



BMFA South Midlands Area Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held at 20:00hrs on Tues 4th Sept. 2018
at the Red Lion, Dagnall

Area Officers present:

Vice Chairman Mick Eames
AS Co-ordinator Mick Eames

Secretary Dick Whitehead
Education Co-ordinator Brian Cooper

Clubs in attendance:

Aylesbury & District – Peter Johnson (v)
Bedfordshire SF – Barbara Wright (v)
Buzzards MFC – Mick Dudley (v)
Ivinghoe SA – Jim Wright (v)
Luton & DMAS & Sec. – Dick Whitehead
Oxford MFC – Bob Lee (v)
Watford Wayfarers – Richard Crapp (v)
Witney & District – Graham Smith (v)

Aylesbury & District – Bob Playle
Buckaneers MFC - Neil Tidey (v)
Chiltern Flyers – Peter Rabjohn (v)
Luton & DMAS and ASC – Mick Eames (v)
MK Modellers – Peter Rabjohn (v)
Old Warden – Julian Barker (v)
Wellingborough OG – Brian Cooper (v)

Total voting strength: 13 voting attendees (v), plus 2 non-voting attendees, Total attendees = 15
The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

1) Welcome and Apologies for absence:

Apologies received from:

Duncan McClure – Chairman
Charles Malcolm - Old Warden MAC
Mitch Mabbut – High Wycombe & DMAC
Peter Richardson – Wicken MAC

Andy Todd - Treasurer
Greg Butterworth – South Cambridge MFC
Derek Giles – Buckaneers MFC

2) Adoption of minutes of the meeting held on Tues 8th May 2018

It was proposed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Wellingborough OG – Brian Cooper

Seconded: Chiltern Flyers – Peter Rabjohn

Votes for – 13 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 0

3) Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

4) Correspondence:

There has been no correspondence.

5) Report on Full Council on 12th May:

The minutes of that meeting had been circulated prior to this meeting.

A question was asked about the progress of the BMFA seeking Charitable Status.

Jim Wright gave a brief update of his understanding of the present situation which is that the BMFA could not get charitable status with its present constitution but was pursuing the issue with regard to the National Centre. A report is believed to have been prepared but we have heard nothing more. Our delegate is requested to ask for a progress report at Full Council – possibly in “matters arising from the minutes”.

6) Review of BMFA Council 8th September Agenda:

Items where our delegate required our instructions on how to vote were discussed. These were :-
(NOTE: the following may be abbreviated versions - for the full text please see the Council Agenda)

11 b *The ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10, & Juniors £5; 5-year FAI stamp £30; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.*

12 *To receive a report from the Records Officer to include British Record Claims and a proposal from the Records Officer, all as follows:*

i) Richard Hart (33008) CL Speed Sport Jet – 10/06/18 at Barton Area Centralised – 150.01 mph.

ii) Henry Bargery (208228) Living Room Stick Rubber Duration – 01/05/18 at Wickham Community Centre – 4 mins 47 secs.

iii) Richard McGladdery (54062) CL F2G Speed – 10/06/18 at Barton Area Centralised – 241.7 kph.

iv) David Finch (40864) CL Weatherman Speed Class 1 – 28/05/18 at FF Nationals Barkston Heath – 63.26 mph.

v) To receive a proposal from the Records Officer, on behalf of the GBRCAA who wish to introduce a new trophy. The committee have been donated a commemorative trophy in memory of the late Clive Weller and they propose to award it annually to the winner of their team selection process.

17 *To receive a proposal from Martin Dilly FSMAE RAeC Delegate that all events listed on the BMFA events calendar will include the coordinates of the access point.*

The meeting had no objections to any of the above items, and indeed were broadly supportive, but as there is nothing contentious in them no vote was taken

7) Applications for Team Member funding:- F4 Dave Toyer, John Carpenter, Richard Crapp, F2B Glen Alison.

This Area’s principles are that we will offer financial support for Team Members who are affiliated to the BMFA through an Area club. It has been confirmed that John Carpenter, although also a member of an Area club, is actually affiliated to the BMFA via a club in another Area and so is not eligible for our support.

The meeting therefore approved a donation of £80 each to Dave Toyer, Richard Crapp, and Glen Alison.

Proposed: Witney & District – Graham Smith

Seconded: Wellingborough OG – Brian Cooper

Votes for – 13 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 0

8) Process for allocation of Team Funding by BMFA Comp. Sec.

It was agreed that clarity was needed on this subject, but that more thought and information was needed to work up a firm proposal. The subject was therefore postponed until the next meeting.

9) ASRC Video Funding

The general feeling of the meeting was that the ASRC video initiative was important, should be supported, and should be progressed as fast as possible. However, there was concern at the Areas being asked to pick up the “tab” following a central budgeting error without being given any idea of overall planned cost or even what the money was to be spent on.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed that we postpone a decision until the next meeting, when it was hoped more information would be available on exactly what the money was needed for, and what the other Areas were doing.

Proposed: ISA – Jim Wright

Seconded: Aylesbury – Peter Johnson

Votes for – 13 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 0

10) Any other Business

The Area Education Co-ordinator, Brian Cooper, raised the issue of travel and other expenses for events he had attended and supported. Others also pointed out that they had also been involved in events relating to schools, youth organisations, etc.

The meeting agreed that these were legitimate Area activities and, subject to the usual approval process, could be claimed for in the normal manner. It was also thought to be a good idea if these could be clearly identified as “education activities” in the accounts.

11) Club activity comments from delegates (in random order)

Aylesbury – There has been some good flying, with a few comps run, and several new members, but the ground has been very hard.

Beds SF – membership is down to the 9 or 10 mark, but the decent weather has brought people out. Grass cutting has been an issue.

Old warden – membership is doing well with some new members. There have been several “event days” and the club supports the Model Air weekends as well as putting on static displays at “full size” events.

Wellingborough OG – They have picked up four new members brought out by the hot weather, however it has been too hot on some occasions with one event being cancelled due to the heat.

Luton & DMAS – reported that they recently held their annual “open day”, inviting families, friends, and people from the local village to come and enjoy the flying. For once the weather was superb and a lot of flying enjoyed by all. A barbecue was run, and the local pub provided a 35 pint container of ale!

Chiltern Flyers – There have been problems with their field, but a few competitions have still been held.

Watford wayfarers – Nothing special to report, but the club is generally doing OK and the field is in reasonable condition.

Oxford MFC – reported the death of a long serving and respected member, Bob Jones. Known as a prolific builder of all types of model – FF, RC electric, and IC – his plan collection is available via Sam's Models.

A FF rally has been held at Port Meadow, but a clash with a fishing competition resulted in some car parking problems. A scale comp is planned.

Buzzard FC – flying continues with a few problems caused by the hot dry weather and cracked field.

Buckaneers MFC – have held a chuck glider comp that was very well supported with 11 competitors (one third of the membership) including one 90 year old.

Ivinghoe SA – Pleased to report that membership is up by about 14. An “away day” to the National Centre at Buckminster was much appreciated with people asking to do it again.

12) Date and venue of next meeting:

The next Area meeting will be our AGM and is to be held on **Tuesday 4th December 2018** at the Red Lion, Dagnall, at 20:00hrs

Meeting closed at: 21:45