



British Model Flying Association

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Minutes Ratified at AGM Held on the 7th November 2018

Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 8th November 2017

Venue: - *The Ship Inn*

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time: 8.05 hrs. pm

Present:	S Area Office	Club
Tony Butterworth	FSMAE Chairman	WCA
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman/ PAS co-ordinator	Heli Pad MC
Terry Weeks	Hon. Treasurer/RC Comp Sec Silent Flight	Aldershot
Peter Turley	Hon. Sec. & RC Comp Sec Fixed Wing	Petersfield/CADMAC
David Burstow	Area Delegate	Eagles Delegate
Roger Newman	* Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson	* South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Peter Willis	* RC Scale Comp. Special Body Co-ordinator	Wimborne MAC
Richard Sharman	Visitor	BMFC chairman
David Smith	Visitor	Positive Pitch
David Stockley	Visitor	Hayling Helis/CADMAC

1.0 Apologies for absence

Ken Knox.	PRO	CADMAC
Paul Newell		Hornets MFC
Graham Gibson		BVMFA sec.
Peter Robinson	SA Web Master	

2.0 Review and correction of Minutes of the S. Area AGM held 10th Nov 2016 draft rev2

Comments, None Proposed by T. Weeks Seconded by T. Butterworth

3.0 Committee reports: -

3.1 Chairman's report (Tony Butterworth)

During 2017 we have seen another year of considerable activity which has been focused on improving communication with members clubs and growing events with in the area for local modellers to enjoy. I will not detail the individual activities as these will be covered within the success and concerns documents later in the meeting.

However I will identify those points that are of key interest –

1) The excellent work completed by Roger Newman has no doubt again improved our relationship with Middle Wallop, and the success of our display at Wartime Wallop appears to have again ensured that we are seen as a positive organization and a keen supporter of the museum and the airfield. This is also no doubt due to the professional way that members of the committee have supported and organized the events working with the museum and the airfield management. All the effort that has gone into supporting Middle Wallop will pay dividends in the future, and as a team we can learn from our experiences to maybe utilize a similar approach when the opportunity

arises again at another location. It is also important that due to our efforts model flying is seen by all who attend Wartime Wallop and this again keeps our hobby in the public eye. This year we also experienced another organization requesting our support after seeing us at the Middle Wallop show, our thanks go to Ken Gale who attended this event on our behalf.

2) Attending local events does help to keep us in touch with model flyers within the area and by so doing advertises that we are an active committee. Again this year we have investigated opportunities for future shows at Blackbush, Yeovilton and Bovington, the seeds have been sown so let's hope that next year we see some progress on these fronts. Being seen within the area is important and often provides a valuable source of communication with local modellers. Likewise the personal contact at such events is always positive and encourages discussion, something we have seen many times.

3) The club support pages now added to our web site have started to have an impact, several club talks have been requested and several talks have already been completed. The Balsa Brain event held last week proved an excellent evening and it was indeed encouraging to hear several of the competitor's comments (looking forward to next year). Locally this event is now expected and has become a signature event for the area and it is equally important that at least 5 members of the area committee were at the event. This year we handed out a copy of the success document to all clubs attending just to ensure that they became aware of the work the committee completes during the year, again I did receive positive comments during the evening. On the subject of Balsa Brain the refurbished trophy which has just been extended to allow further winners shield to be added is now displaying the history of some 35 annual events and looks very impressive.

4) At a National level the Southern Area again supported the BMFA power Nat's camp site organization and provided resources and exhibits for the BMFA stand at the Model Engineer Exhibition. Although not in our area the willingness from the team to provide help when requested should be recorded.

All the above are credit to those involved, a review of the success document will again show the level of commitment shown by this team over the past 12 months to support the BMFA in this area. We are lucky to have such a motivated team, as well as several very supportive clubs who offer facilities and organize open events to add to our yearly agenda. We have probably reached a plateau this year and maybe next year we should consider consolidation rather than adding more activities, putting our efforts into building on this year's success.

We should also not forget the loss of Steve Warren and John Thompson both of whom were significant in supporting many of our challenges over the past years. Both these members have been part of the Southern Area team for many years and we will miss their pro-active approach when trying new ideas and their determination to knock down barriers whenever they delayed our progress. We now need to encourage new members to join us and help us move forward, another challenge for 2018.

