



MID WEST AREA

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Gala Club, Gloucester 28th August 2018.



Present:

Andrew Potts	Chairman	Gaer Park MFC
*Mike Tiley	Secretary	Cardiff MAC
*Mike Williams	Vice Chairman	Gaer Park MFC
*Keith Setchell	Ach Sc Coordinator	Swansea MFC
*Dennis Pritchard	Amman Valley RCC	
David Thomas	Amman Valley RCC	
*Richard Edwards	Bromyard MFC	
Bob Donaldson	Bromyard MFC	
Neville Hill	Bromyard MFC	
*Selwyn Read	Prestbury Park MFC	
*Brian Lacey	North Cotswold MAC	

*indicates a voting member.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: Robin Wilson; Dean Mosley; Nicole Mosley
2. Approval of the Agenda as circulated:

Proposed: Gaer Park MFC – Mike Williams
Seconded: Amman Valley RCC – Dennis Pritchard
Voting: unanimous

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (8th May 2018):

Proposed: Gaer Park MFC – Andrew Potts
Seconded: Amman Valley RCC – Dennis Pritchard
Voting: unanimous

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

(5) It was noted that problem of known traders placing advertisements in the members area had been escalated and was being dealt with.

5. Full Council Matters:

The Area Delegate (Andrew Potts) informed the meeting that he had attended the Full Council Meeting on 12th May.

The draft Annual Accounts were considered and it was anticipated the SMAE/BMFA would just break even. Membership was 1,000 down on the previous year.

Two temporary staff members had been appointed to BMFA Buckminster to help with the running of the site. Booking were buoyant with most 2018 dates accounted for. Plans for the next phase of development have been drawn up and are under consideration. The BMFA's insurers (Integro) have agreed to a further 3 years

sponsorship. Further to a query regarding the National Championships, the Chairman stated that the second development phase would make provision towards this.

Clubs with any GDPR queries can still contact Club Support Officer Andy Symonds for assistance.

The next Full Council Meeting on 8th September 2018 would include the ratification of new affiliated Clubs, honorary members, records entries and competition results.

6. Area Council Matters:

The Area Delegate (Andrew Potts) reported that the next Areas Council Meeting would be held on 13th October, 2018. Items for discussion included the proposal that a professionally produced video package of the 'A' and 'B' tests be commissioned, with a £200 contribution from each Area. It was agreed that the Area would find it of limited use and that the current system of workshops was effective. Accordingly it was AGREED that would not contribute towards this initiative.

7. Area Events:

The North Cotswold MAC 'Fly-in' was held on 11/12th August, 2018, with one good and one bad day, weather-wise. It attracted 2 new members.

"Wings over Wales" was once again held at Gaer Park on 26/27th May, 2018, with good weather on both days. Mike Williams (V-C, Gaer Park MFC) thanked the BMFA for financial support with trophies and portable W/Cs.

8. Officers Reports.

Vice-Chairman (Mike Williams) confirmed that the Lighthouse Inn, Wentloog, had been booked for the Area AGM on Sunday 11th November 2018.

The Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (Keith Setchell) reported that an Examiners Workshop had been held on 22 July at Gaer Park, who had made their field available for this. Thirteen attended, including 3 examiners and 3 potential examiners. Once again, this had proved to be a worthwhile and instructive endeavour, with a good 'A' being flown, followed by an exemplary 'B'. He had hoped to organise another Workshop at Bromyard MFC later in the year, but Bromyard members regretted to confirm that they could not host on this occasion.

9. Any Other Business:

9.1 Members were asked to check that recent expenses had been received in their bank accounts as the Treasurer had advised there had been some problems.

9.2 The Secretary advised that an online government survey on the future use and control of 'drones' was being carried out. Details and links would be put on the Area's facebook page. Members were urged to complete.

9.3 Universities Challenge: the Ach. Sch. Coordinator reported that this had been held in north Wales. The Swansea team (with whom he'd had contact) were commended for their efforts, which had been thwarted by a failed VTO gyro.

9.4 Indoor flying event: The Chairman stated that he would ask the Education Officer to enquire about the availability of Abergavenny Leisure Centre. The Secretary advised that a promising lead had fallen through, but undertook to make further enquiries about venues in the Cardiff area.

Key dates: Technical Council 20 October
 HQ AGM 17 November

10. Date and venue of next Area Meeting:

11th November, 2018 at the Lighthouse Inn, Wentloog, Gwent, commencing at 1.00pm.

Lunch will be served at 2.00pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.