

**MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE MODEL  
AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (RAFMAA) (BMFA AREA 14)  
HELD AT RAF HONINGTON AT 2000  
ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present	Wg Cdr M A Evans Air Cdre R McAlpine CBE DFC Sqn Ldr J Clarkson Chf Tech D Platts Mr C Barker Mr Neil Tricker Mr C Waite J/T G Hughes Chf Tech M Paffett	Treasurer Competition Sec Control Line Sec Silent Flight Sec News Letter Editor Airmen's Rep Indoor/Free Flight Sec	Chairman President         Secretary
Stations Represented (Members:10 Full, 7 Honorary, 3 Associate, 1 Junior)	DE&S Filton RAF Brize Norton RAF Cranwell RAF Coningsby RAF High Wycombe RAF Marham RAF Scampton		
Apologies	WO I Nelson Sgt D Houston Cpl M Matthias J/T J Goodright	Achievement Scheme Co-ord Property Member Power Comp Sec Equipment Scheme Co-ord	

Item (a)	Discussion & Decision (b)	Action (c)						
1 Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>1. The Chairman welcomed those present to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Royal Air Force Model Aircraft Association.</p> <p>2. The minutes from the last meeting, held at RAF Honington on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009, were reviewed and agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Chf Tech Platts, Seconded: Sqn Ldr Pallister, Carried unanimously.</p>							
2 Actions & Matters Arising from Last Meeting	<p>There was 1 action outstanding from the previous AGM:</p> <p>1. The action to amend the Association Charter is ongoing.</p>	Chairman						
3 Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer submitted the following report:</p> <p>1. <u>Balance of Accounts for End of Financial Year 09/10.</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Total Account Balance as at end Mar 09:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,968.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income – Expenditure:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£753.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Account Balance as at end Mar 10:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,721.37</td> </tr> </table>	Total Account Balance as at end Mar 09:	£6,968.08	Income – Expenditure:	£753.29	Total Account Balance as at end Mar 10:	£7,721.37	
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	<p><u>Current Balance of Accounts (Jul 2010).</u></p> <p>Current Account: £4,574.00</p> <p>Capital Reserve: £3,724.67</p> <p>Total: £8,298.67</p> <p><u>Significant occurrences since the last meeting.</u></p> <p>BMFA Area Funding received - £1,029.93</p> <p>Rate for refund of travel expenses set at 25p/mile for normal travel and 40p/mile for towing.</p> <p>Accounts submitted to RAF Sports Board for audit.</p> <p><u>Membership as at 31 Aug 09.</u></p> <p>Full: 51</p> <p>Associate: 31</p> <p>Honorary: 23</p> <p>Junior: 2</p> <p>Total: 107</p> <p>With BMFA insurance via RAFMAA: 60</p> <p>2. It was proposed that the Association Accounts be accepted and that the subs apart from Associate Membership stay at their present level for the next year. The Treasurer proposed that Associate Membership be raised to £18. After some discussion a counter-proposal to raise the Associate Membership to £15 was accepted.</p> <p>Proposed: Chf Tech Platts, Seconded: Chf Tech Luby, Carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>4 Competition Secretary's Report</p>	<p>1. The 2010 Competition season was opened with a Slope Soaring event at Long Mynd. This was a reasonably well attended event with Cross Country and Pylon being well contested despite the challenging conditions.</p> <p>2. Following on were the Indoor events at RAF Digby, although fairly lightly attended by serving members, the event proved itself to be a great success as it also served as one of the BMFA Indoor Scale and Indoor RC meetings, providing many more competitors than a RAFMAA alone event can generate. I believe that this is a fruitful formula that makes completion healthier and more enjoyable.</p>	

3. Next on the calendar was the RAFMAA Warbirds at RAF Scampton, this extremely popular event was very well attended thanks to the efforts of Alex Mumford. A full weekend of flying was achieved as the weather remained mostly kind allowing us to further raise the profile of model flying within the Royal Air Force. As the phenomenal popularity of this sort of event grows around the country further thought should be given to how best we can further RAFMAA's aims when conducting this event in the future. Altogether this was a thoroughly enjoyable event that was widely acclaimed throughout the modelling press as the perfect model flying season opener.

4. During the same weekend there was a RAFMAA Indoor event, again at RAF Digby. This was sufficiently attended by RAFMAA members to allow conclusive competition to take place; during the final results tally at the Champs it was clear that a lot of effort is still invested in competing the indoor disciplines.

5. At the end of April another Slope event was planned, unfortunately this had to be cancelled as there was insufficient participants, this was mainly due to many of the key players were otherwise committed due to the nature of the RAF lately.

6. A RAFMAA Fly-In was next; this was held at RAF Scampton. Disappointingly, very few RAFMAA members could make it to the event which was consequently poorly attended. However, those that did had the luxury of the whole of Scampton's airfield to themselves and in spite of the blustery conditions managed to get a good amount of flying in. The main lesson for me is to get the date published a lot earlier in the year and try and nail down as many members attendance as possible.

