



# British Model Flying Association

## Southern Area [www.sabmfa.org.uk](http://www.sabmfa.org.uk)

*Minutes to be Ratified at the 2019 AGM meeting*

**Draft Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*Venue: - The Ship Inn*

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

Start Time: 7.30 hrs. pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>S Area Office</b>	<b>Club</b>
Tony Butterworth	FSMAE Chairman	WCA
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman/ PAS co-ordinator	Heli Pad MC
Terry Weeks	Hon. Treasurer/RC Comp Sec Silent Flight	ASF & Skylarks Delegate
Peter Turley	Hon. Sec./PRO	CADMAC
Peter Willis	RC Comp. Sec	Wimborne MAC
David Smith	Area Delegate	Positive Pitch
Shaun Webb	Visitor	Lee Bees MAC Club Delegate
Ken Knox	Visitor	CADMAC (Club Delegate) & Border

### **1.0 Apologies for absence received**

Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Richard Sharman	Visitor	BMFC chairman
Peter Robinson	SA Web Master	

### **2.0 Review and approve of Minutes of the S. Area AGM held 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018**

Comments, None                      Proposed by                      T. Weeks                      Seconded by                      D. Smith

### **3.0 Committee reports: -**

#### **3.1 Chairman's report (Tony Butterworth)**

This year we have again focused on improving our communication with clubs/pilots/ facilities within the area hoping that we can improve the appeal of our core events and continue to develop relationships with local airfield /flying site providers. The benefit of this strategy is that each of these core events provides the opportunity for committee members to engage with local pilots as well as providing events that local club members will find enjoyable and recognize their local BMFA as adding value. It is of the utmost importance that we are seen as an active committee rather than one that just convenes meetings, and to my mind I am confident that within the Southern area we are very successful in presenting this message.

The year started with our annual visit to the London model engineer show where again we supplied both models and support on the stand over the 3 days. This is a major show in the annual calendar for the BMFA and although not focused totally on flying models it is important that the BMFA attends to ensure our sport is presented to the general public. Four members of the committee took along some 15 models to support the BMFA stand that attracted much interest.

The second of our annual events is supporting the Middle Wallop museum Wartime Wallops event. This year we presented both static and a flying demonstration both being well received.

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Over many years now Roger Newman has represented us on the airfield user's group meetings and through these meetings Roger has developed a very positive relationship between us the BMFA and the airfield management. Today through such efforts we have been granted access to Middle Wallop for annual flying events in the future, this is progress indeed and shows what can be achieved with a professional approach and dedicated team. Having Middle Wallop available enables us to organize events that can cater for models ranging from RC jets to control line and will enable us to welcome many more local modeller's to events at this venue in the future.

The Bovington winter model show was supported by the team from Chesil MFC who presented the BMFA on our behalf, good to have their support for this event.

Peter Turley and I once again supported the power Nat's – organizing the campsite and facilities – excellent result this year with praise from Barkston on the cleanliness of site after the event.

Farnborough Air show again provided the opportunity for us to present model flying to the younger generation on futures day for local schools; again it is important that we support such initiatives not only to encourage these children but also to be seen alongside the many professional companies that also support this event. Terry Weeks and team supported this event to ensure the BMFA was in attendance .The opportunities to network at such events cannot be underestimated and with the high number of schools that attend we have a rare opportunity to present model flying to the younger generation who otherwise would probably never see our sport in normal circumstances.

The number of events that we organize/support in the area has continued to develop with the addition of the Gala day at Middle wallop. For next year work has already started to encourage SAM 35 attendance at this Gala day and there attendance will further enhance the scope of models able to enjoy the facilities on hand. Im sure others will report on each of our events but it is worthy of note that our brochure of events within the area that now includes – E-soaring , free flight , RC scale , indoor free flight , indoor RC , social evening and quiz, control line, RC Helis as well as RC fun fly. Some of these events are managed on our behalf by member clubs and we should recognize their valuable support i.e. Waltham Chase who have organized some 36 indoor events over the winter period and Wimborne MFC who are promoting RC scale within the area. There can be no doubt that this is in part due to the diversity of interest of each of the members on this committee, we are lucky to have this spread of interest and it is something I hope we can maintain for the future. It also ensures that we have knowledgeable individuals whatever the subject for debate and also helps keeps a focus on the issues affecting model flying rather than those of a lesser nature.