My thanks go to Ken Knox and David Burstow who have decided to leave the committee this year; we thank them for their past contribution and hope we see them at future events.

Lastly considering the pressure that has been placed on our hobby from local authorities and ever growing legal constraints our area has again been able to offer events for Free flight, RC thermal, RC scale, RC helicopters, RC aerobatics and the ever popular indoor activities which many local flyers have all enjoyed.

All members of the team should feel proud of this achievement for 2017, a job well done. My thanks go to all team members thanks TB

3.2 Vice Chairman's report (Ken Gale)

January 14th saw our Chairman and myself attend an 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 19th 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. 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 team to arrive.

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 26th. 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 congratulates the candidates on their successful completion of the tests.

4th May I attended a pre-display meeting with various interested parties involved with the Wallop at War meeting scheduled for the 29th of May.

25th May I attended a meeting at Bovington Tank Museum with a view to participating in a proposed model show at the Museum in on 8th October.

29th May I participated at the Middle Wallop 'Wallop at War' show with my large-scale Bell 47G helicopter along with Kevin Lever who also flew a large-scale Bell 212 helicopter modelled after a full size aircraft based at the Army Air Corp site. Roger Mayo, a member of the British F3C Helicopter Aerobatic Team gave a display of precision aerobatics and Matt Lodge one of the UK's top 3D helicopter pilots a display of superb helicopter Acrobatics! Feedback since the show has all been positive, so hopefully the Southern Area objective of promoting different disciplines of model flying is being achieved. A 'thank you' note was sent to those that attended afterwards who all said that they had enjoyed the day. I was approached on the day by a gentleman dressed as an officer of the Wiltshire Home Guard who was enquiring whether it would be possible to do a similar display at their Bratton at War show in September. I said that I would be in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss their requirements and to look at their site to confirm suitability for such a display.

August 1st I went to the Bratton at War site and confirmed with the organiser that the site was suitable for a display of scale helicopters on the weekend of 23rd/24th September.

August 6th I attended a Bovington meeting with Dave Burstow and Terry Weeks to clarify some of the questions that were raised at the July SA meeting. All now seems to be good to go. I still have concerns about the suitability of the car park adjacent to the arena as a suitable venue for the fixed wing flying. I have five helicopter display pilots with large scale models willing to attend Bovington for the day.

September 23rd /24th, I attended the Bratton at War weekend show. I was accompanied by Kevin Lever who again brought his military Bell 212 which along with my Bell 47G went down well with the public and exhibitors alike. We were invited back for next year, although I'm not sure if that will happen as the whole weekend with accommodation and meals etc. ended up being rather expensive!

October 7th I attended the Bovington Tank Museum model show with a view to display and fly different types of model aircraft and helicopters. Unfortunately, although some model aircraft flew, I decided to not fly helicopters in the arena area due to large puddles and mud caused by overnight rain and increasingly blustery conditions.

November 3rd I took on the task of Question Master for the annual Southern Area Balsa Brain competition hosted by Firebirds Club at Hamble Social Club.

3.3 Honorary Treasurer's report (Terry Weeks)

First and foremost I would like to thank Dave Burstow for his continued willingness to audit the accounts for us. Please refer to sheet 2 of the balance sheets provided tonight, it shows our current balance of **£3195.78** as at the 18th March 2017 this takes into account the income and expenditure during the year to March 2017. An increase of **£277.04** over the previous year's total. The predicted cash amount at the end of the next financial year of **£3460.29** this is an increase over last year of **£268.51**. These are the figures to be presented to the BMFA HO together with the AGM minutes as required to qualify for the 2018 grant. However the official figure for HO is the £3195.78 shown, this being the balance at the end of the financial year in March 2016 / 2017.

