

## B.M.F.A. WESTERN AREA COMMITTEE



### Unapproved Minutes of 07<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Meeting

Held at Filton Community Association, Elm Park, Filton

#### Those Present.

J Harris	BRCMAC	(Vice Chairman/Council Delegate)
N White	Woodspring Wings MFC	(Area Treasurer)
P. Wilson	Bristol Bulldogs MFC	(Area Secretary)
J. Stennard	Beaufort MFC	(Area Education Officer)
R. Buckley	Frome MFC	
D Hanks	South Bristol MAC	
J Bond	South Bristol MAC	

#### 1. Chairman's Welcome.

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 8; 05pm and welcomed the six clubs present.

#### 2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from; -

S Kirby	Beaufort MFC	(Area Chairman)
E. Drew	Bristol & West MAC	

#### 3. Minutes of Western Area Meeting 08<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting read and accepted with no amendments. Offered for approval.

Proposed by South Bristol MAC and seconded by Beaufort MFC.

Carried unanimously.

#### Matters arising.

The Council Delegate clarified the query raised in the January meeting with respect to a request for a specialised body for fun flyers at the full council meeting. The fun flyers felt they were a large body that went unrecognized.

#### 4. Review Full Council Agenda for May 2019 and provide direction to Area Delegate.

Agenda item 15 Funding

The Council Delegate gave a full explanation of Item 15 funding proposal, several meetings had been held with the local area officers to discuss responses sent back to head office prior to the proposal submission. The key points are that Areas should not lose any budget accumulated, a definition of what is acceptable items to support and area's will need to generate proposed budgets for 2020 / 2021.

All clubs to please note if they plan to request any BMFA Area support in 2020 / 2021 they should make the area committee aware of their requirements at or before the September 2019 Western Area meeting.

Agenda item 12b i)

There was general agreement from the meeting that the BMFA should be reimbursed from any winnings from competitions that the BMFA had contributed to.

No other comment raised.

## **5. CAP1775 Drone Registration Scheme Status**

**The Frome MFC member** gave some insight into background of the discussions with the DTI and the CAA. BMFA Member input is urgently needed and at a minimum all members are requested to respond to the CAA Consultation Document (this closes on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019).

Several clubs have generated letters and suggestions on responses to local MPs, the DTI and CAA. Copies supplied to the meeting to aid club and member responses (Thanks to Bath Spa Radio Control Society and White Sheets MFC)

## **6. Proposed changes to Area funding allocation from head office.**

Covered in item 4 above. A reminder that clubs will need to advise the area of any potential funding requests planned for 2020 /2012 at or before the September meeting.

## **7. Club requests for Area Funding.**

### **a) Education funding request 2019 2020.**

The Area Education Officer shared with the meeting picture of events supported by the funding provided. The level of involvement by the schools and special events arranged with the local Aerospace museum had highlighted the need to have sufficient backup of good equipment especially batteries. These items have now been procured but accounted for the bigger request for funding this year. It was envisaged the budget going forward would revert back to an expected £400.00. The activities were fully supported by all present and the Area Education Officer was thanked for his time and energy along with the support he received from the local clubs.

A proposal to agree the £800.00 was made by Beaufort MAC and seconded by South Bristol MAC.

For 6 Against 0 Abstention 0. Carried.

### **b) Lavington school STEM day 2019 funding bid**

Presented by the Area Education Office on behalf of the Wessex Model Flying Club and supported by a report from the Lavington School with pictures of last year's event. The meeting suggested it may be a good idea for the school to re evaluate the cost breakdown to reduce the element paid by the pupils taking part.

A proposal to agree the £59.00 was made by South Bristol MAC and seconded by Frome MFC.

For 6 Against 0 Abstention 0. Carried.

### **c) Frome MFC Cheese Show Funding request**

The Frome MFC delegate explained the request to fund additional costs incurred by the club at the annual Cheese show which the area has supported in the past.

A proposal to agree the £90.00 was made by Beaufort MAC and seconded by South Bristol MAC.

For 6 Against 0 Abstention 0. Carried.

### **d) Frome MFC Club May open fly in Funding request**

The Frome MFC delegate requested support for additional costs in having a fly in open to the local clubs .A question was raised in relation to local "Bristol" clubs had not seen the invite. The delegate explained that history suggests that clubs local to Bristol feel the distance to Frome is a factor and they therefore only circulate it to the local clubs.

A proposal to agree the £55.00 was made by Beaufort MAC and seconded by Woodspring Wings.

For 6 Against 0 Abstention 0. Carried.

## **8. Examiner workshops update (scheduled for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019)**

The next Examiner workshop is planned for Saturday 22 June 2019 commencing at 10:00. Hosted by the Wessex MFC at Poulshot Wiltshire, south west of Devizes. A reminder you need to book attendance for this on line to be registered.

The September workshop is planned for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September hosted by Woodspring Wings MFC at Yatton

## **9. Any other business.**

It was noted that the Bristol Model Engineering Show would not be taking place this year.

## **10. Date of next meeting.**

Tuesday 03rd September 2019 at Filton Bristol commencing at 20:00

Meeting closed at 21:25