Improving communication has always been a target and our web site has been a prime driver in many of the successes we have seen over the past 15 + years. Peter Robinson our webmaster has this year presented a new design for the web site which has been reviewed and accepted by the committee. The new design will provide easier navigation and is also adaptive to use by mobile as well as laptop devices. The new software also offers a list of additional add-ons facilities that are yet to be reviewed however the ability to expand and develop the new site will be a welcome improvement. It is planned to implement this new web site during December, and this upgrade will enable us to remove some of the unused data and present a fresh new picture for the start of 2019. Again it is important that the web site caters for all interest in the area and provides an easy to read directory to keep all visitors up to date with what's happening locally. The current web site has worked very well (on average receiving at least 100 visits every week) but it feels time to improve and with Peters help we can continue to develop this tool for the future.

Communication can be achieved in many ways and today official meetings are probably the least attractive in encouraging participation at area level. However through area events this year it has been encouraging to note the following –

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At the Wartime Wallop museum show we were supported by several members from the Beaulieu Model flying club, they supported flight line duties – spectator control and presented an assortment of models that were well flown and demonstrated to the public. Speaking to them after the event they all enjoyed the exercise and their help was well received.

At the same event we also welcomed new members from the Wimborne club; again their support was welcomed providing a flying display that added a different dimension (IMAC) to that seen before. We also benefited from a guest presenter from Wimborne (Mr D Tappin) who kept the public informed of what was happening and gave an excellent commentary on the model flying display.

At the Gala event at Middle Wallop later in the year we welcomed back members from both the above clubs who as a result of their previous visit decided to return for this second event. This is a prime example of the positive relationship between area and clubs that we hope to foster by organizing such events. Many of the area committee members were at these events enabling us to interact with public and model flyers in the best possible way – on the flying field. Our hope would be that those members attending such events would take a positive message back to the club and encourage more of their fellow pilots to support in future years.

Our committee structure has remained stable and consistent over many years now, attendance at all area meetings is good and the majority of discussion is centered on local area issues. This year has seen David Smith complete his first year with us as area rep this being his first appointment on this committee, not the easiest of task to start with but his progress and excellent feedback from council meetings is worthy of our thanks. The link established through Peter Willis to the achievement scheme project /development continues to add value and is another activity that will I have no doubt provide additional communication channels in the future. Ken Gale who has been a valued member of this team for many years now has decided to take a well earned rest and will be leaving this year. Among his many success was achieving his picture with RC helicopter in the Daily Telegraph on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The front cover of this paper advertised the inauguration of a certain Mr Trump while Ken made page 7 with a colour photo of himself and Aerospatiale Squirrel helicopter, probably the only time you're ever going to see model flying and Mr Trump in the same document,,, Ken deserves many thanks for his commitment and support over the years and we all hope to see Ken at future area events.

Lastly my thanks go to all the area team members who have again worked to progress model flying in the Southern area, as a result of your efforts we can again look forward to 2019 with a level of optimism...

### **3.2 Vice Chairman's report (Ken Gale)**

I attended the Southern Area Gala day at Middle Wallop on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Very good weather and very good location, it was a shame that myself and David Smith (Southern Area rep) were the only helicopter attendees.

Having been involved with the Southern Area committee since 1998 (club rep, Newsletter Editor/PRO, Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator, Area Chief Examiner (H) and Vice Chairman) I have decided to stand down at this year's AGM in November from both Vice Chairman and ASC. I am prepared to stay on as ACE for Helicopters if the area committee wish to ratify me at the AGM.

### **3.3 Honorary Treasurer's report (Terry Weeks)**

Please refer to the balance sheets, it shows the predicted balance as at the end of March 2019

**Notes on the accounts:**

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1. We now hold £183.00 for the 2018 Odiham Rally. This is a S. A. Silent Flight Event (Free Flight event, held for the past 70 years), the licence fee has been paid and a new date is to be arranged due to the cancellation of the planned date.
2. The 2018 Balsa Brain event set for the 30<sup>th</sup> November has been budgeted to cost the Area around £385.00 but I anticipate the actual cost will be in the region of £235.00 after the raffle / collections.
3. I have bought the "Really Useful Boxes" as agreed and emailed details to you all for the Marquis panels, the final cost being just £28.00 and they now store far tidier than before.
5. The £90.00 cheque for the Gala licence was finally banked on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Posted 13<sup>th</sup> July!!
6. Note we have spent £90.42 more than our income this year, even with the Area Workshop planned not going ahead and one less meeting, if these had gone ahead we would have eroded our assets by £261.67 on the year, largely due to an unexpected reduction in our grant from HQ of £131.35.

