



# British Model Flying Association

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*Minutes Ratified at meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017*

## *Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017*

*Venue: - The Ship Inn*

***41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN***

Start Time: 8.00 hrs. pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>S Area Office</b>	<b>Club</b>
Tony Butterworth FSMAE	Chairman	Waltham Chase
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman/ ASC Co-ordinator	Helipad (ACE)
Terry Weeks	Hon Treasurer/RC S/F	AMC/ASF Delegate
Peter Turley	Hon Sec & RC Fixed Wing	PAM Delegate & CADMAC
David Burstow	Area Delegate & Dorset Area	Eagles Delegate
	Support Representative	
Roger Newman	Vintage F/F Rep. & Special body co-ord	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson		Hayling Helis / CADMAC
Richard Sharman		BMFC chairman
Peter Willis		Wimborne MAC

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Ken Knox	PRO	CADMAC Delegate
John Thompson	Free Flight Comp Sec	Crookham Contest Modellers
Steve Warren	South Hampshire Operations support	Waltham Chase
Paul Newell		Hornets MFC
Ginny Newbold		Hornets MFC
Graham Gibson		BVMFA sec.

### **2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 Area Meeting**

The Previous Minutes review and ratification was deferred until after the meeting.

Proposed: - T. Weeks                      Seconded: - T. Butterworth

### **2.1 Matters arising from previous minutes**

#### **2.1.1 (Agenda 3.1) Alternative site for Southern Area fly in**

Tony has found the Sunnydale Camp site, with an adjacent field that we could fly in just West of Hamble in the old Netley Area. The camp site has a shop and toilet/shower facilities and hard standings with electric points that could be used to charge the batteries for electric fliers.

It was noted that the event would be self-funding by participants booking a place on the campsite if we can arrange a 2 day event – the patrons have been very helpful to date and the prospect looks good.

A site visit has already been carried out by committee members.



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It is planned to make contact with the site owners and request permission to demonstrate to them model flying, this to ensure they accept such an activity on their site, is planned.

Action T. Butterworth

## 2.1.2 (Agenda Item 3.2) BMFA Long Service Award for 2016

All the clubs in the area were contact asking for nominees for this award.

No responses were received from any of the clubs in the area.

The committee will continue to review possible nominees for future awards.

Action Ongoing

## 2.1.3 (Agenda Item 3.3) Merryfield, Middle Wallop and Odiham Aerodromes.

This action is to now review the effect of the Hatton report on Merryfield and Middle Wallop aerodromes.

Points of concern are: -

*Merryfield* Limited access only as previously reported.

*Middle Wallop* Middle Wallop: Change of airfield management has taken place. SAM1066 are no longer permitted to hold free flight events on the airfield. SAM1066 has liaised with SAM35. SAM35 has got a licence to hold 2 RC events, a meeting to be held at the end of the month to discuss the events.

*Salisbury Plain* Salisbury Plain – Area 8: Access is available to hold Free Flight events, with permission via BMFA FFTC. SAM1066 has held one such event during 2016 & plans to hold further events in 2017.

*Odiham* Access has been available for a single Free Flight event in 2016. It is planned to see to seek permission for a single Free Flight event in 2017.

We need to monitor the situation of Airfield access for model flying. Action continues

### MOD flying sites

Contact with other areas –

The Southern Area seems to be more dependent on MOD Airfields than the other Areas (Steve Warren has spoken with most other area committees to evaluate their use of MOD airfields and we seem to be more reliant on the MOD than most other areas).

Info gained from discussion with BMFA – we have agreed to wait until further information is provided by BMFA on airfield review and then decide best way forward. Currently we continue to make good progress in improving communication with local airfields – we will review action we should take going forward ( contingency plans ) when more is known.

Action continues.



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## 2.1.4 (Agenda Item 3.4) SA web site update to reflect Multirotors

In our locality there is a large interest in these craft and they are attracting new pilots into model flying. It was agreed that we should we have a section on multi rotors added to our web site.

