



# British Model Flying Association

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*Minutes Ratified at meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017*

## *Minutes of Southern Area Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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	
Ken Knox	PRO	CADMAC Delegate
Roger Newman	Vintage F/F Rep. & Special body co-ord	Bournemouth MAC
Richard Sharman		BMFC chairman
Peter Willis		Wimborne MAC

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

John Thompson	Free Flight Comp Sec	Crookham Contest Modellers
Steve Warren	South Hampshire Operations support	Waltham Chase
Stuart Simpson		Hayling Helis / CADMAC
Paul Newell		Hornets MFC
Ginny Newbold		Hornets MFC
Graham Gibson		BVMFA sec.

### **2.0 Review of the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 Area Meeting**

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

Proposed: - T. Weeks                      Seconded: - K. Knox

### **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, away at the moment, to agree a date 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 are to be contacted asking for nominees for this award, when we have a complete list of Club Secretaries for 2017.

Action P. Turley/K. Knox

## 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, 11<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> October, 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. Events planned for 2017 are 17<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> September. Full details are on SAM1066 web site.

*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) 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.

The next meeting with the Museum is on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Roger has held a very positive first meeting – agreement reached in principle on flying display, the next steps are:-

Obtain copy of risk review document for Middle Wallop use Action P. Wills

Complete risk review presentation for M. W. by the end of March Action T. Butterworth

Roger to submit risk review presentation, when complete to M. W. Action R. Newman

After submission of review presentation, then meet with airfield management and museum to clarify and resolve any concerns that may exist – then update plan with any changes finalise and re-submit Action by 20<sup>th</sup> April

Expect final agreement to be reached with Middle wallop, and possible airfield visit.

by 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Roger attends final meeting with event organisers to formally agree all details have been accepted by appropriate authorities and take any arising questions prior to show.

by 4<sup>th</sup> May

We have drafted a display that will consist of 2 slots with RC Scale helicopter (12 minutes each slot) and a third slot (30 minutes) for appropriate flying display – suggestion is e-soaring, electric aerobatics and scale models. End the event with a children's chuck glider flying session for models they have built during the day. Action R. Newman

## 2.1.5 (Agenda item 3.5) the latest EU "prototype regulation" current up-date".

D. Phips will be attending the CAD/DFT meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the report is expected to be issued by the end of March.

## 2.1.6 (Agenda item 3.6) Future Show options

### 2.1.6.1 Yeovilton Model Show future.

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 is to monitor situation and arrange a meeting between ourselves and management at Yeovilton, to explore opportunities.

Action Dave Burstow



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## 2.1.6.2 Bovington Tank Museum future options

David Burstow visited the museum on 11<sup>th</sup> February for a model day and made contact to find out what future events we could participate in, visit report is detailed in Appendix of the minutes.

Action complete

It was agreed that a meeting was to be set up, to arrange a model flying demonstration to the Museum and what we could offer at the planned Model day on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Action D. Burstow

As before a flying display that combines with other events to provide additional interest to museum visitors

- Flying display that supports a theme of the museum exhibits
- Flying display to commemorate important historical events
- Hold an open competition for area event, national event and or European event
- Debate and collect ideas

## 2.1.7 (Agenda Item 3.7) Actions from AGM 2016

All remaining actions, now included in Item 3.8

Closed

## 2.1.8 (Agenda Item 3.8) Web Site/Southern Area Actions

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 to the committee member for approval, prior to sending out, when the club contact list has is complete for 2017.

Action K. Knox

- 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
- 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.
- Gather ideas for a club support web page, review at the next meeting. Action K. Knox
- Submission of Southern Area articles for the BMFA News, Ideas Action All

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?.

Identify when each of the web site pages have been updated.

Action Ken Knox



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## **2.1 9 (Agenda Item 3.9) Southern Area support to the BMFA at the Model Engineers Exhibition.**

Complete show report.

Action T. Butterworth

## **2.1.10 (Agenda Item 3.10) BMAS – request for assistance**

BMAS run monthly indoor event 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

## **2.1.11 (Agenda Item 3.11) 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 McClure) as to our views on the function and responsibilities of Area Committees

The Committee reviewed the hand out provided –see below.

## **3(Agenda Item 4) New Topics for Discussion)**

### **3.1 Review of ARC roadshow last Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

After a discussion, it was agreed that the SA should hold an examiners workshop this year.

Beauileu offered to their site for the event.

Peter Wills suggested that the Popham Club could be a more suitable venue to hold the event with indoor and outdoor facilities.

Action Peter Wills

It was agreed that we would need to contact all of the examiners in the area.

Action Peter Wills

### **3.2 Balsa Brain 2017**

Request has been made to hold the event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Action T. Butterworth

## **4.0 (Agenda Item 5) Future BMFA/SA meetings**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Southern Area Committee meeting

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May BMFA Full Council Meeting

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July BMFA Area Council Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Southern Area AGM

## **5.0 (Agenda Item 6) Officers Reports)**



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## 5.1 Tony Butterworth Chairman

Activity is currently running at a high level with several targets already set for 2017. Progress is excellent and if we can maintain this level of activity then 2018 could see improved levels of communication and additional shows added to our schedule within the area. It is also encouraging that our communication with several airfields in the area has continued to provide such positive results, hopefully this will further improve the opportunity to extend our use of such venues in the future. It is important that we now develop and implement our Club Support page on the southern area web site and ensure that we advertise these new opportunities to member clubs – an important step in further improving communication.

