



BMFA South Midlands Area Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held at 20:00hrs on Tues 8th May 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)
Buckaneers MFC - Neil Tidey
Chiltern Flyers – Peter Rabjohn (v)
Luton & DMAS and ASC – Mick Eames
MK Modellers – Peter Rabjohn (v)
Old Warden – Julian Barker (v)
Wellingborough OG – Brian Cooper (v)
Witney & District – Graham Smith (v)

Aylesbury & District – Bob Playle
Buckaneers MFC – Derek Giles (v)
Buzzards MFC – Mick Dudley (v)
Ivinghoe SA – Jim Wright (v)
Luton & DMAS & Sec. – Dick Whitehead (v)
Oxford MFC – Bob Lee (v)
Watford Wayfarers – Richard Crapp (v)
Wicken MAC – Ian Jeath (v)

Total voting strength: 14 voting attendees (v), plus 3 non-voting attendees, Total attendees = 17
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

Matthew Dawson - WLMAC

Kevin Matthews - MK Model Helicopter Club

Any Todd - Treasurer

Peter Richardson - Wicken MFC

Colin Durrant - St Albans MAC

2) Adoption of minutes of the meeting held on Tues 9th January 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 – 14 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 13th January:

Our delegate's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Peter Rabjohn raised the issue of the lack of any feedback on the progress with the control line circles at BMFA Buckminster or any publicity of the request for donations or funding. If there is no publicity for

the request for funding/donations we are less likely to get any. Jim Wright explained his understanding of progress so far and offered to follow this item up further.

6) Review of BMFA Council 12th May 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)

Item 9 c) To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.

Some puzzlement over this item as the process should be unchanged from previous years.

It was proposed that our delegate should take whatever action he thought appropriate at the meeting

Proposed: Witney & District – Graham Smith

Seconded: Luton - Dick Whitehead

Votes for – 13 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 0 (one person temporarily absent)

Item 9 d) To determine the eligibility of any Elected Officers (having served for ten or more years in the current position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 8 – February 2015 .

Many present were not familiar with this rule, the people affected, or their record in office, and were therefore reluctant to cast an opinion.

Again, it was proposed that our delegate should take whatever action he thought appropriate at the meeting.

Proposed: Wellingborough OG – Brian Cooper

Seconded: Luton - Dick Whitehead

Votes for – 7 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 7

Item 12 a) Record Claims:

i) Mark Bennis (72513) F1D F119 duration (one flight in competition) – 25 min 04 secs

ii) Mark Bennis (72513) F1D F120 duration (two flights in competition) – 22 mins 20 sec + 25 min 04 secs
= 47 mins 24 secs

iii) Mark Bennis (72513) F1D F125 (c) duration (Open) –25 mins 04 secs.

Item 12 b) Trophy Proposals:

i) The GBRCAA wish to introduce a new trophy for the winner of the team selection process.

ii) The SFTC would like to introduce a new trophy for the winner of the annual BMFA F5B League.

No one at the meeting had any objections to or comments on items 12a or 12b so a simple show of hands in favour was requested.

Votes for – 14 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 0

Neil Tidey raised the issue that our proposal to the January Full Council regarding charitable status was withdrawn at that meeting on the understanding that the Chairman and Executive would progress the matter with professional help and report progress at the May Full Council meeting – BUT there is nothing in the Full Council Agenda regarding this.

Our delegate is instructed to ensure that this matter is discussed at the 12th May meeting as promised.

7) Proposal – that the Area organise and run two Examiners workshops in 2018 at a total cost of £400

After a short discussion a vote was held.

Proposed: Witney & District – Graham Smith

Seconded: Wellingborough OG – Brian Cooper

Votes for – 14 Votes against – 0 Abstentions – 0

8) Achievement Scheme award nominations from the Area

Apart from Insurance the main contact point between the BMFA and its members is probably the Achievement Scheme. As a result, there are now awards available (and a place at the BMFA AGM dinner) for those who have contributed something special to the Achievement Scheme – e.g. examiners or instructors who make that extra effort, or perhaps a candidate who overcame difficulties. **Please consider if there is anyone special in your club you would like to nominate** (the deadline for nominations appears to be 1st August, but we need time to discuss at Area/ASRC). You can send details of any nominations via the Area Secretary if you wish.

9) Any other Business

There was no other business.

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

Wicken – The battle against moles has been won with the aid of traps, and an “aero loop” has been purchased to help retrieve models from trees.

Aylesbury – Now have 70 members and the strip is in good condition. A full competition programme is planned for the year including 10 electroslot events.

Beds SF – It has been quiet over the winter, and a threat to their field has now been removed.

Old warden – The field has been a quagmire over the winter, and full-size flying is restricting model flying, but the club is still going strong.

Wellingborough OG – Things are picking up after a quiet winter and the field is now in good condition.

Witney & District – The field is in good condition and has been in use over the winter – apart from when the roller got bogged down! A quad racing course has been set up as a trial to encourage youngsters into the hobby.

Luton & DMAS – The field is in good condition and more people are turning up now that the good weather has arrived.

Chiltern Flyers – Nothing to report

Watford wayfarers – A new toilet, generator, and mower have been purchased.

Oxford MFC – They have had regular club talks through the winter, and they have one FF rally planned. A noted point is the retirement of long standing club committee stalwart and Area attendee Charlie Newman.

Buzzard FC – The club is just waking up after the winter and getting the strip into condition.

Buckaneers MFC – Nothing to report other than regular “natter meetings”.

Ivinghoe SA – Filming took place on the Beacon for Victoria Pendleton’s episode of the TV show “Walks with my dog”. Despite a lot of filming and interviews with modellers very little of this actually made it through to the broadcast although there were a few decent flying shots.

MK Model Helicopter Club – although not present at the meeting they had sent a written report that they now have 9 vacancies and have reduce the membership and joining fees. They also encourage Quadcopters, and this year plan to set up a dedicated area for fpv quad racing.

11) Date and venue of next meeting:

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

Meeting closed at: 21:30