We need website tabs to cover, Aircraft, Helicopters and Multirotor, with links on our web site to the appropriate section of the BMFA web site.

Action K. Gale

## 2.1.5 (Agenda item 3.5) Balsa Brain 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 preparation

The event was very successful and report has been issued.

Actions Completed

## 2.1.6 (Agenda item 3.6) AGM Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, preparation

Meeting held

Actions Completed

## 2.1.7 (Agenda item 3.7) Middle Wallop Museum

Roger reported that a request for support for Wartime show Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 had been received and has been suggested that we provide a model flying display to support the event.

It was also suggested that we get the BMFA Flight Simulator (we still have lap top flight sim available). Roger to submit proposal to MW and attend meetings on our behalf to keep us informed – and advise us on the progress.

Action Roger

## 2.1.8 (Agenda item 3.8) The latest EU "prototype regulation" current up-date".

Already covered.

## 2.1.9 (Agenda item 3.9) Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton and future options

*Yeovilton Autumn Model Show report 2016 and the Future.*

David Burstow and Terry Weeks attended the Show event, supporting the model flight line.

David Burstow reported that no Future Model Show events will be held this year but after talking with RN museum it appears there is the possibility of a model flying show in 2018 – Dave to monitor situation and promote meeting between ourselves and management at Yeovilton to explore opportunities.

Action Dave Burstow

*Future option is Tank Museum Bovington*

David Burstow, will visit the museum on 11<sup>th</sup> February for a model day and make contact to find out what future events we could participate in.

Action D. Burstow



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## 3.0 (Agenda Item 4 New Topics for Discussion)

### 3.1 (Agenda Item 4.1) Actions from AGM 2016

Review how we can improve contact with Area Clubs.

This topic will now be covered in 3.1.2 below -

Action Completed

#### 3.1.1 (Agenda Item 4.1.1) BMFC support to get more Examiners

Barrie Lever and Richard Sharman now appointed as club examiners.

Action Complete

#### 3.1.2 (Agenda Item 4.1.2) Web Site Actions, from review?

The following topics were discussed.

- Review how we can improve communication with member clubs during 2017.-  
*Send request to all member clubs to send us copies of their newsletters, draft letter has been composed ready to send when club contact list has been updated for 2017.*
- Can we encourage member clubs to advertise on our website.  
*Advise each club the benefits of using our web site already seen by other clubs*
- Can we detail each clubs specific interest on our website.  
*Request from each club their main interest and which model categories they support, part of the request letter to be sent round*
- What about clubs who do not have a newsletter – how do we gain information?  
*Need further review*
- Is the current data on our web up to date ref club recruitment etc.  
*We need a meeting later in the year to review if we can further improve the information on our web site – consider a section on club support activities ie we have members now prepared to give talks on several subjects, we have equipment available free for clubs to borrow, we still provide financial support to help clubs run events etc. - we should advertise this to member clubs in a new club support page?.*

#### 3.1.3 (Agenda Item 4.1.3) Model Engineer's Exhibition,

Supported by the Southern Area Committee members this event was successful.

Report will be circulated later on our web site

Action T. Butterworth

#### 3.2 (Agenda Item 4.1.4) BMAS – request for assistance

BMAS run monthly indoor events at Wimborne and unfortunately incurred a loss over the year, asked the SA if it was possible to have support to the value of £100.00. This was put to the vote and accepted unanimously. Roger Newman to contact BMAS and advise our agreement, get contact name to send monies to.

Action R. Newman/T. Weeks



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## 3.3 (Agenda Item 4.1.5) Area Council meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February

The meeting reviewed the questions asked of us (the southern area committee) and agreed our answers for submission to this Area Council meeting. Dave Burstow to attend Area Council meeting, we also submitted additional information (again requested by Duncan Mclure) as to our views on the function and responsibilities of Area Committees –see below.

