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RATIFIED at AREA MEETING 24th MARCH 2010

Minutes of Area Meeting 3rd February 2010

*Venue: - The Anchor Public House
61 Test Lane, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 9BH*

Start Time: 19.45hrs.

Present:	S Area Office	Club
Tony Butterworth	Chairman	Waltham Chase
Steve Flood.	Hon. Treasurer	Waltham Chase
Ken Knox.	PRO	Chichester
Stuart Simpson	Area Delegate	Hayling Helis
Terry Weeks	RC Silent Flight	Aldershot
Ken Gale	Vice Chairman	Helipad (ACE)
Dave Burstow	ASC Co-ordinator	Eagles
Roger Newman	Observer	Bournemouth
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Ron Claridge	Observer	Southampton
Barrie Lever	Observer	Southampton
John Bennett	Observer	Romsey Electric Flyers
Steve Warren	Observer	Waltham Chase

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Peter Turley Co-opted Hon. Sec. & RC Comp Sec. Petersfield.
John Thompson FF comp Sec Crookham

2.0 Chairman's welcome and how he would like to conduct the meeting

Tony welcomed everybody to the meeting and said he was pleased to see some new faces. He went on to say that he would like to change the usual format of the meeting in that he would like to leave the individual delegate reports till last and proceed with the main body of the agenda first he felt that would be a better use of our time.



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3.0 Agenda

3.1 Honorary Secretary Position

Tony informed us that --- Due to illness Peter Turley has found it necessary to resign from his position as secretary of the S/A BMFA. This is a sad loss as Peter has supported our area not only at local level but also at the Nationals and various events in the area. Always a willing helper who has helped with the storage of area equipment plus the transport to local shows and events.

He went on to say that we need to find a replacement for this task so volunteers should be sought for ratification at the next meeting and asked the attendees that if they knew of anybody who had potential please ask them to step forward, we should of course advertise the vacancy on the web site.

Tony said he was not happy for a present committee member to take on the roll as well as his current position as he felt it would water down the roll.

In the mean time Ken Knox would take the minutes and send copies to the BMFA for distribution

3.2 RNAS Yeovilton, Fleet Air Arm Museum 13th February 2010-02-09

Tony remarked that the October 2009 event went extremely well and both the Base Commander and the Manager of the Museum were both extremely happy with the day, the numbers were up on the day and the barriers for spectator control had to be considerably enlarged the area to cope with the additional numbers just before the display.

Tony also noted however that he could not always guarantee a one to one scale Seafire display. He felt that the response we had from the Airbase management would do us in good stead if we needed references for future events to be held on Military establishments such as Middle Wallop, RAF Odiham and Baker Barracks at Thorney Island etc.

General housekeeping details were discussed for the show, which will follow a similar procedure as the autumn event

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4. 1 The Way Forward for the Coming Years

Tony started the discussion by saying that communications had improved with our clubs but not by a large amount, we had tried exhibitions, shows and forums at places such as the Army Aviation Museum at Middle Wallop where we had held two events. The first being a success followed by a repeat in a similar vain the following year which was not so well attended but more expensive. Tony felt that would all agree that this format had been tried and had run its course however we had all gained from the experience. Tony then went to say at the end of last year we had discussed the possibility of hosting fly-ins under the SABMFA banner.

Tony said that many years ago we used to host a Southern Area Gala which was always most successful, he went on to say that he had still got some contacts at Lasham Gliding club but he felt that we should work towards a Gala event in 2011 as to try for this year would too rushed. Terry Weeks agreed with him saying we should strive to make a good show and not take short cuts. A general discussion then followed reviewing the possibilities of various locations to hold such an event Odiham or Middle Wallop was discussed and should be investigated but the main problem with the former was the high level of security incurred. But it was agreed by all that such an event for catering should be investigated and to be held in 2011.

Free flight was then discussed and as far as the are web was concerned this attract by far the most usage and discussion then followed about the hosting of an area indoor flying event, it was felt that the possibility of being to able hold an all day event in a sports hall would not be possible as other sporting interest requirements for venue usage.

