



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

### **Confirmed Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

**Virtual Zoom meeting Held on BMFA portal.**

#### **Those Present.**

S Kirby	Beaufort Model Flying Club (Area Chairman)
J Robb	Beaufort Model Flying Club (BMFA Council Delegate)
P Wilson	Bristol Bulldogs (Area Secretary)
J Stennard	Beaufort Model Flying Club (Area Outreach Officer)
S Rooms	Beaufort Model Flying Club (Area Treasurer)
A Green	Prestbury Park Model Flying club
P Haxell	Frome Model Flying Club
M Palmer	Woodspring Wings
B Silcocks	Bristol & West MAC
C Argent	Chedworth Model Flying Club
P Marsh	Cocklebarrow Vintage Rally

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome, confirmation of Delegates and AOB items.**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed the eight clubs present to the third Area meeting of 2025. With eight club delegates present we exceeded the quorum requirements of six delegates. The Chairman asked for any AOB items to be noted as required at the start of the meeting, no AOB's were raised. The new Woodspring Wings Delegate (Mark) asked if we could provide him with a copy of the relevant documents relating to this meeting. The Chairman said the only real document is the Area Constitution and possibly the rules for funding. The Area secretary agreed to forward copies to the Woodspring delegate.

**AOB**                      There were no AOB Items noted.

#### **Apologies for absence.**

J. Harris	Bristol Radio Control MAC (Area Vice Chairman)
L Uggl	Rocketry Soc
A Benson-Blair	Frome Model Flying Club

## **2. Unconfirmed minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and any matters arising.**

The unconfirmed April minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting; the Chairman offered them for approval.

Proposed by the Beaufort and seconded by Bristol bulldogs. A name spelling was corrected.

Carried by those present with two abstentions.

## **3. Actions and activities of the BMFA Board of Management and the Areas Council. Review Agendas and provide direction to Area Delegate.**

The Area Delegate had reviewed the proposed agendas and there were no points requiring any guidance from the Area. It was primarily to discuss the funding for next year

The Area Delegate acknowledged a proposal from the Midlands relating to errors noted across the various web links and addresses which the delegate had shared with the Area Secretary.

## **4. Review Area funding requests and status.**

Area funding

The Area Treasurer presented a new layout for the Area Accounts; they now align more accurately with the format used by head office. The Area Treasurer has also set up in agreement with head office a separate savings account and moved the bulk of the money into that. This will generate interest (not a lot) but it should cover the monthly interest charges which the bank has starting charging. The Area was expecting a nominal £600.00 along the same position as last year, however the BMFA has paid us £2000.00 based on our submitted budget.

Funding requests

There was two funding requests received and circulated prior to the meeting.

Frome Model Flying Club (Cheese Show Support)

The Frome club requested support for running their stand at the local cheese show on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 as shown in the previously circulated request. This covered costs and support to the value of £253.00. The Frome delegate gave an overview on how this is raising the profile of their club and the BMFA. The Area Chairman pointed out this was the sort of thing the area funding was there to support. A proposal to fund the full amount £253.00 was proposed by the Beaufort MFC and seconded by Prestbury Park Model Flying Club and carried with no objections.

Cocklebarrow Vintage RC

Peter Marsh gave the meeting the overview on the funding request (previously circulated) which requested funding for two portaloos to the Cocklebarrow Vintage RC meeting three times a year at a provisional cost of £276.00 per event.

It was immediately recognised that would be a significant outgoing each year from the Area funds.

A discussion and question session then took place so the meeting could understand the scale of the event and the requirements around the request. It was established this event was very well supported. Pilots paid to take part and the proceeds are handed over to the farmer. The Area Delegate suggested that the event could ask pilots to give some support to the toilet cost by either keeping a portion of the collected fees or paying a separate amount towards the costs. Peter Marsh agreed this was a viable solution but may not cover the total costs. It was agreed this was a worthwhile event and should be supported. The chairman had not heard of the event and asked if it was open to all we should share the details within the western area. Peter Marsh agreed to provide the Area Secretary with a flyer for posting on the Area notice board. Peter Marsh understood the importance of keeping an eye on the weather to give the ability to cancel the toilet if the event was unlikely to take place.

The Prestbury Park MFC Delegate said this was exactly the sort of event the Western Area should be supporting. After some further discussion a proposal was put forward to fund the invoiced cost of a single toilet for the September 2025 show and see how it works out.

This was proposed by Bristol Bulldogs MFC and seconded by Prestbury Park MFC and carried with no objections.

#### **5. Area Chief Examiner Updates and Examiner Training and “train and Test” Events.**

The Chairman told the meeting we have run one train and test day at Swindon and that went reasonably well. there was a couple of C tests (aerobatic) but one of them was cancelled with a broken model, the other candidate passed successfully. Steve returned a few weeks later and the other candidate passed successfully. There is a train and test day scheduled for 13 September 2025 at BRCMAC at Duckhole. While it is likely to be a busy day if anybody here is interested, please contact Steve in the first instance and we can see what we can do. With the help of Andy Green, we ran a train and test day in the for the Welsh Area despite the weather it was a reasonably good day and we could do another if required. Andy explained that although his club is now outside the Wales area, he has remained the achievement scheme coordinator until he is up for election next year. The chairman explained he should re apply as it is was a job well done. There have been no requests for any club examiner updates this year.

#### **6. AOB No AOB items raised.**

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Via Zoom.

Remember there is no AOB at the AGM. The next ordinary meeting is in January 2026 Following the two years rule the following posts are up for election: - Vice Chairman, Secretary, Outreach Officer, Achievement Scheme Coordinator and Auditor. The Area Delegate is also up for election having been seconded for a one year.

We will send the AGM calling notice via Word press as this will reach everybody. The next ordinary meeting is in January 2026.

The meeting closed at 19.57

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