*The Southern Area BMFA committee – what WE see as our roles and areas of responsibility---*

- 1) *To act as an operational interface between local clubs and BMFA. – our area committee expects to work at a local level to inform and help implement the strategy defined by the BMFA to ensure the growth and future of the sport of model flying in the UK . Area committees effectively become an operations facility at area level. We see this as a critical issue, central BMFA needs willing and organized representatives at local level to help implement improvement, aid and support growth in local clubs and to help provide a local and effective communication channel between central BMFA and all parties. The implementation of such a strategy ensures that all areas are then moving in the same direction – and it is necessary to ensure that we are all pulling in the same direction. This item deserves much more attention for the future. What is our strategy for the future .. ????*
- 2) *To help and support the growth of model flying clubs within the boundaries of the area, to assist where possible to aid development of flying sites and give each club resources (financial and or facilities ) to help development. In the southern area we offer flight simulators , small gazebos, financial support to funding of events , trophies for events as parts of a support package to all our member clubs.*
- 3) *To develop and promote positive liaison between ourselves and local facilities thereby establishing opportunities to advertise and bring model flying closer to the general public. Southern area has direct communication with Middle Wallop – RN Yeovilton, RAF Odiham airfields organizing both static and flying demos. We also support Blackbush model show – are working with Bovington tank museum and have supported both Aero structures and EADS companies at company open days. Also last year presented a static display at Farnborough Air Show on behalf of BMFA*
- 4) *To develop a centre of communication between all member clubs such that we can improve their awareness of what's happening, where its happening and what's available within the area. This will also be used to offer each club the opportunity to freely advertise any activities they may wish to offer other members in the area*
- 5) *To organize events, competitions within the area for the benefit of all model flyers – these events can be social as well as active but each designed to encourage member participation and to be relevant to the areas interest. Annual events such as Balsa Brain attracts at least*



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*14 area clubs – web site advises of competitions run throughout the year -- indoor events – e-soaring events – scale helicopter events*

- 6) When requested to provide a level of expertise to resolve issues and or aid improvement. This may be available within the local committee or the area may have to request support from BMFA central should it need additional help. *Supported requests from Beauileu model flying club over past 4 years in restructure and setting up local examiners*
- 7) To promote and support the development of the BMFA achievement scheme within the area by appointing and developing a team of quality examiners – *we have ensured our examiners are well spread across our area – they also act as eyes and ears (positive communication agents) for the committee*
- 8) To support public flying sites (as opposed to club flying sites) wherever possible – help funding and or control. *Allocate funds to the trundle – open site for RC slope gliding near Chichester*
- 9) To hold organized meetings at least 5 times during the year where local clubs are invited to attend, where they can present their views on local subjects as well as gather information and discuss relevant topics with fellow modellers.
- 10) To document the meetings, provide certified financial reports and be able to show commensurate levels of control that ensure meetings are productive (reach conclusions) and relevant to the areas interest. *Copies are kept on our web site for visitors to review – committee is transparent in its activities*
- 11) To appoint committee members who are capable and willing to support the aims of the area committee. – *we always have volunteers of the correct calibre to ensure we improve – we believe this is a benefit resulting from the way we support our area i.e. being seen as a positive committee that does things !!*
- 12) When requested support head office BMFA at local functions – be seen to be active and supportive of BMFA strategy *organized BMFA stand at Farnborough –support MEE in London*
- 13) Where changes are necessary – legislation, control, ect support BMFA at local level to implement these changes.
- 14) To feed back to BMFA at council level opportunities for improvement as noted by member clubs.



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- 15) To recognize and record success – to be accountable for concerns – ( the committee should be able to show what it has achieved , and also recognize where improvements are required -- otherwise it will NOT be accountable. If it is not accountable then the committee does not work and attendance will fail). *We have recently introduced a success and concerns sheet that now forms part of our annual AGM review – shows we are active and achieve*
- 16) Committee ethics – From the annual grant received from BMFA we target no more than 10% going to management costs i.e. 90% of annual grant goes directly to improving the area and its clubs. Secondly we aim to spend 70% of area meeting time on discussion of items that directly affect our own area – or 30% to BMFA national matters. These guidelines ensure that when local modellers attend our meetings they can relate the agenda and also see the meeting as valuable.