### **Next year our assets will reduce by a further £145.90 as budgeted if nothing else changes.**

These minutes will not ratified until the 2019 AGM; however the accounts have been ratified and approved at this meeting.

Proposed acceptance: T. Butterworth      Seconded: P. Turley

After discussion Terry agreed to prepare a Budget for 2019.      Action T. Weeks

### **3.4 Honorary Secretary's report (Peter Turley)**

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

I noted that the Area Secretaries do not get a copy of the BMFA AGM Agenda; our Area Delegate David Smith raised the issue at the October Area Council meeting and was referred to the BMFA Office Manager, whose reply is that we are expected to get a copy from their club secretary, a negative response! My last Club the Hon. Sec. never forwarded a single item over 16 years. As the letter with the Agenda attached, comes from David Phipps I propose to complain direct to him on the matter.

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 helped the Southern Area committee members on the BMFA stand after lunch on the Sunday.

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 supported the Middle Wallop museum "Wartime Wallops" event, taking a selection of models for the Static Display.

Attended the Middle Wallop fly in and supported Peter Willis on the RC flight line.

I went to the Nationals for the 13<sup>th</sup> time, supporting our Chairman in setting up and running the Nationals Camp Site. Need new tent for next year after it got very wet on the Sunday!

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

I am happy to stand as SA Hon. Sec again for the year 2019

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

Again, fairly quiet over the last few months with only a couple of club members being tested. Both were successful, one for Heli examiner on Jersey and the other for Multi-rotor A in the north of the area. I had an interesting email from a silent flight flyer from Trowbridge, but who fly's near Devises and is a country member who was looking to take a B test. It is nearly impossible to find out exactly where our Southern Area borders are, not helped by the fact that the 'official' border seems to follow the county line between Hampshire and Wiltshire, but several Southern Area clubs are in Wiltshire which is Western Area. I eventually spoke to the co-ordinator for the Western Area who actually knew about the particular group of flyers and agreed to get one of their Silent Flight ACE's to get in touch with him.

I had a long conversation with Mike Rondel from Jersey a couple of weeks ago who told me that he wishes to stand down from the position of ACE and the Jersey club have put forward his son Peter to take over the roll. Peter is both a helicopter and fixed wing club examiner.

### **3.6 PRO's report (Peter Turley) his report was read by Hon. Sec.**

Have supported the committee and sent out invites for Middle Wallop, the AGM and Balsa Brain.

Still have problems in getting a complete list of clubs in our area with full contact details, at least 2 Club secretaries don't have e-mail addresses, weather the new BMFA data base will solve this problem is as yet to be seen in the new year.

At the September committee meeting I proposed that we should have a "S A News Letter" to advise the clubs of how we can support the clubs in the area and advise them of the events that we are running and supporting in the Southern Area. To be introduced in the new year.

### **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 web master had reported that he refreshes the website regularly, so that it comes near to the top of the list when searched on Google. Shaun Webb, of Lee Bees said that their web site is biased on the BMFA format and does not show up on a google search and said that he was not aware of the BMFA SA web site.

Clarification on the web space available on the new web site was needed. Action T. Butterworth

Links were needed to the Club Websites.

Current SA committee meeting minutes, were at the bottom if the list. Need to have the current year on top.

The plan is to introduce the new web site in December this year.

### **3.8 Area Delegate's report (David Smith)**

This, my first year involved within the BMFA and as Southern Area delegate to Council, has been an interesting time and with quite a lot to learn. I have attended all the Full Council and Areas Council meetings since being appointed, producing timely reports of these to the Area Committee, and all but one of the Area Committee meetings.

I assisted on the BMFA stand at the London Model Engineer Exhibition in January, and with the Southern Area events at Wartime Wallop in May and the Gala day at Middle Wallop in June.