7. Finally this year we held the RAFMAA Championships at RAF Honington. After the atrocious weather at the BMFA Nationals the weekend before, I wasn't overly optimistic, but in true RAFMAA good luck the Gods smiled and gave us near perfect conditions for the whole Champs. During a quiet first day the Control Liners were the only ones with sufficient entries to make completion, this was mainly caused by many of the key players either being out of the country or otherwise engaged. During this time plenty of flying was achieved and as more members arrived the activity levels rocketed. The most hotly contested power event by far was the Scale Flying, this is very popular with many members and I believe represents the right balance between fun and serious completion that RAFMAA represents. The Standard and Advanced Aeros where

another successful round of completion; run alongside Dave Towel's ever popular Fun Fly. An area that I have had little experience of is Thermal Soaring; being interested in all aspects of model flying I decided to poke my nose in and discovered Gliding to be fantastic fun, especially with a little completion thrown in. My personal thanks must go to Colin Waite who not only sold me a very reasonably priced thermal soarer, but also allowed me to beat him into third place with it! Not content with cutting my teeth on just one new branch of aeromodelling, I was persuaded to try my hand at control line. Ably instructed by Chris Barker and Neil Tricker, I spent the next few minutes trying to concentrate on the plane whilst the whole world spun around me; apparently it takes a while to acclimatise to the nausea so after my first attempt I had to stagger off, eventually sitting down with a thump like I'd just been taking part in some silly drinking game! Anyway, the point of my preamble is this; no matter how long you have been in this game there is a good chance that there is something yet to try, go on have a go, if you have half as much fun as I did it would be worth it. On the Friday afternoon we held the Free Flight Scramble; this was another well competed event with lots of fine physiques pounding the grass all round the airfield; quite a spectacle from where I was sat doing the stats! This is another new event I'm determined to enter next year. Not only was there a great time to be had by all on the airfield, but the afterhours social was, yet again great. The barbeque was another success as well as the fork supper in the new mess and then to have the opportunity to learn about BAe's new UAV's and to play with their simulator was just icing on the cake. This Champs event was, in my opinion, the best I have attended. Although quite a few of the stalwarts were sadly not there, there was still plenty of competition, fun and interest for all involved, my thanks go to all of you who made my job easier my organising and running the individual events and to Robin Gowler who yet again was selfless in his support to the event. I look forward to seeing you all there again next year and I urge you to encourage others to attend too.

8. The Chairman and the Comp Sec announced to the AGM that 3 members of the Association had won British National Championships at the recent BMFA event. These are:

Mr Chris Barker (Hon) – F2CN CL Team Race 1<sup>st</sup>

CT Martin Paffett (Full)

And

Mr Michael Paffett (Ass) – Mini G/year CL Team Race 1<sup>st</sup>

	The announcement was greeted with acclamation.	
5 Ratification of Honorary Members	<p>Sqn Ldr Andy Rogers (Retd) was proposed for Honorary Membership in recognition of his considerable efforts on behalf of the Association as Treasurer and event organiser. The proposal was met with universal approval.</p> <p>Proposed: Chf Tech Paffett, Seconded: Sqn Ldr Clarkson, Carried unanimously.</p>	
6 Election of Officials	<p>1. The Chairman announced to the AGM that he would be standing down and had tendered his resignation to the RAF Sports Board President. His willing successor will be Sqn Ldr Gordon Studley.</p> <p>1. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received 2 volunteers to fill vacant positions on the Executive Committee:</p> <p>a. SAC Will Walters had volunteered to become Newsletter Editor/Web Master/Secretary.</p> <p>b. Chf Tech Paul Luby had volunteered to become BMFA Delegate.</p> <p>2. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to members leaving the committee for their efforts in support of the Association. The meeting responded by acclamation.</p> <p>3. The Chairman commended the following Executive Committee to the AGM:</p> <p>Chairman – Sqn Ldr Gordon Studley, by appointment  Vice Chairman – Sqn Ldr John Clarkson, by appointment  Treasurer - Sqn Ldr John Clarkson  Secretary – SAC Will Walters  Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator - WO Ian Nelson  Comp Sec - Chf Tech Dan Platts  Power Sec - Cpl Mike Matthias  Silent Flight Sec - Mr Neil Tricker  Indoor/Free Flight Sec - Chf Tech Martin Paffett  Control Line Sec - Mr Chris Barker  PRO/BMFA Delegate – Chf Tech Paul Luby  Equipment Scheme – Jnr Tech James Goodright  News Letter Editor – SAC Will Walters  Property Member - Cpl Danny Houston  Airmens” Representative – SAC Gareth Hughes</p> <p>4. The new Executive Committee was proposed by Wg Cdr Evans, seconded by Chf Tech Platts, carried unanimously.</p> <p>5. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Sqn Ldr Ian Pallister who had fulfilled the role of BMFA Delegate for the past year.</p>	
7 AOB	There were no previously notified items of AOB, however, the Chairman accepted the following items from the floor:	

	<p>1. The Comp Sec asked for AGM agreement for the committee to discuss future allocation of trophies – this was agreed.</p> <p>2. It was requested that an attempt is made to publish on the website, as a permanent record, <u>all</u> RAFMAA competition winners, since the records began. The Airmen's Rep is to liaise with the Newsletter Editor.</p> <p>3. It was requested that a RAFMAA Trophy be allocated to the "Best of Show" at the RAFMAA War Birds Event, in memory of Mr David Boddington, ex-RAFMAA member and a most highly regarded modeller. The proposal was met with universal approval.</p> <p>Proposed: Chf Tech Platts, Seconded: Sqn Ldr Clarkson, Carried unanimously.</p> <p>4. Sqn Ldr Ian Pallister proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, which was met with acclamation. The Chairman responded with his thanks.</p>	Airmens' Rep, Newsletter Editor
8 President's AOB	The President asked the AGM to show their appreciation for the work of the committee, including the outgoing members. The meeting responded by acclamation.	
9 Next Meeting	<p>1. The next AGM will be held at the 2011 RAFMAA Championships, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 – venue to be agreed.</p> <p>2. The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45.</p>	

*Original Signed*  
M PAFFETT  
Chf Tech  
Acting Secretary