

B.M.F.A. WESTERN AREA COMMITTEE



Approved Minutes of 09th May 2016 Meeting

Held at Filton Community Association, Elm Park, Filton

Those Present

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| J Harris | BRCMAC | (Vice Chairman/Area Treasurer) |
| P. Durant | Warminster & District RCFC | (BMFA Council Delegate) |
| P. Wilson | Bristol Bulldogs MFC | (Area Secretary) |
| J. Stennard | Beaufort MFC | (Area Education Officer) |
| C. Holloway | AMARC 2002 | |
| R Muir | Weston MFC | |
| R. Buckley | Frome MFC | |
| Mike Pope | Weston MFC | |

1. Welcome

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 8; 05pm, confirmed that everybody had signed the attendance register. Minor corrections to published agenda, details titled below are correct.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from; - S Kirby Beaufort MFC (Area Chairman)
N White Woodspring Wings

3. Minutes of January 04th 2016 Meeting and matters arising

Minutes read, minor amendment and post meeting note added. Minutes then offered for approval. Proposed by Weston MFC and seconded by Frome MFC.

Carried with one abstention.

Matters Arising.

The Area Education Officer thanked the meeting for the Education funding agreed at the last meeting in his absence. The Vice Chairman thanked the Education Officer for all his efforts on behalf of the BMFA.

Reference "matters arising 7 (c) Indoor flying at Brabazon Hanger" the secretary confirmed details had been circulated post meeting in January.

4. BMFA Full Council Meeting 09th January 2016 feedback from Area Delegate.

The Area Delegate explained he went through all the points raised (item 5 in January minutes) relating to frequency, meaning of "home" and wording at the full council meeting. Some items were withdrawn, some unchanged and some amended as shown in the released minutes for the Full Council meeting.

5. Review Full Council Agenda for 14th May 2016 and provide direction to Area Delegate.

The Vice Chairman reviewed the agenda items and asked for comments.

Item 6b the paper on Area funding was discussed at length with the following points raised with the Area Delegate for the Full Council meeting on Saturday.

In relation to 6 b i) While there was some discussion on the BMFA forum it was not clear how the budget would work in relation to unknown items that arise later in the year and therefore not be in a current budget.

In relation to 6 b ii) The Western Area would like a greater understanding of what was acceptable and unacceptable items than can be funded within the scope of "promoting model flying" and "Additional activities".

In relation to 6 b iii) A two year expenditure will be an issue for any area like Western where they forward fund specific events and then receive it back into the account in the next financial period i.e. a float requirement.

As 6b will result in a funding saving what does the Full Council plan to do with the funds?

Agenda item 15

- a) Senior joining fee, The Western Area took a unanimous view this item should be rejected.
- b) Display unit for £900.00 The Western Area took a majority view this should also be rejected.

No other comments raised.

6. Examiner Workshop status update.

The planned workshop for 2nd April 2016 was cancelled due to lack of support however as several activities were requested by the AMARC 2002 club the key players reconvened at the AMARC 2002 club ending in a reasonably successful day.

The next planned workshop will now be held on Saturday 17th September (NOT the 3rd September) and hosted by Frome MFC. Details will be circulated later in May.

There was a general discussion raised by the Weston club on how to generate a greater level of interest including funding of a mini bus or something to help encourage participants.

7. Club Requests for Area Funding.

- a) **Beaufort MFC request for funding to support the Thornbury Engineering show.**
The Beaufort MFC delegate explained the request for Area support they had submitted. The Beaufort club incur costs in manning a show over 4 days including set up. The Beaufort MFC was one of the key exhibits and the only one showing Model flying and promoting the BMFA. The Weston MFC proposed accepting the request for the full amount and was seconded by Frome MFC. All in favour with one abstaining. Amount agreed as per request for £380:00.

b) Funding request for Western Area Education Programme

The Western Area Education Officer thanked the Western Area for their support and said he had £150.00 in funding remaining from last year; however with the activity on several fronts the level of repairs required will need further support. In light of the predicted education requirements a proposal for a further £150.00 was made by Frome MFC and seconded by Warminster MFC.

All in favour for the amount suggested £150.00.

8. Any other business

(a) Spirit of Aviation update report (Western Area Education Officer)

The Western Area Education Officer circulated some picture taken at one of the organized events and explained this week we would complete the first year of running the Sir John Thomson "spirit of aviation" scheme giving schoolchildren the opportunity to experience what Aviation has to offer. A full article will be published by the BMFA soon.

- (b) The Weston club raised the fact that drone and drone related issue continue to circulate in the press and there should be more activity in getting retailers to provide the information to customers. The Vice Chairman explained he believed that significant work has been undertaken by the BMFA and the CAA to address this issue and large (but not all) suppliers now include data about the legal requirements.

9. Date of next Meeting

Western Area Meetings

Tuesday 6th September and Monday 21 November (Area AGM)

Examiner Workshop.

Saturday 17th September 2016 at Frome MFC.