I also attended an ASRC video recording day at Wimborne MFC.

At Areas Council in February I raised the issue of delays in updating the Southern Area page of the BMFA website, resulting in that page now redirecting to the Southern Area website.

At Areas Council in October I reported on our lack of feedback from the editorial team at BMFA News, and raised the issue of timely availability of the Area club list, which will be solved with the live facility on the new membership portal.

### **3.9 Free Flight Competition Secretary's report (Roger Newman), read by T. Butterworth**

Apologies for absence at the AGM but we are away for the first two weeks of November.

Within our area, organised competition & sport flying has taken place at Beaulieu & on Area 8 of Salisbury Plain – there being no other significant locations available. A few people local to the area have indulged in trimming on the designated free flight area of Chobham Common, but that now is under threat by Natural England, as they wish to ban the activity. Efforts are being made to get support from the BMFA to contest the proposed ban at this long used location.

In general, a reasonable season for competitive flying, with the Crookham Club strong candidates to retain the Plugge Cup for the third consecutive year.

Seven Area meetings have been held with flying at both Beaulieu & Salisbury Plain, with one cancellation due to bad weather. The SAM1066 scheduled program for Salisbury Plain has been disrupted by appalling weather despite the very warm summer, resulting in the joint Croydon/SAM1066 Wakefield Day being cancelled on two occasions & the season ending with cancellation of the Odiham Gala, which hopefully with the support of RAF Odiham is to be rescheduled for early in 2019.

Sports' flying, under the good auspices of the Beaulieu MFC, is becoming more fitful on Beaulieu airfield which is now suffering from an excess of gorse bushes. Advancing age is taking its toll resulting in less of us taking advantage of the still wide open space that is available at this long standing location. Sports flyers have also taken advantage of the space at Salisbury Plain, with a steady & consistent core of devotees.

The possibility has recently arisen for an application to resume free flight activities on Middle Wallop in 2019, with a change of Commanding Officer & a more positive message coming from the Airfield Manager. Permission is being sought but the outcome – as yet, is not known.

On behalf of those who fly free flight – now sadly a much diminishing number, I would like to thank the Committee for its support in the Southern Area - it is much appreciated.

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

The Alton Silent Flyers have now run all 4 of the planned S.A Soaring competitions, on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June and the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The final event series planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> September was re-arranged for the 21<sup>st</sup> October due to adverse weather, see below for details.

Following the last meeting I took it upon myself to arrange the presentation (Questions & Answers) for the Balsa Brain event.

Thanks to Ken Gale for sending me the formatted presentation used last year which allowed me to cut and paste in new questions that I had put together with the help of others sending me questions and photographs.

As Ken Gale suggested it would, it took an enormous amount of time but I am now ready with 5 rounds if required. I will however now require some help selling the raffle tickets and collecting the £1.00 entrance fee that I normally take care of alone.

Again not even an acknowledgement from Peter Dodds (BMFA Newsletter Editor) regarding the submitted report on Alex Savill's "A" test success. Dave has taken this general problem up at Area's Council as reported in his write up.

### **Alton Silent Flyers Club-delegate & Skylarks reports.**

The latest situation with the AMC is that a possible site has been found, once any real progress has been made on this I will report further.

With the implementation of the "Go Membership" club management portal, I am pleased to report that after some teething troubles, The Alton Silent Fliers are up and running on the system with all members listed and details entered / corrected as required. Thanks to Dave and Andy Symons for their help in this. I have also been in contact with Keith Miller of the Skylarks Model Group and assisted him with their Go Membership input.

The last Esoaring event planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> September was cancelled and re-arranged for the 21<sup>st</sup> October as reported above, this went ahead in brilliant weather so finally the series was completed with a full complement of rounds and the results finalised. The trophies were presented and all attendees were really impressed by them. I have been asked to officially thank you all for your continued support. I have completed a report with some photographs and sent it to Peter for our web-site and also published it on the ASF web-site. (Copy Attached).

Tony Ridler one of our members is also a member of the MVSA and Ian Pallister their chairman visited East Worldham to take his SF Electric "A" test, impressed with our site he is to join ASF. In return I have agreed to join the MVSA and this will result in a number of MVSA members undertaking tests and eventually putting forward a club examiner to be tested.

