



## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **Those Present.**

S. Kirby	Beaufort MFC
J. Stennard	Beaufort MFC
E. Drew	Bristol & West MAC
K. Burt	Bristol & West MAC
N. Ball	Frome MFC
P. Blackman	Frome MFC
A. Sturgess	Frome MFC
C. Booth	Hullavington MAC
K. Hatter	Hullavington MAC
P. Durant	Warminster & District RCFC
J. Harris	BRCMAC
G. Moore	BRCMAC

### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and congratulated the Secretary on his recent appointment as the Silent Flight Controller.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received

### **3. Minutes of Meeting 10 September 2007 and matters arising**

**Correction to AOB Item** - The Area Treasure confirmed that he and the Education Coordinator would be holding two events in 2008 involving local scout groups. The dates will be advised.

**Toyota Advert** - Delegate asked if there was an official answer on the 'Toyota Advert'. The Treasurer replied that Manny Williamson was tasked to write to Toyota to suggest that if they wished to use model aircraft in any future advertising that they should work hand in hand with the BMFA. See AOB item below.

**Forum Closure** – The members asked for an update on the BMFA forum closure. The Area Delegate reported that, at the request of the Area Council Chairman, the Area had submitted an appeal requesting that the forum is reinstated for technical questions. Once the Chairman had received sufficient responses from Areas he would put the case for a forum to Full Council.

**Helicopter Up & Away** – The Area Delegate read the October Area Council Appendix B, ASRC Report to Areas Council. The report described the development of the Helicopter Up & Away and the circumstances leading to publication by Traplet. The Area Delegate stated that he believed that the publication is on sale for about £12. The HMAc delegate commented that although the BMFA had intimated that the publication may be subsidised for new helicopter pilots it was ridiculous that the new pilot should have to pay anything at all. He went on to say that fixed wing pilots received a free copy of Up & Away and so should helicopter pilots. Even if the BMFA did subsidise the publication it would still ultimately cost the membership £11 - £12 per copy. He also stated that the situation had only arisen because the ASRC had sat on the Up & Away draft since 2003 without progress.

**AHA Safety Code** – The HMAC delegate gave the opinion that the AHA Safety Code for helicopters should have been incorporated into the Helicopter Up & Away. He also asked why the safety code could not be downloaded from the BMFA web site even though it was available through the BMFA stationary order form. The Honorary Treasurer agreed that as the printed document was available it should be made more available as a web site download.

### **3(a). Report – Full Council Meeting 06 October 2007**

Nothing to report.

### **4. Report – Full Council Meeting 12 January 2008 and matters arising**

The following proposal was carried unanimously but subject to amendments:

*“That we adopt the JMA/GTBA Code of Practice for the operation of turbine powered models subject to amendments being agreed with the representatives from the BMFA, JMA and GTB”*

### **5. Agenda – Area Council Meeting 02 February 2008**

Item 7. -            *To receive a proposal from the RCPTC that the RCPTC has a permanent report ASRC.*

The Area Delegate was instructed by the meeting to vote against the proposal and give arguments against.

Item 11-            *Western Area Report*

The Area Treasurer was asked to prepare a report for Area Council as he would be attending as the Chairman alternate.

### **6. Any Other Business**

The Education Coordinator reported that correspondence was still being sent to the previous Coordinator. The Secretary said that he would look into the problem. (**Note.** *Having spoken to the BMFA Office it would appear that the office records are correct although some correspondence is sent by Manny Williamson direct. The office suspect that his database is incorrect and they will look into it*)

**‘C’ Test Training Day** – The Beaufort Delegate confirmed that his club were prepared to hold another training day in 2008 and he would confirm the date later.

**Examiners Workshops 2008** – The BRCMAC confirmed the date for their Fixed Wing Examiners Workshop as Sunday 18 May. The Frome MAC confirmed that they would be holding a SF(Electric) Examiners Workshop on Sunday 31 August.

**GBR/CAA Introduction Workshop** – The BRCMAC reported that they would be holding an event, in conjunction with the GBR/CAA, aimed at introducing pilots to aerobatics competition at the end of September/beginning of October (the date to be confirmed).

The Treasurer asked if the Area would fund all four events based on the previous agreement. The delegates agreed unanimously.

**Toyota Advert** – The Area Secretary was requested to draft an AOB item for the forthcoming Area Council meeting requesting that Manny Williamson gives an update regarding the recent re-run of the Toyota Yaris advert.

**Helicopter 'B' Test Hovering 'M'** – The Area Treasurer gave a short presentation on the replacement manoeuvres for the hovering 'M', the 'pirouette and hover'. Lengthy discussion followed regarding Part B and it was the opinion of the delegates that Part B was virtually the same as the previously proposed 'Pilots Pirouette' which was rejected by the Western Area on safety grounds.

Frome MFC proposed an AOB item for the forthcoming Area Council meeting as follows:

*"The Western Area committee consider that there are serious safety implications with Part B of the revised helicopter 'B Test' (the "pirouette and hover") and ask this committee to remove the manoeuvre forthwith. The Western Area committee cannot foresee any circumstances where the aircraft should be put in such a position and so believe that Part A of the revised test (the "four point pirouette") is sufficient proof of the helicopter pilot's ability to the standard expected of a 'B Test'. Further, the committee believe that if the AHA wish to test display pilots specifically\* then they could introduce a dedicated test, moderated by the AHA, to meet their requirements.*

*The Western Area would like to respectfully remind this committee that a similar manoeuvre, the "pilot's pirouette", was previously proposed and the proposal subsequently withdrawn following discussion regarding the suitability of the manoeuvre. "*

The Proposal was seconded by HMAc and carried unanimously.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 06 May 2008. The delegates were reminded by the Chairman that the meeting will be held on Tuesday as Monday is a Bank Holiday.

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

**TUESDAY 06 MAY 2008, 20:00  
FILTON FOLK CENTRE  
ELM PARK  
FILTON  
BRISTOL**



### **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of Meeting 28 January 2008 and matters arising**
- 4. Report – Area Council Meeting 02 February 2008 and matters arising**
- 5. Agenda – Full Council Meeting 10 May 2008**
- 6. Adoption of Accounts 2007/2008**
- 7. Any other business**

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