Notes on the accounts:

1. The area held an achievement scheme workshop in conjunction with the Midland Area at Popham airfield in September our share of the cost was £131.25.
2. The 2016 Balsa Brain event was budgeted to cost the Area around £385.00 but following the raffle and entrance receipts the actual cost was £235.00. A similar amount was allowed for to run the 2017 event, but added to this was a cost to increase space on the trophy. I am pleased to report that in the event this again came in under budget by £103.94 (this is included in the £268.51 shown above).
3. The usual subsidies to CADMAC and Waltham Chase were continued at a cost of £200.00, and an additional £100.00 to the BMAC was paid.
4. We have also attended the 2017 Bovington model show in October, this a new event to us which we hope will become a regular event and our activity increase in content over the coming years, the cost to us this year was £35.00. Many thanks to Dave Burstow for all his work in organising this event.
5. Finally Roger Newman is to make a donation to the RAF benevolent fund following the free-flight event at Odiham this year, but the amount has yet to be established due to both the licence fee being considerably increased together with the attendance numbers being down

Proposed acceptance: Tony Butterworth Seconded: Peter Turley

These minutes are not ratified until the 2018 AGM; however the accounts have been ratified and approved at this meeting.

3.4 Honorary Secretary's report (Peter Turley)

Post last AGM, issued the Area Return form for Southern Area.

As Area Hon. Sec's I am still having problems, receiving copies of a Club Signed re-affiliation form, the BMFA. It was identified this year that Clubs are renewing on line and then forgetting to send in to the BMFA a signed hard copy. Some copies were received during August. This means that our Area Club contact list is not always up to date!

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Attended all of the committee meetings and forwarded the BMFA HQ correspondence to the committee members, acted as interface as appropriate.

In January, I went with the Fareham Steam Railway Society, to the Model Engineers Exhibition and was impressed by number of the Southern Area committee members, supporting the BMFA stand, with a selection of models.

Since April this year, I have been supporting the small models indoor events run at Wickham each month (except July and August), in addition to the Havant Indoor events over the winter.

I went to the Nationals for the 12th time, supporting our Chairman in setting up and running the Nationals Camp Site.

As a Chichester Model Club member, I supported the Army Families open day at Thorney, taking along a selection of models for display.

Peter Willis kindly came along to CADMAC on the evening of Thursday 14th September to talk about "Extraordinary Days in Airport Operations". The talk was enjoyed by all.

I Supported the Model show at Bovington Museum on the 7th October with an indoor a static display, unfortunately the flight simulator was not available!

As a CADMAC team member, supported the SA Balsa Brain.

I am happy to stand as SA Hon. Sec again for the year 2018

3.5 Achievement scheme Co-ordinator's report (Ken Gale)

18th March I attended the South Midlands and Southern Area Achievement Scheme Roadshow at Royal Wootton Bassett and a very informative roadshow it turned out to be. The general presentations were excellent and the Q and A's very revealing! Apparently, attendance was as expected, although I would have liked to have seen a few more Club and Area examiners from the Southern Area there.

September 3rd I attended the South Midlands and Southern Area Achievement Scheme Workshop at Popham Airfield. Blessed with weather that can only be described as perfect the day was enjoyable and informative, as much for the organisers as the participants. Again, I found it disappointing that so few of the Club Examiners and Area Chief Examiners attended especially as the numbers attending from South Midlands Area was greater and they had much further to travel. Apart from a couple of enquiries, which came to nothing, and one unsuccessful helicopter 'B' and one successful helicopter 'B' test, the year has been extraordinarily quiet for me.

A situation which has been confirmed by several of the Club and Area examiners who I have spoken to.

Having lost three Area Chief Examiners this year, one who sadly died and two that have decided that they no longer wish to carry on, the Area will need to consider finding replacements.

Ken then discussed the use of the BMFA Achievement scheme at Beaulieu with Richard Sharman, said that Beaulieu had had lots of interest, but many fliers were not ready yet to take their "A" and "B" tests. Richard and Barry Lever were ready to take the tests, both "A" and "B".

Richard reported that there were over 320 permit holders this year and about 2/3 had no "A" or "B". The majority of country members have no qualification.

Richard was concerned that we may be asked by the Forestry and Park Officials what we are doing to improve safety.

3.6 PRO's report (Ken Knox) his report was read by Hon. Sec.

Ken apologises for his absence and has reported that he had supported the committee, carried out all of the activity requested and interfaced with the web master.

Ken had already indicated that he wishes to stand down from the position of PRO.

3.7 Web Masters report (Peter Robinson) This review was presented by Tony Butterworth

Discussion took place reviewing the web masters report, see Annex A

The plan is to revamp the web site and update the search capability of the web site.