Have talked with Steve Warren who is still working on several reports for us and continues to provide support, im sure he still enjoys the involvement and we should all keep him involved in any way we can -----

## 5.2 Ken Gale Vice Chairman

Attended the ARC roadshow on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## 5.3 Terry Weeks Hon. Treasurer

Please refer to the balance sheets provided tonight, I have provided the full summary as although little has changed since the February report, these are the end of year accounts to be presented to BMFA HO. The last statement on the 7<sup>th</sup> March shows our current balance of £3195.78 this is the final balance for the year to be taken forward to next year's accounts. The balance sheet presented shows at end of the financial year an increase over last year of **£277.07**. These figures will be presented to the BMFA HO together with the 2017 AGM minutes as required to qualify for the 2018 grant.

### Notes on the accounts:

1. Looking at the above figures we continue to work within budget and next year the prediction shows a further increase in our end of year balance of c£348.00 this obviously does not take into account any additional expenses taken on.
2. The 2016 Balsa Brain for 2017 is budgeted to cost the Area around £250.00 when taking into account the raffle and entry fee collection (See note below on timing).
3. The usual subsidies to CADMAC and Waltham Chase will be budgeted at a cost of £200.00, Note: Peter has confirmed that general access is open for all BMFA insured members.
4. As agreed the set aside allowance of £647.00 will now be maintained now at this level it being thought that there is no need to further increase it.

## 5.4 Peter Turley Hon. Sec. report.

Now received 59 copies of the Club re affiliation forms and given to Ken Knox.

I am concerned that the BMFA tell me that the delay in them sending out to the area secretaries the hard copies of the signed affiliation form is that the Club secretaries are registering on line each year and forgetting to send the signed hard copy.

Will e-mail, BMFA with the list of the missing re-affiliation forms not received. Action P. Turley





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

Please see para 4.2, Vice Chairman's report

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

Keeping Club contact listing up to date.

## **5.7 David Burstow Area Delegate**

See activity on Bovington Model show.

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

Not much has been going on this year, entirely due to the awful windy weather.

The first Area Comp was held on the 6 March at Beaulieu with some fortune, in that aside from the 25/30 mph wind, it did not rain. Although apparently, all around very heavy rain persisted all day.

Two competitors flew with quite successful results, although the models did go a long, long, way. One in fact to Lymington in the back of a passer-by's car, who thought he was doing a favour by picking the model up and only phoning when he got home!

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

### **Silent Flight & S A Committee Member Reports.**

I can confirm now that 4 S.A Soaring 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 intend to attend the 2017 "Wartime Wallop" event at Middle Wallop to assist in the provision of a flying / static display. I have advised Roger of the size of the gazebo and will be available if required to visit Wallop on the Sunday pm to erect it if necessary, this might be preferable due to the delay experienced last year due to access being limited first thing due to full size aircraft movements.

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.

I will be available to attend the Bovington Tank Museum model show on the 8<sup>th</sup> October to assist, fly, and help man the static display.

Due to my holiday (22/11 until 16/12) could Balsa Brain 2017 be run on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November one week earlier than usual as I would like to attend as usual to assist?



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

The Aldershot Model Club is continuing to try to locate a flying site. Once a site is found the intention is to open the newly formed club (currently just 6 members) up to a membership level that the new site can sustain.

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

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

No activity

### **6.0 Any other Business**

The meeting finished at 10.59 pm.

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

7.30pm for 8.00pm

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

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

(Meeting room/Skittle Alley)

*Peter Turley* BMFA SA Hon. Sec





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BMFA Southern Area committee meeting Attendees dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Name	Committee Position	Club membership
KEN KNOX	PRO	CHICHESTER / BORTOL
RICHARD SHARMAN	—	BEAULIEU MODEL FLYING COMMITTEE
TERRY WEEKS	Treasurer & SF REP	ANC / ASF & TVSF.
PETER WILLIS		WIMBORNE MAC.
ROSIE NEWMAN	VISIT REP	SMTS / BHM 1066
TONY BUTTERWORTH	CHAIRMAN	WCA.
Ken Gale	ASC / V-CHAIRMAN	HELI PAD
Dave Buntow	ASC / Dornet Area Rep	EFA & Cheril MFC
PETER TURLEY	HLB SEC	CADUCE & PAM.



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Appendix 1 Cc, of e-mail From David Burstow's visit to Bovington 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Hi all – met with the events manager at Bovington this Saturday am.  
It was very constructive and positive meeting.

I think the site is suitable, with some caveats, and we can run 2 flight lines, one for helicopters and another for fixed wing.

The FW would be in part of the overflow car park or on the sports fields, both reasonable grass surfaces.

The Helicopters can use the main tank Kuwait Arena and/or the adjacent concrete area, regardless of whether we find we can fly FW or not.

They are very keen to have us, plus a static stand inside or outside, particularly keen on the flight simulator (maybe the big BMFA one?). The October show date is Saturday 8th.

They now appreciate the safety risks and constraints of flying models in public. I have left it with them that we will return (in warmer weather!) to have a detailed look with their input to develop a layout, risk register, facilities needed etc. and will contact them accordingly.

I have advised them that we MAY be flying at Middle Wallop 29 May, if we do they're quite keen to come along and look us over.

Ken G – sorry I missed you, I was off site just after 12.30. Hope you got some flavour of the site and its possibilities.

Regards  
Dave B