However it was felt that Calshot and the Madejski Stadium in Reading was also a possibility, although Calshot was thought to be the best venue and Barrie Lever (Southampton) said he would investigate.

Balsa Brain was then discussed and it was felt that it should be revived and Tony had recently visited the British Legion Club at Netley and felt this would be a really suitable venue; the Firebirds club for their monthly meeting used the club. The room Balsa Brain would be held in had all the usual facilities and could easily cater for 60 people. Steve Warren went on to say that he had already compiled a suitable list of questions and would be happy to be the master of ceremonies. All present agreed that this would be a good idea and would be a useful way to use area funds, it was decided that this would not be a pre booked event as in the past it was felt that an open event was more popular.

A buffet would be provided (ploughman's) at a small cost but the area would under write this in the event of a small turnout. Tony said he would contact the British Legion to get possible dates as it needed to be advertised on the web site and via club secretaries, as soon as possible.



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4.2 Southern Area Club Fund

In the past the Southern Area had underwritten events hosted by area clubs that were open to all.

Events and Fly-ins had been held by Firebirds, Portsmouth who always hosted a winter event, and IBM before the clubs demise. These were always very popular and the area had been approached by the clubs and were supported both financially and help by the area once they had submitted their case.

In recent years events such as the Waltham Chase club had small financial assistance for their indoor event.

Recently Chichester (CADMAC) had written to Steve asking if support could be given to the licensing of the southwest slope known as 'The Trundle' above Chichester. The hill falls within the Goodwood estate and Lord March had recently increased the yearly licence fee to well over £200.00.

This fee also included access to Goodwood airfield air traffic control. The site was not exclusively for the use of CADMAC members but was for use by all BMFA members providing they followed the rules well signposted at the site. It was agreed that assistance should be given in this case and it decided that a cheque for £100.00 should be forwarded to their treasurer.

Steve Flood then reported that Basingstoke club had written to him asking would it be possible for the area to assist in the funding of a new John Deere lawn mower which they were hoping to buy at a cost of £6000.00 for the exclusive use of their club, this request was politely declined as the area did not assist clubs in capital goods exclusively for use by them.

We had the following items that could be used by clubs

1. A frequency monitor and display
2. Area Banner and display
3. Two new gazebos
4. A flight simulator.

Tony will put together some words, which we will agree at the next meeting about the usage of these items, such as a deposit especially with regard to the Gazebos

4.3 Blackbushe 15th May 2010

A short discussion was then held about the Blackbushe Airshow to be held on the 15th May 2010, we had been approached by TVSA as to whether or not we required a stand for this year's event Terry said that as we had one last year we should go ahead with the same format this year, this proposal was agreed by all. Ken said that he had replied to the organiser's request but had not had a reply. Steve said he would follow the request up.



5 Area Officers Reports

5.1 Stuart Simpson, Area Delegate, Hayling Helis

Stuart told us he had been two are meeting since he last saw us the first had been affected by the heavy snow however two thirds of the delegates made it, the bad weather had affected the south more than the north.

He attended the second on the 30th January he told us there was little to report that affected us.

One of the topics discussed was whether a candidate for the 'B' test should have to take the 'A flying' first or allowed to go straight to the 'B flying'. It was decided that The 'B' candidate must do the 'A' first.

Ken Gale said he had three candidates waiting to do 'B' and none has 'A' certificates.

Stuart said that an achievement scheme was going to be introduced for indoor flying in view of the increased popularity of the sport also a 'C' for scale. Also a new BMFA model was being introduced this one will be called the 'Sky Dart' and will be sold for £23.00 less radio and power unit.

Flight Challenge, there was not a lot to report at the moment however the Royal Navy were still undecided as to whether or not they were going to sponsor the event, however the BMFA had enough funds to carry on without sponsorship.

He then went on to tell us about the ongoing saga of the West of England area it was now to be split into two areas, Devon and Cornwall.