3.8 Area Delegate's report (David Burstow)

I attended some of the Full and Area Council meetings, this year.

David had already indicated that he wishes to stand down from the position of Area Delegate.

3.9 Free Flight Competition Secretary's report (Roger Newman)

Sadly, this year has seen the loss of our long incumbent free flight rep for the Southern Area – namely John Thompson, who contributed so much to our hobby over the years & was a constant source of encouragement & inspiration to those of us who indulge in old fashioned free flight. Nevertheless we carry on as best we can.

Free flight activities in our Area are primarily focussed on Beaulieu & Salisbury Plain, with limited scope for trimming on what remains of Chobham Common. Organised competitive meetings have been relatively well attended at the first two named sites, with eight Area meetings at Beaulieu & a variety of competitive events held on the vast Area 8 of Salisbury Plain. The Crookham Club, who regard both venues as “home turf”, have won the BMFA Plugge Cup for the second consecutive year.

Middle Wallop at present remains a field where free flight is no longer allowed under the current military regime. We live in hope for the future!

Sports fliers, regrettably in ever reducing numbers, continue to use & enjoy Beaulieu whenever weather conditions permit.

The major downside to the year has been the abandonment of the Southern Area Odiham Gala, when political decisions made at short notice forced the RAF into intense operational activity on the scheduled day of the event, unfortunate but totally unforeseen. We have been promised a good hearing for support in our application for an event next year – the 70th such event if it takes place.

As John had previously commented - there are not many free flight modelers', but we endeavor to enjoy ourselves this way!

We would like to thank the Committee for its support on behalf of all free flight modeler's in the Southern Area - it is much appreciated.

3.10 Radio Control Silent Flight Competition Secretary's report, (Terry Weeks)

All four of the planned S.A Esoaring competitions went ahead, and these events continue to be well supported. The series winner was Martin Garnet (291.32) with Mike Raybone (291.27) in 2nd place and Dave East (286.79) in 3rd. Glyn Chambers was awarded Best Flight of the series.

I attended the "Wartime Wallop" event at Middle Wallop on the 29th May to assist in the provision of a both a static and flying display, and I am already planning to attend the 2018 event.

I attended the Odiham Families day this year with Peter Carter and several members of the Aldershot model club on Thursday 24th August to put on a static display, very impressive it was too with some 46 quality models on display, this was appreciated by the station commander who visited the stand.

As above I attended the Model show at Bovington Camp on the 7th October to both fly and help set up a static display.

Finally I attended the 2017 Balsa Brain event; I collected the attendance fees and ran the raffle. There is a possibility that the Blackbushe show may be resurrected in 2018 here's hoping.

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

Great news, the AMC dissolved in 2016 was reformed by a small group of 6 for 2017 and following a year of searching has now established a new flying site. Invitations have gone out and been accepted by the first 20 from the waiting list, activities are planned to start in January 2018, but unofficially the site can already be used whilst the development work progresses. AGM 18/12.

The Alton Silent Flyers continue to thrive and all is well on that front, their AGM is planned for the 21st November. Already they are planning to run 4 Esoaring competitions in 2018.

3.11 Radio Control Competition Fixed Wing Secretary's report. (Peter Turley)

I supported the Scale competition in September run by Peter Willis, who is a member of the Wimborne flying Club, held at their flying site.

3.12 RC Scale Comp. Special Body Co-ordinator (Peter Willis)

The report of the scale competition is on the Southern Area Website.

3.13 Education Coordinator (vacant) no report

3.14 Achievements for 2017 and concerns for 2018

Objective of this document,

Recording the achievements of the Southern Area BMFA committee during the year 2017 and identify some key concerns for 2018.

The report will start with the positives achieved by team members in 2017, the concerns will be identified at the end. For the purpose of this document a positive is considered to be any action completed by the Southern Area committee that brings aeromodelling to a new audience, provides events and or competitions for local flyers and or helps promote the benefits of the model flying and the BMFA.

