

British Model Flying Association
South East Area

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on November 11th 2009

Present: Bob Cutter, Chairman (Felbridge Flyers RMFC); Keith Miller, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Council Delegate and Education Co-ordinator (Tonbridge Radio Flyers); Steve Brown, Secretary (Tunbridge Wells RCM); John Richardson, PRO (Maidstone FFG); Bob Hart, Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (Wealden MAS and Hastings MFC Ltd); Alex Cameron, Webmaster (Crawley DMAC); Martin Stagg, Auditor No 2 (Maidstone MFFG); Peter Cameron (Crawley DMAC); David Lambert (Eastbourne DMAC); John Privett (Eastbourne DMAC); Richard Pidduck (Caterham DMFC); John Phillips (East Sussex Soaring Association); John Anderson (Riddlesdown MFC);

1. Apologies For Absence were received from Gary Webb (Stansted MFC Kent), Rick Stevens (Hastings MFC Ltd) and Mike Riggs (Maidstone FFG).
2. Minutes of the previous meeting on September 23rd 2009 were read, approved and proposed for acceptance by Caterham DMFC and seconded by Tonbridge RF).
3. Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
4. Officers' Reports
Chairman Nothing to report.
Vice Chairman Nothing to report
Secretary As the Secretary had only just been voted in at the AGM, there was nothing to report.
Treasurer Report attached below [1]
PRO Nothing to report.
Council Delegate Report attached below [2]
Education Co-ordinator Report attached below [3]
5. Any Other Business Alex Cameron mentioned that arrangements for the Crawley Indoor Meeting In February 2010 were progressing and an added event this time will be a catapult glider event. A Gyminnie Cricket class is also to be included.
John Richardson (PRO) said that he is still experiencing problems re the email despatch of SEADOG where club secretaries have changed their addresses without informing him.
Eastbourne DMAC complained about the delay in getting information onto the Head Office website. The Council Delegate was aware of this problem, in particular there had been considerable delay in the Free Flight Nationals results appearing this year which was due to a problem with ISP's. Hopefully, with changes to our Computer system this will improve things.
6. Date of next meeting This was arranged after the 11.11.09 meeting to be held at the Angel Centre on Wednesday, January 27th 2010 commencing at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed as a correct record:

Chairman: R Cutter

Date

Attachment 1

Treasurer's Report for period from 24.9.09 to 10.11.09

Since the last Area Meeting on 23.9.09 there have been the following movements on our Account:-

Income

Towner Trophy surplus	£ 16.73
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Expenditure

Room Hire	£ 22.00
SEADOG expenses	£ 3.50
Hall hire for November Indoor Meeting	£400.00

The balances of our Accounts as at close of business on 10.11.09 were as follows:-

Current Account	£ 94.73
Deposit Account	£2911.87

Attachment 2

Council Delegate's Report for the period 24.9.09 to 10.11.09

I attended the Areas Council Meeting in Leicester on 26.th September and report as follows.

The minimum weight of models used for taking 'A' and 'B' certificates fixed wing will in future be 1 Kg (2.2 lbs).

In the Helicopter 'B' certificate requirements, the four point pirouette with landings has been deleted and replaced by "perform one hovering bow tie and one four point pirouette. This will be effective from 1.1.10.

The PRO visited the Southern Model Airshow at Paddock Wood this year and thought it was excellent. He will be making arrangements for a BMFA stand there next year and would like to hear from any volunteers who could assist there. He is also available if Area PRO's need any help with PR.

The Technical Secretary reported that at the 2010 Power Nationals there will be an extra flight line near Helicopter, basically for scale helicopters, but possibly for 3D helis also. It will operate opposite FunFly and will only be for helicopters that can maintain their flight paths within very tight limits, roughly a football pitch (??).

There is now a website version of the Members' Handbook which can be down loaded and is absolutely current. If anyone thinks something should be in the Handbook that isn't in now should contact the Technical Secretary at Leicester Office.

Attachment 3

Education Co-ordinator's Report for the period 24.9.09 to 10.11.09

The only thing I have to report is that in response to a request from my local club, I took a selection of models along to the Speldhurst Primary School on November 10th and gave them an introductory talk on aeromodelling.

It is hoped that, as a plug was given for our November indoor meeting in nearby Tonbridge, some of the children from this school may take part in the parent/child competition there.