

Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting 10th Jan. 2018.

Present:

Stuart Willis	Chairman	Felbridge Flyers
Robert Richardson	Vice Chairman	Hastings MFC and Horam MFC
Chris Searle	Secretary	Felbridge Flyers
Bob Hart	A.S. co-ordinator	Wealden and Hastings MFC
Terry Knight	Member	Crawley MFC
Richard Pidduck	Member	Caterham and District MFC
James Gordon	Member	Caterham and District MFC
Roger Marples	Member	E.D.M.A.C
David Lambert	Member	E.D.M.A.C
John Philips	Member	E.S.S.A
Peter Burgess	Member	E.S.S.A
Colin Cumber	Member	1066 MFC
Mark Heffer	Member	1066 MFC

Apologies:

Jim Tucker	Treasurer	Wealden and Hastings MFC
Colin McGinn	Area chief examiner	
Mike Sun	Area chief examiner	
David Wolper	Member	E.R.F.C

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Read and approved by those present.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting.

To be discussed under specific topics.

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3. Officers reports

Chairman and Council Delegate;

I attended the BMFA AGM in November last year. Manny Williamson gave a presentation on the current status of the National Centre. The Centre had a good first year with a number of event being held there both flying and non-flying in the form of Swap meets, Training sessions, etc, The 2018 calendar is already starting to fill up with BMFA and non BMFA events. These are going a long way to making the centre full self-funded and also hopefully enable the next stage of development to take place, I have finally visited the centre, although I did not have time for a fly the flying area is impressive large open flying area and a strip that is probability bigger than some flying fields Felbridge flyers field being one of them. I as unable to attend the prise giving but did collect The Farrow's Bank Shield II trophy which was won by 3 members of the Crawley club. The areas congratulations go out to them.

I was invited to the Caterham Club prize giving and buffet just before Christmas. A very enjoyable evening I got to speak to a number of people one of them a young up and coming star in the world model aircraft and aviation. In conjunction with the Caterham Club I suggested we look at putting him forward for one of the Royal Aero Club Bursaries that area available. Speaking to his mother he is an active member of a local ATC squadron I suggested the area could help put by supplying a number of BMFA darts for the members for the squadron to build much much as we did the other year. Thanks to James for the invite I'm sure the area can help out with other clubs in some way we just need to open up better communication lines.

I have also been up to head office working on the new membership system the BMFA hopes to implement this year, more news on this as and when I have it. I attended a meeting put on by the sports and recreation alliance that covered aspects of the GDPR that comes into force in may this year, sadly it seem to pose more questions than answered but I did give us some pointer when looking at the new membership system the BMFA plan to have.

The new area website is now up and running.

I recently added a new form that allows clubs to submit details of their events to be included in websites 2018 calendar.

I will be adding new bits as required.

Vice Chairman;

Nothing to Report.

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Secretary:

The meeting room has been booked for the AGM/OGM on Wednesday 14th November. The email addresses of Gary Bunclarke and Mick Galvin have been corrected and Mike Sun's updated in the Area newsletter.

All Club secretaries had been emailed using the Area web site requesting that they review their Club examiner list and only ratify those people that are still interested in carrying out that role. There is a question as to why not all Clubs have viewed the email as indicated on the Reports page on the web site. This is to be investigated in case it is a technical issue.

Treasurer:

Balance as of 1/1/2018 = £2842.00

Less outstanding cheques;	Long Man	= £500.00
	Ashdown Forest	= £448.00
	K2 event	= £992.00

Available balance = £902.00

A.S Co-ordinator:

There was a proposal by Bob Hart which was seconded by Stuart Willis to elect James Gordon as an Area Chief Examiner. The proposal was put to a vote and after considering James's CV those present voted unanimously to elect him. This will be in addition to those ACEs that were ratified in 2017. The number of ACEs required will be reviewed at the next AGM.

Education officer:

Report not received.

Flying discipline Secretary:

Report not received

4. South East Area events in 2018.

K2 Indoor:

Although he is unable to attend due to other commitments Stuart Willis would be meeting members of the Crawley Club on the 16th to discuss operational details of the Event. He has requested an Invoice from K2 but this has not yet been received. Stuart stated that there is a need for volunteers to be present at the point of entry to ensure that spectators pay the entry fee. James Gordon and Robert Richardson agreed to help in this respect, the entry fees being £12.00 for flyers and £5.00 for spectators. The doors open at 10:00, flying starts at 11:00 and the event will finish at 17:30

Electric and Scale meetings at E.R.F.C:

David Wolper will inform Stuart Willis of possible dates for these Events. It is important to avoid a clash of dates with other similar events and Stuart would co-ordinate this with David.

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Hasting Scale Day:

The Hastings committee are meeting next month and the date should then be known. It is probably going to be the last week in July or the first week in August and Bob Hart will inform the Area when confirmed.

Cloud Tramp;

Scheduled for 4th August.

5. Ashdown Forest and Long Man.

Stuart Willis has discussed the matter with the Free Flight Technical Committee who suggested setting suitable fees for flying at the sites. There was another discussion on the subject which repeated all that had been said before. Stuart Willis promised to write to local Clubs requesting a donation on behalf of any members they may have that use these sites. Also ESSA presented a cheque for £200.00 in respect of the fee they charge their members plus another £100.00 as a donation towards the cost of the Long Man site. Terry Knight said that the Free flight competitors were going to make a donation to the Ashdown forest fees. However because it is apparent that no extra funding from Head Office will be forthcoming and the Area's present finances are sound it was decided to review the situation at the time of the AGM.

6. A.O.B.

Roger Marples asked if Duncan McClure had made any further advances on harmonising the Examiners Workshop. He expressed concern that all areas were developing their own approach to this issue. Stuart advised that Duncan was still developing the video on the "A" fixed wing test and when this had been finalised this video would be handed to all Areas to use in their Workshop.

8. NEXT MEETING 9th May 2018