- 1) **January:** Supported to Model engineer exhibition - 4 persons and 10 plus models. Achieved coverage in the National press when Ken Gale's model was pictured in the Telegraph. Expect more coverage when the MEE organizers publish their adverts for 21 years of the show which will include 3 of our model aircraft.
- 2) **March:** Supported BMFC to aid appointment of 2 Club Examiners – we will continue to support Beaulieu MFC who have excellent ideas on how to develop and encourage more of their members to enrol in the achievement scheme.
- 3) Successful initial meeting with Middle Wallop (Roger Newman), and positive moves to enhance our support at the Wartime Wallops event. By supporting these Middle

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Wallop events we are giving something back to those who allow us to use their airfield, Roger continues to provide this assistance and it is vital that we develop this partnership.

- 4) **April:** Roger Newman advises that agreement has been reached for at least 4 dates for Free Flight events to be held at Salisbury plain. With the current restrictions at Middle Wallop this brings welcome relief too many with free flight interests, providing opportunities to continue to fly. Ultimately a total of 8 area events arranged for free flight during 2017 using Salisbury Plain and Beaulieu as flying sites.
- 5) Successful initial meeting with Bovington Tank museum – the meeting very encouraging and showed willingness on behalf of the museum to develop their model RC flying display.
- 6) Successful approach to RN Yeovilton, response has opened the way to a meeting later in the year to review ways of working together in the future.
Our past history of over 15 years supporting RN Yeovilton has kept us in good stead and shows the importance of maintaining a positive relationship with such organizations.
- 7) Committee visited the Bovington on site to meet event organizers- site reviewed and we can see every opportunity to hold a RC event on this site. Organizers very keen for our support – we commit to supplying a RC show at their October model event and add support for future events to help grow the show. Another opportunity for us to connect and meet with fellow modellers in Dorset.
- 8) **May:** Wartime Wallop event completed with static show and also 3 RC flying slots demonstrating RC helicopters, esoarers and scale model flying. Weather fine and we complete a very successful event – the organizers respond very positively and we are invited to support the event again in 2018. All the way through negotiations for the 2017 show we have had very positive support from both the airfield management and museum at Middle Wallop, they have shown confidence in our proposals and this relationship bodes well for us holding future events on the airfield.
- 9) **June:** While at wartime wallop another group holding a 2 day country show in Wiltshire invited us to support their event later in the year – The Wiltshire home guard history group. Ken Gale attended with RC scale helicopters
- 10) Blackbushe 75 airfield organizing a flying show in the future – Terry offers BMFA support for their event, response from organizers suggested it was too late for this year but a possibility for the future.
- 11) **July:** Ken Gale held the S/A RC scale helicopter event, excellent response with 30 pilots arriving however weather closed in and flying was curtailed – another event becoming a Southern area regular with a strong following.
- 12) Club support web page completed and ready for implementing onto our web site – it will provide another opportunity to meet local clubs and modellers. Support web page will offer club talks, free trophies with BMFA centres for open events, free facilities to help with organizing events – and financial support to mitigate any losses.
- 13) At last we have coverage in the BMFA news – Balsa Brain 2016 event published in BMFA news – time to supply additional articles for future editions.
- 14) **August:** Southern Area provides support to organizing the campsite and airfield set up at the Power Nationals
- 15) **September:** Introduction of a new area event – RC scale competition, flying only- the seeds have been sown and the initial response was positive. Pete Willis ran the

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event and produced an excellent report – it is hoped that we can develop this event next year.

- 16) **September:** A F3A aerobatic event held at Beaulieu airfield in the New Forest, organized by Richard Sharman. This event was very successful and drew a healthy number of contestants – been a long time since an event has been held at this location however plans are now under way for a follow on event in 2018.
- 17) **September:** An RC achievement scheme super workshop has been held at Popham airfield. It has been some time since a workshop of this nature has been held in the Southern area, however ultimately it proved a success and has paved the way for future development. It was also recognized that Popham being a new site for RC model events did provide excellent facilities including a classroom where education and reviews could be held in future.
Teamed with South Midland area we should record thanks to Peter Willis who worked to promote this workshop after recently joining our committee this year.
- 18) **September:** Terry again held a successful Esoaring League this year – 17 individual pilots attended 4 events during the year – this event is now established in our annual calendar of events.
- 19) Club support page posted on web site – at least 2 members have completed club talks with very positive feedback – let's hope this continues.
- 20) **October:** Attended Bovington show with static and flying display, event did not enjoy good weather however thanks received from organizers – received excellent support from Chesil MFC.
- 21) Southern Area newsletter sent round to all clubs, some feedback received.
- 22) **November:** Balsa Brain being held again (35th year) on November 3rd
- 23) Invite received from BMFA to support the London Model Engineer exhibition again.
- 24) Continue to provide risk support and a level of funding to various indoor events organized by member clubs during the winter months within the area