### **3.11 Radio Control Competition Fixed Wing Secretary's report. (Peter Willis)**

2017/18 has been a strange year, from a weather perspective, with many great flying days through the Summer of 2018 but with some weekend events being cancelled due to strong winds and/or rain. Unfortunately the primary Southern Area Flying Only Scale event date (and standby date) suffered this consequence and therefore has not been run this year. However, plans are in hand to run the postponed event in May 2019.

Other significant and more importantly successful events the FW Contest Secretary was actively involved in this year are:

- ASRC Meetings at Leicester x 2.
- Presentation/Talk for Petersfield MAC.
- Wartime Wallop Static & Flying Display.
- Ferndown 'Fete in the Field' Static & Flying display.
- Southern Area Gala Fly In at Middle Wallop.
- Filming of Achievement Scheme Training Videos.
- ASRC Roadshows x 2/AS Workshop/ Buckminster ASRC Fly In, at various locations across the country.
- Wimborne Club EDF & Jet Day + Club Scale Day.

The Southern Area BMFA team have achieved a lot over the last few years and some of the hard work is now starting to pay dividends with access to facilities and invites to participate in various promotional events. It is hoped that this trend will continue into the future and more BMFA members in the Southern Area will be persuaded to participate and enjoy these events.

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The current incumbent is willing to stand again for election to the Southern Area BMFA Committee for the 2018/19 year.



### 3.13 Education Coordinator (vacant) no report

### 3.14 Achievements for 2018 and concerns for 2019

Objective: to record achievements over the past year so we can understand our performance and target areas for improvement -- always positive to record success.

1) Our attendance and support to central BMFA has continued over the past year with committee members attending London model engineer exhibition and also supporting Farnborough Air Show. It is credit to those involved who support these events by providing models for the show as well as giving their own time to engage with the public to help present model flying as a sport for the future. It also enables us to meet other BMFA reps and this additional provide avenues of communication within the society. It is also reflects well on the Southern area that we receive such request for support from central BMFA.

2) This year was the first year that we have been presented with the opportunity to hold an open event at Middle Wallop. For many years now Roger Newman has represented us at the airfield user's group meetings and this has our led to us supporting the Museums open days with static and more recently flying demonstrations. As a result we have been able to demonstrate a professional approach to these shows displaying a level of confidence in our ability to manage our sport. It has been recognised that we provide a positive contribution to the museums annual show, this is an important fact. This year the confidence shown resulted in the offer from Middle Wallop to us to hold an open BMFA event on the airfield. This went well and we have already been offered use again in 2019. For many years now we have been searching for such a facility to enable us to grow our events calendar and also to allow us to invite a broader range of modellers in the area to a Gala event. It certainly feels like have found such a facility, it is now down to us to continue to grow the positive communication between us and the Middle Wallop authorities such that we can start to plan with confidence on a future annual event at Middle Wallop. I should also record that we received considerable support from airfield management and the licensing authorities in setting up the July event,, this is probably the greatest success for 2018 .



3) Over the past few years we have spent time discussing our web site design and its application to serving the area's needs. Often the first contact a visitor has with our organisation is through the web site so it is important that it provides the right impression in reflecting our teams ambition. The current web site is some 15+ years old and has been a crucial tool in improving communication within the area however advances in software means that there are now improved options available. Peter Robinson has been our webmaster since the inception and through his efforts we will be implementing a new version before the end of the year. The full scope of this new software has yet to be understood but the draft design presented will be an improvement and enable us to continue development in the future.

4) The number of events that are now advertised on our web site continues to show a high level of activity within the area. Some of these are managed by the area and others by local clubs; together we can advertise events that cover the vast majority of interests. This is a very healthy situation and demands that we continue to support clubs where they take risks on our behalf. There are only so many events that we as an area committee can organise so having clubs prepared to provide effort and support is important for the future.

5) Financially this year we received a reduced budget from HQ, also this year we have incurred additional expenses as a result of new events and activities being added. Thanks To Terry Weeks close attention to finance we have been able to grow the areas activities even though we have exceeded the awarded annual budget. We do not have extensive funds but neither has the reduced budget impacted our desire to grow. Having the finance to be able to fund new events and improvements is important to progress in 2019.