## 4.0 (Agenda Item 5 Officers Reports)

### 4.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman

Attended the full council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January on behalf of David Burstow - an interesting meeting and my notes are attached at end of these minutes .

Also attended with other members of the committee the London Model Engineer show to support the BMFA stand. The area supplied 8 plus models and supported the stand on all 4 days. This event is always a good showcase for our sport and deserves support.

*For the Southern Area this year we need to*

*Maintain our focus on developing our links with local airfields*

*Continue pursuing alternative opportunities for flying sites and keeping model flying in the public eye – hopefully we will have more news on this next meeting.*

*Consider how to strengthening our links with local clubs*

### 4.2 Ken Gale Vice Chairman

January 14<sup>th</sup> saw our Chairman and myself attend an the Full Council meeting in Leicester, Tony as proxy for Dave Burstow and myself partly as an observer and partly to see how the voting went for replacement members of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee for which I had put my name forward. Unfortunately I didn't get enough votes.

January 19<sup>th</sup> saw myself, our Chairman and Roger Newman travel up to Alexandra Palace to set up the BMFA stand and arrange a selection of models for the following three days for the Model Engineers Exhibition.

Fortunately it was noticeably warmer inside the Great Hall compared to the previous year, just as well as there was a great deal of standing around waiting for other members of the BMFA to arrive.



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However all was not lost as it gave time for me to have my photo taken with one of my helicopters that subsequently appeared in the Friday edition of the Telegraph.

I attended on the Friday and Sunday and remained after the show to retrieve some of the models that had been on display.

January 26<sup>th</sup>. I attended a double club examiner test at Beaulieu airfield as both ASC and observer. Considering the intense cold of the day, I was particularly impressed with the way Mr. Burstow conducted the tests and congratulated the candidates on their successful completion of the tests.

## 4.3 Terry Weeks Hon. Treasurer

Please refer to the balance sheets provided tonight, I have just provided the summary sheet as little has changed since the AGM report.

The last statement on the 31<sup>st</sup> January shows our current balance of £3335.78 from which the items shown red have yet to be deducted. The balance sheet presented shows the predicted cash amount at the end of the financial year of **£3245.78** this is an increase over last year of **£327.04**. These figures have been presented to the BMFA HO together with the AGM minutes as required to qualify for the 2017 grant.

### Notes on the accounts:-

1. We held one less meeting last year saving £40.00 but this will not be the case next year.
2. We were, thanks to Peter, able to reduce our Web-Hosting costs to £35.86 considerably less than the previous arrangement with the council of £153.30.
3. The 2016 Balsa Brain was budgeted to cost the Area around £250.00 but following the raffle and entrance receipts the actual cost was £235.00 a little up on last year due to the increase in the food ordered. A similar amount will be allowed for to run the 2017 event.
4. The usual subsidies to CADMAC and Waltham Chase will be budgeted at a cost of £200.00.
5. The set aside allowance of £647.00 will be maintained now at this level it being thought that there is no need to further increase it.
6. Finally I am in my 5<sup>th</sup> year as treasurer and any expenses "lost" within my company, but as I am now fully retired I will have to add my expenses to the budget, this will probably amount to a ream of printer paper and a black ink cartridge from time to time.

## 4.4 Peter Turley Hon. Sec. report.

### *Actions Post AGM*

Area return, completed, ratified by committee and sent to BMFA.

Draft AGM minutes 2016 have been added to SA web site for review if required.

Hon. Sec. AGM Actions complete.

I have received more copies of the Club re affiliation forms, will be recorded and passed on to Ken Knox.

The SA Flight Simulator will be available for Roger to take to Middle Wallop Museum Model show in May. The Tx broken undercarriage switch has been replaced.