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Concerns:

Sad to report that during the year we lost 2 very active members from the committee. Steve Warren's contribution over the years has been immense especially the work he completed in support of Balsa Brain and promotion of the achievement scheme and its merits. Likewise John Thompson who had achieved so much during his competitive years in Free flight at world championship level. He again supported the area over many years promoting and organizing Free flight events at various venues within the area.

Individuals like Steve and John are difficult to replace – they have both been life-long Aeromodellers and in their later years they have worked tirelessly to put back into the hobby some repayment for the enjoyment and satisfaction both have gained from aeromodelling. We have been lucky to have enjoyed their support in the Southern Area team and they are sorely missed.

It is also evident that the current Southern Area team has been together for many years and has benefited from the stability that this provides. However the loss of Steve and John plus 2 members now wishing to relinquish their post for 2018 means that our team is now reduced by 4 members. Our challenge for 2018 will be to recruit replacements and hopefully welcome new individuals with new ideas into our team.

This year has also seen some concerns in our ability to ensure that information from the area is passed by the local clubs down to club members. The problem may be incorrect email addresses – club pro's not passing information on or club contact list not being updated, however the concern is worthy of some investigation for next year .

Meetings/ Activities, identified for 2018 (so far)

Saturday 13th January 2018 1st BMFA Full Council meeting

Saturday/Sunday 20/21st January 2018 Model Engineers Exhibition (setup Thursday/Friday?)

Wednesday 31st January Southern Area Committee meeting

Saturday 17th February 2018 1st Area Council Meeting

Saturday 17th March 2018 1st Technical Council Meeting

Saturday 12th May 2018 2nd BMFA Full Council meeting

Monday 28th May 2018 Middle Wallop Wartime Show, SA support has been requested.

Friday/Sunday 20th to 22nd July Farnborough International Air Show (setup Thursday?)

Saturday 8th September 2018 3rd BMFA Full Council meeting

Saturday 29th September 2018 2nd Area Council Meeting

Saturday 13th October 2018 2nd Technical Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th November 2018 Southern Area AGM

Saturday 17th November 2018 71th BMFA AGM

4.0 Election of the S. Area Committee Members for 2015/2016.

Note – strategy moving forward - The Southern area Committee is always looking to encourage new members and or welcome support from Model flyers in the area.
To this end we should tailor tasks appropriately to encourage pilots to join us and become part of the team regardless of how much support they can offer, today we have to be flexible in this respect.

4.1 The position already vacant is - Education Co-ordinator.

4.2 The following wish to standing down from the committee:

David Burstow Area Delegate and Ken Knox PRO.

Tony wished to thank David and Ken for their support over the period that they were on the committee.

Roger Newman, Stuart Simpson and Peter Willis, were co-opted to the committee during the year and were thanked for volunteering.

Please note that the remaining committee incumbents are all willing to step down if a suitable alternative candidate is nominated and voted in place at the AGM.

After a discussion we were able to fill the vacant positions of Area Delegate and PRO.
Peter Turley asked Peter Willis, if he would like to be RC Comp Sec(Fixed Wing), Peter agreed.

Tony Butterworth	Chairman	WCA
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman	Heli Pad MC
Peter Turley	Hon. Secretary	Petersfield / CADMAC
Terry Weeks	Hon. Treasurer	Aldershot
Ken Gale	PAS co-ordinator	Heli Pad MC
Peter Turley	PRO	Petersfield / CADMAC
David Smith	Area Delegate	Positive Pitch
Peter Willis	RC Comp Sec (Fixed Wing)	Wimborne MAC
Terry Weeks	RC Comp Sec (Silent Flight)	Aldershot
Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp. Sec.	Bournemouth
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC

The New and remaining committee members were elected unopposed.

Area Return for 2018 was to be completed and sent to BMFA.

Post meeting Action Complete

5.0 Ratification of Southern Area Chief Examiners for 2016/2017: -

David Burstow and Tony Shortell wish to stand down as an ACE.