5.2 Terry Weeks, RC Silent Flight, Aldershot

Terry said he had pursued his quest to find a replacement Gazebo; he had visited the Newbury Show and has viewed Gazebos varying from £200 to £6000.00 for a 4x3 metre unit.

Terry had selected the best option; this was from Gala Tents (www.galatents.co.uk) for a gazebo measuring 4 x 3 metres complete with a ground frame tie down kit and all the necessary fixtures and fittings including storage bags. The frame was constructed with 40mm square tubing for the sum of £306.06 for one tent.

A discussion then ensued about the possibility of the Area logo on the gazebos Terry said this was possible at extra cost, it was agreed that Terry should order two gazebos with the BMFA logo and the Southern Area Header which could be copied from the web site



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5.2 Terry Weeks, RC Silent Flight, Aldershot, continued

Tony asked if any Glider events were being organised, Terry said two events were being organised they most probably would be for electric powered gliders with limiters and if the wind was in the correct direction a combined winch/electric would be undertaken. He hoped to have dates for the next meeting.

5.3 Ken Knox, PRO, Chichester

Ken said the web site was working well and was being used by many clubs to advertise their events, however most of these events were for indoor events but bigger events such as Yeovilton where also the site to publicise their events.

One or two people had submitted articles, Ken Gale had written an overview for scale helicopters, this immediately prompted a reply from an area member, Ken was surprised at the quick response.

Ken went on to say that Tangmere Military Aviation Museum (www.tangmere-museum.org.uk) on September 26th they were holding - Model Aircraft display Static and flying displays of large-scale model aircraft in co-operation with Chichester and District Model Aero Club. Ken had been asked by the committee of the club approach Southampton MAC for their involvement with the static display, he would also be asking the Chesil club if they would be interested in bringing some of their Airspeed models

5.4 Steve Flood, Hon. Treasurer, Waltham Chase

Steve said he now had the correct signatures for the area account and the bank details and the bank account were now up and running. Steve said that Chichester (CADMAC) had approached him for a subsidy for the Trundle Hill this was agreed and the sum of £100.00 was awarded. (See 4.2 Southern Area club funds)

Tony remarked that we should make sure that Peter Robinson of web master should be paid, Steve said he had received an invoice from Pete for £300.00 for the next year starting March 2010, everybody agreed that Pete was doing an excellent job.



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How can one give a report when it's been impossible to go flying for nearly two months? I'm all for this global warming when it comes along. Having said that, the first decentralized comp was held on Sunday last.

We had good attendances at both Beaulieu and Salisbury on Jan31 when the weather was cold with light winds. Next weekend the first comp of the year at Middle Wallop, I have got permission from Odiham to hold the FF comp on June 20 and am now going through the process of getting Land Defense Agency licenses.

I would also like to mention that we could not get Odiham without the grand cooperation of the RAF Odiham Model Club and in particular Al Sparks and Pete Carter. (John submitted his report in via email)

6.0 Any other Business

Ken asked if the last meeting should be ratified it was agreed that it should be. Steve proposed the acceptance and Ken seconded the motion the vote was unanimously carried. It was also decided that the minutes should be posted on the web site.

Tony said various people had approached him about the operation of the Beaulieu site. Tony said that Chris Davenport had advised them of the setting up of their constitution. Barrie Lever commented that the AGM's had been well attended, however both Stuart and Barrie both commented on the safety issues at the New Forest site such as the pit area was too close to the flight line and in general it did not comply with BMFA guide lines.

Tony said we were asked to help and we did so however the Beaulieu committee had not followed them, it was most important that all should done not loose this historic site. Barrie said that was a growing feeling in the Southampton club that the layout must be modified.

Dave said as a final point that the at AGM it was asked if a proforma could be produced for the ACE's Dave said he had produced one and would be presented at the next meeting

The meeting was closed at 22:45 agreeing to convene the next meeting on the 24th March at the same venue