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I visited the Model Engineers Exhibition at Alexandra Palace with Stuart Simpson, thanks to Chris of Cosham Model Shop getting us both tickets to travel up with the Fareham and District SME, on their coach.

I did speak to a Committee member of FDSME and asked if they had an open day and wanted us to provide a model aircraft static display and to contact me via Chris if necessary.

PAM delegate, at their AGM in February, a new Secretary will be voted on to the committee.

#### **4.5 ASC co-ordinator Ken Gale**

Please see para 4.2, Vice Chairman's report

#### **4.6 Ken Knox PRO/Web site**

Apologies, continues to support updating web site as required.

#### **4.7 David Burstow Area Delegate**

David missed the Full Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 201, due to being away.

Tony Butterworth attended the meeting and his notes of the meeting are on page 10.

#### **4.8 John Thompson Free flight comp. (Apologies received)**

1. Salisbury Plain licence approved for 2017
2. 4 x SAM 1066 multi-competition free flight events arranged for 2017 on SP, dates & events on SAM 1066 website & BMFA website
3. Beaulieu permits in full swing
4. Dates for Area free flight meetings fixed for Beaulieu 2017, listed on FFTC website
5. Designated multi-rotor site area set out for Beaulieu by BMFC, which should not impact free flight area.

Richard advised us that an F3A competition was to be held at Beaulieu on 9<sup>th</sup> September, the first for 30 years. Richard is to arrange advertisement for the SA web site.

Action Richard

#### **4.9 Terry Weeks Aldershot Model Club & Alton Silent Flyers Club-delegate reports.**

Four S.A Esoaring competitions have been planned for 2017 on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

I was unable to attend the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexander Palace on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January as planned due to a complication arising in my recovery from a minor operation.



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I intend to attend the 2017 "Wartime Wallop" event at Middle Wallop to assist in the provision of a static display.

I also expect to attend the Odiham Families day this year with Peter Carter and several members of the Aldershot model club to put on a static display, hopefully it will be as impressive as it was last year where we had 41 quality models on display, we will again be pushing to put on a flying display as well.

Sadly I have established that there is no likelihood of any future Blackbushe shows, the new owners of the airfield are showing no interest whatsoever in running the event.

## **Aldershot Model Club & Alton Silent Flyers Club-delegate reports.**

Good news is that the Aldershot Model Club has been saved by 6 of the previous members, of which I am one, and we currently looking for a flying site. Once a site is found the intention is to open the newly formed club up to a membership level that can sustain the new site.

The Alton Silent Flyers continue to thrive and all is well on that front.

### **4.10 Peter Turley Fixed Wing Comp. Sec. report.**

No activity

### **5.0 Any other Business**

Peter to order from BMFA an up-to-date achievement pack and info to hand out at the next event, which is Middle Wallop in May

Action P. Turley

The meeting finished at 10.50 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Venue: - ***The Ship Inn***

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(Meeting room/Skittle Alley)

The following Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Venue: - ***The Ship Inn***

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(Meeting room/Skittle Alley)

Peter Turley BMFA SA Hon. Sec



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BMFA Southern Area committee meeting Attendees dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Name	Committee Position	Club membership
Dave Buntow	Area Delegate	EFA + Cherid MFC
TERRY NECKS	HON TREASURER	ASF, AMC, TVSF
ROGER NEWMAN	PHM 1000 Ep	BMAS
RICHARD SHARMAN	(guest)	B.H.F.C
<u>Ken Gale</u>	ASC/V. CHAIRMAN	Helicopter
TONY BUTTERWORTH	CHAIRMAN	WCA
PETER TOLLITT	HON SEC.	CADMAC & PAM
PETER WILLIS		WIMBOURG MAC.
Stuart Simpson		Heylary helis / C.A.D. MAC



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Notes from council meeting 14th January, Tony Butterworth stood in for David Burstow.

Council is appointing a National Centre steering committee to report back to council on progress and to manage the project -- not sure who is on the committee but the project team responsibilities appear to have been defined.