Those up for re-ratification are:

(Block Acceptance by Committee)

Terry Weeks SF	Ken Gale Heli	Mike Rondel FW	Matt Lodge Heli
Tony Butterworth FW & SF	Tony Warrilow FW		Peter Carter FW
<i>Proposed</i>	<i>P. Turley</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>P. Willis</i>

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Ken Gale was looking to replace the three lost Area Chief Examiners this year, one who sadly died and two that have decided that they no longer wish to carry on.

After reviewing the situation, Ken, proposed that Richard Sharman should be considered for the position of ACE (FW). In January 2018, Richard will only have been an examiner for 1 year.

The requirement to be an ACE is that you have to be an examiner for 2 years.

Ken Gale has been talking to Duncan McClure, about how to proceed with Richard's application. A precedent has already been set, with Ken Gale becoming an ACE, after being an examiner for less than 2 years.

It was also proposed that an application for Peter Willis, a club examiner, to be made an ACE (FW).

Ken was also looking for another Heli ACE.

Action Ken Gale

6.0 AOB

At the end of the meeting our Chairman, presented Stuart Simpson a Silver plate engraved to thank him for 34 years on the committee as Southern Area Delegate.

Photo of presentation is on page 15

7.0 The next meetings

7.1 Date and time of the next Southern Area AGM: -

Wednesday 7th November 2018 at the:-

. Venue: - ***The Ship Inn***
41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time 19.30 hrs

7.2 Date and time of the next Southern Area Committee meeting: -

Wednesday 31st January 2018 at the:-

. Venue: - ***The Ship Inn***
41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time 20.00 hrs

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15 hrs.

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Meeting Attendance

Attendees	Position/Visitor	Club
Loja Newman	Traffic Rep	BMFA / BHV 1066
Dave Burnton	ACE / Area Delegate	Eagles & Chevill MFC
Ken Gaze	V. CHAIRMAN / ASC	WELI PAD.
DAVID SMITH PETER TORLEY	Secretary; Positive Pitch HFC SAVHORN SUBC.	PETERSFIELD / KIDPORT
TONY BUTTERWORTH	CHAIRMAN	WALTHAM CRASE AEROMODELLER
RICHARD STARMAN	visitor	BMFA (Beaulieu Model Flying) (chairman)
TERRY WEEKS	TREASURER / SF REP	ALTON SILENT FLYERS
PETER WILLIS	SCALE COORD + WIMBORNE CLUB	HEADSITON MODEL CLUB. WIMBORNE M.A.C.
Stuart Simpson	visitor	CAOMAE / Hayling Helis
David Stockley	visitor	Hayling Helis / CAOMAE

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Long Service Award was presented to Stuart Simpson

For his time on the committee as Southern Area Delegate at the 2017 AGM



AGM Meeting attendees



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Annex A

	2017	2016		2017	2016
hits to SABMFA	3371	3828	SABMFA hits by web page		
By Country					
hits from UK	2511	3791	Index - home page	2065	1st
hits from united states	280	479	committee	360	3rd
hits from Russia	157	95	clubs -associations	217	2nd
hits from Germany	45	46	calendar events	231	8th
not set	61		clubs newsletters	212	2nd
By region in UK			Hits to Club support pages (only recently introduced)		
hits from England	2473	2003			
hits from Scotland	20	17	club evening talks	47	
hits from Wales	12	20	support for your club	32	
hits from N-Ireland	5		incentives to help you		
hits from Ilse of Man	1		succeed	31	

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By area in England			Google search		
London	378	332	BMFA	6th overall	2nd
Portsmouth	314	141	British Model Flying	5th overall	5th
Southampton	259	278	British model Flying association	6th overall	5th
Basingstoke	88	46	model flying clubs near me	18th overall	
Salisbury	75	98	SA British model flying	1st	
Newbury	46		Sabmfa	1st	1st
Brighton	45				
Bournemouth	39	43			
Romsey	37				

Cost of maintaining site for 2018 £360.00

Google have changed the way they rank sites. Without regular updates it is harder to get near the top

I think the new site when it is built will help - I have new software that should bring the code up to date.

We are still on the first few of pages on any search-- most give up within 2-3 pages if they don't find what they want.

Web site newsletter each month (what's new column) would be a good idea