

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



## Approved Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Meeting

Held at Filton Community Association, Elm Park, Filton

### Those Present

S Kirby	Beaufort MFC	(Area Chairman)
J Harris	BRCMAC	(Vice Chairman/Area Treasurer)
P. Durant	Warminster & District RCFC	(BMFA Council Delegate)
P. Wilson	Bristol Bulldogs MFC	(Area Secretary)
S Reynolds	Warminster & District RCFC	
P Tribe	Bristol & West MAC	
R Muir	Weston MFC	
R. Buckley	County MFC	
Mike Pope	Weston MFC	
N White	Woodspring Wings	

### 1. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8; 00pm, confirmed that everybody had signed the attendance register.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from; -

D Hanks	South Bristol MAC
G Hanks	South Bristol MAC
J Stennard	Area Education Officer
E Drew	Bristol & West MFC

### 3. Minutes of September 2015 Meeting and matters arising

Minutes read and approved. Proposed County MFC, Seconded by Beaufort MFC.

Carried with one abstention.

### Matters Arising.

7 (b) Western Area Heli Chief Examiner statement. The Council delegate pointed out he had not seen any response from the clubs over this issue. The secretary pointed out the action was for "clubs to note" one has to assume the clubs have noted the comment.

7 (c) BMFA Indoor Duration at Filton. Several clubs expressed interest in how to obtain access to the Brabazon Hanger for the indoor duration meetings. The secretary agreed to investigate and circulate the details post meeting.

### 4. BMFA AGM feedback from Area Delegate

Covered at previous meeting, no further comments.

**5. Review Full Council Agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and provide direction to Area Delegate.**

The Chairman asked if there was any views from the meeting relating to agenda item 16a (page 11). The proposal to merge if necessary the silent flight controller activities with the activities of the power flight controller. Apparently this was just formalising what has been happening. There were no concerns raised.

Agenda item 17b (page 19) Drone and FPV weight limits. This raised several questions in how the information was passed to members but no questions for the Delegate.

Agenda item 17c (page 20) Radio frequencies although this brings the rules into line with UKRCC Frequencies the delegate was asked to enquire what the position is with Data down or uplink use on the 5.8Ghz range.

Agenda item 17d (page 22) Return to home issue. Some discussion was had relating to this issue and the message to the delegate suggesting the wording needed further definition in relation to "home" i.e. suitable, appropriate or achievable could be inserted.

Agenda 17g (page 25) the Chairman thought the word recommended in relation to A test for competitions was leaving it open to misunderstanding and should be required or removed.

Agenda item 17i (page 28) It was pointed out the wording could be tidied up in relation to event / competition / and contest.

No other comments raised.

**6. Club Requests for Area Funding.**

**a) Frome MFC request for funding to support a fly in.**

Proposed for acceptance by Weston MFC seconded by Woodspring wings. All in favour with one abstaining. Amount agreed as per request for £75:00.

**b) Funding request for Western Area Education Programme**

Following a presentation from the chairman on behalf of John Stennard requesting £150:00 for repairs and spares of the original ball helicopter and a sum of £150:00 for purchase of new drone balls. The request was proposed for acceptance by the Beaufort MFC and seconded by Warminster & District RCFC. All in favour for the amount requested £300:00.

**7. Area Web Status**

As this is now being looked after by the secretary this agenda item can be removed.

**8. Any other business**

**(a) Merryfield Access issue**

Peter Tribe (Bristol & West MAC) gave an update on the protracted discussions that have taken place to try and obtain access to Merryfield for free flight in 2016. Although it is still being progressed the outlook is far from promising. Several suggestions were put forward. It was suggested that if Peter Tribe wished to attend the FFTC conference at the end of the month the western area would cover his expenses if that would help.

**9. Date of next Meeting**

The following meeting dates have been set please add to your diary for 2016

**Western Area Meetings**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 21 November (Area AGM)

**Examiner Workshops Note dates only venue is to be determined.**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Post Meeting note : September Examiner workshop now 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**