To date have spent circa 49K on National centre - and received around 9K in donations with more on the way.

Progress to date advises that phase 1 is almost complete and that is ground work to prepare a runway - start refurbishment of buildings - clear some asbestos from the site and removal of hedgerows to give a flat clear site.

Phase 2 will be building work , refurbish large barn - work on the buildings to be ready for accommodation plus the setting up of offices etc. Phase 2 will be funded (the majority) by the land owner from who we are leasing the site as these are his buildings.

Current schedule advises that the site is planned to be ready for its initial opening in May 2017 and several events are already tabled to be run at the site from May onwards. This is weather dependant but.

European model flying Union - 18 countries are now represented by this group of which David Phipps is key member.

There are 2 more meetings planned before end of February to discuss the European directive - and there is strong pressure being applied to present an opinion that NO CHANGES should be applied to the rules governing model aircraft flying.

Dept. of Transport appear to be now involved - 70 questions have been tabled - and collection of views being sought. However again pressure is being applied to remove model flying from all regulations.

CAA have started to review applying charges for model flying displays -- again only at initial stages but it is a question being discussed,,,,,,.

Robin Sleights untimely death means that we require a new hon secretary - Mark Benns was elected.

Nationals 2017 -- looks like we have Barkston back again - the new commander is apparently a modeller and sympathetic to what has happened especially considering our heritage on the airfield. The changes being implemented ( there will be an increase in flying both training and also leisure activities at the weekends ) will not be fully implemented during 2017 hence we are close to being granted permission for both the free flight and Power Nats this year at Barkston. However we have to recognise that by 2018 the changes will be up and running so for 2018 a new site is required. We were advised that the plan for 2018 is to use the National Centre as by then we should have the site and facilities fully prepared and have had experience of numerous events at the site under our belt. We expect to confirm our permission for 2017 by the end of January.

Expenses for teams travelling to European and world competitions has been increased due to the strength of the pound. This could require a 30% increase in cost which we have to review how to cover in the future budgets....

The meeting closed around 3.30 -----

At the meet there was also an election for members of the ASRC -- our own Chris Bradbury was one of the individuals elected, unfortunately Ken Gale who did apply was unsuccessful.

So these are the key items and as said before this should bring all up to date with what's happening. As soon as the agenda for the next council meeting on 13th May is circulated then we will review and agree our views on the subjects and that way David (our delegate ) can attend and submit the areas views ---

Ken Gale,, attended the meeting with me as an observer

Thanks TB



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Yves MORIER  
Principal Advisor to the Certification Director - New  
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Mr R K Newman  
Secretary SAM1066  
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Lee on the Solent, Hampshire  
PO13 9HR  
United Kingdom

**Subject: EASA "Prototype Commission Regulation on Unmanned Aircraft Operations"**

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 October and for your much appreciated comments.

I apologise for this delayed answer.

Your comments are being reviewed by the expert group that the Agency has set-up to prepare the Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) for the open and specific categories.

Please note that Europe Air Sport (represented by Dave Phipps BMFA) and FAI (represented by Mr Delor FFAM) are in the expert group and we have discussed with them improvement to the article 15 to better reflect our intentions.

This NPA should be published end of March and the corresponding opinion towards the end of the year. The opinion is the recommendation from EASA to the Commission to adopt the rules for open and specific categories.

The adoption by the Commission depends of the adoption of the revised EASA Basic Regulation which will allow regulating all Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) at EU level. Indeed today, EU rules do not apply to UAS with a mass above 150kg and to UAS that are "state aircraft" (e.g. military, police, customs, firefighting, etc.). The adoption of the revised Basic Regulation will be after negotiation between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission: such adoption could be expected by summer this year and therefore the rules for open and specific categories be adopted early 2018.

They will become applicable around two years after their adoption.

The NPA will be published on the EASA web-site in the Comment response Tool (CRT). I will inform you of its publication and encourage you to review it and comment.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and successful new year.

Yours sincerely,

Yves Morier



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