6) Through local events we have made many more contacts in local clubs – the attendance at the Middle Wallop events included several pilots from local clubs whom we had not met before. After these events contact was made with several of the pilots and helpers to ask there view on -- was the event enjoyable - did they feel part of the team and would they come again. In all cases the response was positive which bodes well for the future, I cannot recall one negative comment this year which is raise indeed.

### **Concern**

The key concern must be that today we have not been able to attract younger members to join us on the committee that s

aid we always seem to be able to fill positions on the committee with candidates who always add value to the team and enjoy being involved in many of the activities. We are also lucky that the spread of interest amongst each of the members cover many aspects of model flying and this is important.

However we are all getting older and we need to encourage younger members to join us so we can pass on the experience gained.

Although it can be arduous at times during the year it is always rewarding at AGM time to look back and see what has been achieved – the progress that has been made knowing you have been part of that.

So, perhaps next year.

Lastly the experience also of starting the year with 2 potential candidates interested in supporting the achievement scheme and then losing interest is worthy of further discussion – perhaps another target for the new web site...

#### 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:

Ken Gale wishes to stand down as Vice Chairman and PAS coordinator

Tony and the committee wished to thank Ken Gale for support over the period that he was on the committee.

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.

Our Chairman thanked Ken Gale for his support and services on the Southern Area Committee.

After a discussion, David Smith offered to fill the vacant positions of Vice Chairman and Peter Willis offered to take on the position of PAS coordinator.

The Chairman had asked Richard Sharman, if he was prepared to take a position on the committee, Richard agreed and a position of “West Hampshire Operations Support” was generated.

Tony Butterworth	Chairman	WCA
D. Smith	Vice Chairman	Positive Pitch
Peter Turley	Hon. Secretary	CADMAC
Terry Weeks	Hon. Treasurer	Aldershot
Peter Willis	PAS co-ordinator	Wimborne MAC
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Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp. Sec.	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Richard Sharman	West Hampshire Operations Support	Beauileu Chairman

The New and remaining committee members were elected unopposed.

Area Return for 2019 was to be completed and sent to BMFA.

Post meeting Action P. Turley

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

Mike Rondell wishes to stand down as ACE and the Jersey club have proposed his son Peter Rondell an examiner and he would be happy to stand as an ACE.

David Burstow is happy to be an ACE again to cover West Dorset

I have prepared the appropriate paperwork for approval signature and submission to BMFA of Peter Rondell and David Burstow.

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Their acceptance to be ACE's was unopposed by those present.

Peter Willis an ACE has agreed to take over the role of **SA Co-ordinator**.

Those up for re-ratification are:

**(Block Acceptance by Committee)**

Terry Weeks SF	Ken Gale Heli	Matt Lodge Heli	Tony Butterworth FW & SF
Tony Warrilow FW	Peter Carter FW	Peter Willis FW	Richard Sharman FW
Chris Bradbury Heli			

*Proposed*

*P. Turley*

*Seconded*

*D. Smith*

6.0 AOB

Photo of meeting attendees.



## 7.0 The next meetings

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at the:-

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

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

*Start Time 19.30 hrs*

There being no other business, the meeting closed at hrs. 10.30 pm

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Meeting Attendance

Attendees

Position/Visitor

Club

PETER WILLIS	FW CompSec	Wimbome MAC
SHAUN WEBB	SECRETARY LEEBEE'S	LEE BEE'S
PETER TURLLY	SASSEC. & PRO	CADMAC
DAVID SMITH	AREA DELEGATE	HELIPAD / POSITIVE PITCH
KEN GALE	V. CHAIRMAN	HELIPAD
TRAY WEBB	TREASURER + S/F	(4) <del>ASF</del> + <u>AMC</u> + <u>MISA</u> <u>ASF</u> , <u>SKYLARKS</u>
TOMY BUTTERWORTH	CHAIRMAN	WALTHAM CHASE <del>HERONDRUB</del>
KEN KNOP	EDITOR	QUICKHIST (CADMAC) + BORDER

**Web Site report 2018 –Peter Robinson – Southern area BMFA webmaster**

The following data has been presented by Peter Robinson to advise web site activity during the year .....

In each category only the top 10 activities have been documented .....

