cardiff area.

Vice Chairman – Mike Williams had made some enquiries regarding a location for the Area AGM. It was agreed that the venue would be the Lighthouse and to start at one pm.

Swansea MFC – Keith Setchell - Mark Williams, who is the current British Champion in control line, is representing the UK in the World Championships in France later in the year and requests that a contribution be considered towards his costs. It was requested that a breakdown of the costs be produced at a future meeting. Congratulations were extended to Mark Williams for his achievement.

Bromyard Model Flyers – Bob Donaldson asked, when do Clubs direct pilots to arm electric models? Following a discussion it was a consensus that the motor of an electric model should be armed in the pits immediately before flight checks and flying, and that when doing so, the model should be restrained.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

10. Date and venue of next meeting.

Next meeting: 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th May, 2018 at the Grove Golf Club,
Porthcawl.