



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, 13th March, 2018
AT 7.30pm

AT THE GALA CLUB, GLOUCESTER. GL2 9EB.

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 (12th November, 2017)
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 GALA Club is in Fairmile Gardens, North Gloucester and is just off the A.40 by-pass. Whether approaching from the East or West, turn South at the Longford Roundabout onto the A.38, Tewkesbury Road. Fairmile Gardens is the 2nd turning left. The Gala Club is at the end of the road. Go through the gateway and around the Club building to the entrance.



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Minutes of the Meeting
Held at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl
12th November, 2017.



Those present:

*Andrew Potts	Chairman	Gaer Park MFC
Mike Williams	Vice Chairman	Gaer Park MFC
*Dennis Pritchard	Secretary	Amman Valley RCC
Nicole Mosley	Treasurer	
*Dean Mosley	Education Officer	Monmouth and Raglan MFC
David Thomas	Ach. Sc. Co-ord.	Amman Valley RCC

*Mike Tiley	Cardiff MAC
*Keith Setchell	Swansea MFC
Clive Wynne Hughes	Swansea MFC
*Steve Maunder	Barry Aeromodellers
Bob Donaldson	Bromyard Model Fliers
*Richard Edwards	Bromyard Model Fliers
*Selwyn Read	Prestbury Park MFC

*indicates a voting member.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: Brian Steed, Brian Pell, David Plummer, Chris Cole, Derek Small and Robin Wilson.
2. Approval of the Agenda: the Agenda was approved as circulated.

Proposed: Gaer Park MFC – Mike Williams
Seconded: Monmouth & Raglan MFC – Dean Mosley
Voting: unanimous

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (5th September, 2017)

Proposed: Amman Valley RCC – Dave Thomas
Seconded: Monmouth & Raglan MFC – Dean Mosley
Voting: unanimous

4. Matters arising from the minutes.
There were none.

5. Full Council Matters.
Area Delegate – Andrew Potts - BMFA Full Council meeting was held on 9th September, 2017. Discussed were the BMFA fees for next year and the financial state of the National Flying Centre, which is very good. The ratification of Honorary Members. Competitions were discussed but I was unable to raise the question of Area contributions to members involved in competitions. However, informal discussions indicated support for the principle
Ian Pallister was appointed the new Chairman.
6. Area Council Matters.
Area Delegate – Andrew Potts – It was reported that there were about 500 less members and as a result the fees for next year will increase by £1 for adult membership. Also discussed was a demand from HMRC.
The BMFA website is now run by a different company and users should notice an improvement. Almost 30,000 are viewing the site each week with some 3000 actual users. Several Areas, which have their own pages with links to Facebook pages, reported increased usage.
The BMFA members` handbook has now been released and can be viewed on the website.
Insurance claims have increased by about 15% with a notable increase in claims for damage to solar panels. Closer investigation of claims is now being carried out.
7. Area Events.
‘Wings over Wales’ at Gaer Park MFC on 26th/27th May, 2018.
8. Officers Reports.
Chairman – Andy Potts - no report
Secretary – Dennis Pritchard – no report.
Treasurer – Nicole Mosely - no report
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator – David Thomas – no report.
Education Officer – Dean Mosely – no report.
9. Any Other Business.
Richard Edwards – Attended North Cotswold Club fly-in and having been invited to attend, was charged £3 to register his transmitter. This was disappointing in view of the prevalence of 2.4ghz radios.

Keith Setchell –an Area donation to Mark Williams had been previously discussed. This request has been withdrawn by Mark on this occasion but would be something for consideration in the future should a similar situation arise.

Clive Wynne Hughes – in view of the fact that Keith Setchell is now the Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator, could the Committee consider his appointment as an Area Chief Examiner for fixed wing. Following a discussion, this was formerly proposed by Clive and seconded by Andy Potts. The voting for was unanimous, none against and no abstentions.

Keith Setchell – it was noted that an entry to the BMFA Heavy Lift Challenge has been received from the University of South Wales and was anyone in contact with the team. It was pointed out that the University had many different campuses and the best avenue would be for Andy Potts to make enquiries with the BMFA.

Dean Mosely – the Area has a limited stock of items which should be disposed of and wanted members to discuss the situation. Following a discussion it was proposed by Andy Potts and seconded by Keith Setchell that it be disposed of by way of a sale. It was suggested that this could be carried out at the ‘**Wings over Wales**’ event.

10. Date and venue of next meeting.

Next meeting: **7.30pm, Monday, 13th March, 2018** at the Gala Club, Gloucester.