The below data is for the period 05/11/2017 to 04/11/2018

**Search for web site visits by country -----**

1.	United Kingdom	1,718	72.52%
2.	France	247	10.43%
3.	United States	139	5.87%
4.	Canada	60	2.53%
5.	(not set)	56	2.36%
6.	Germany	18	0.76%
7.	India	12	0.51%
8.	Australia	9	0.38%
9.	Iraq	7	0.30%
10.	South Africa	7	0.30%

**Search for web site visits within United kingdom only -----**

1.	England	1,687	(98.14%)
2.	Wales	21	(1.22%)
3.	Scotland	7	(0.41%)
4.	Northern Ireland	4	(0.23%)

**Search or web site visits by area within UK ....**

1.	London	286	(15.60%)
2.	Portsmouth	164	(8.95%)
3.	Southampton	164	(8.95%)
4.	(not set)	57	(3.11%)
5.	Salisbury	48	(2.62%)
6.	Basingstoke	39	(2.13%)
7.	Bristol	36	(1.96%)
8.	Bournemouth	34	(1.85%)
9.	Andover	33	(1.80%)
10.	Brighton	29	(1.58%)

**Search for web site pages by popularity ....**

Total Page Views 7,799

1.	/	1,084	(13.90%)
2.	/index.html	705	(9.04%) This is same as /
3.	/the_committee.html	295	(3.78%)
4.	/club_list.html	220	(2.82%)
5.	/07-04_salisbury_model_flying_club_-_swap_meet.html	214	(2.74%)
6.	/for_sale__wanted.html	211	(2.71%)
7.	/medina_model_flying_club.html	199	(2.55%)
8.	/aldershot_model_club.html	180	(2.31%)
9.	/clubs_and_associations.html	176	(2.26%)
10.	/southern_england_rocket_flyers.html	164	(2.10%)
11.	/rc_paragliding.html	153	(1.96%)

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12.	/southampton_mac.html	145	(1.86%)
13.	/southern_area.html	129	(1.65%)
14.	/beaulieu_model_flying_club.html	128	(1.64%)
15.	/waymouth_model_flying_club.html	128	(1.64%)
16.	/southampton_model_areoplane_club.html	121	(1.55%)
17.	/portsmouth__district_mac_padmac.html	106	(1.36%)
18.	/14-10_salisbury_model_flying_club_swapmeet.html	100	(1.28%)
19.	/area_minutes.html	91	(1.17%)
20.	/brighton_radio_flying_club.html	83	(1.06%)

### Google.co.uk Search

1. British Model Flying  
- Page 2 7<sup>th</sup>
2. BMFA  
- Page 1 6<sup>th</sup>
3. SABMFA  
- Page 1 1<sup>st</sup>

The web host is still 123-Reg

This year the host cost £50.26 and was paid for in July

We are using 1369 of 10240 MB so plenty of space this will also decrease once we swap over to the new site.

I have thinned the site out when I rebuilt it so a lot of the old events and news items have been removed from the new one.

The more varied content we have the more visitors we will get. Hopefully the new site will help as it is adaptive and will work across several platforms from mobiles to desktop pcs. The software used is more up to date and also uses more up to date code. There are several add-ons available also some free and some not so let me know what you would like and I will see what I can do.

Some conclusions after review with previous year's performance

Hits by country -- looks like total activity has reduced by 50% , this is reflected also by a reduction of 40% in hits from UK - but the number of countries visiting has also reduced by 30% contributing to reduction..

Hits from within UK – actually only a 14% reduction in hits from within England

Hits from local areas -- 22% reduction overall however considering local areas ---London , Southampton , Portsmouth , Salisbury ,Basingstoke , Bournemouth Bristol ,Andover and Brighton then we see only a 8% reduction

Hits by pages -- this shows greatest interest is in searching local clubs with viewing of pages hit count showing an increase over previous year's figures....

This suggests high interest in searching local club activity and specific articles???

Our web site is linked to all area member clubs web sites, it would be advantageous if club web sites linked back to the Southern Area BMFA web site,, we should follow this idea up . We still need to generate more articles and regular updates ( no one reads yesterday's news ) ... suggest the lower performance this year in parts is due to reduction in external interest as local interest looks healthy --especially when total page views is a very high figure i.e. 7,799 (150/ week) .