

BMFA Cymru Wales
Unadopted Minutes of a
General Meeting
held on Thursday 5th September 2024
via the internet platform 'ZOOM'

The meeting commenced at 19:00

PRESENT:

Mike Tiley (Chairman)	Cardiff MAC
John Taylor (Secretary)	Cardiff MAC*
Allan Belcher (Area Delegate)	Swansea MFC*
Mike Dunce (Treasurer)	Swansea MFC*
Andy Green (Achievement Scheme Coordinator)	South Wales Soaring Assocn.**
Phil Charlesworth (Education & Outreach Officer)	Fins over Gwent*
Dennis John Pritchard	Amman Valley Radio Control Club*
Alan Williams	Lleyn Model Aero Club*
Michael Budge	Swansea Model Flying Club
Jonathan Smith	Cardiff Model Aircraft Club
Jon Arroyo	Llantrisant & District AMC*

* Indicates a voting representative.

Seven voting representatives being present, the voting strength of the meeting was confirmed.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Gareth Llewellyn (Country Members' Representative), Chris Cole (Area Chief Examiner), Keith Setchell (Area Chief Examiner).

Keith Setchell had moved out of the Area and Chris Cole had resigned due to ill health. The Chairman asked the secretary to write to them expressing our gratitude for their involvement.

Action: Secretary to write to Keith Setchell and Chris Cole

2 Approval of the Agenda and items for any other business

The Agenda was approved subject to the following change:

Item 4 National Council Matters to be changed to Council Matters,
Area Chief Examiners to be added as an AOB to this agenda.

Action: The secretary will change item 4 agenda item.

3 Minutes of the General Meeting held on 6th May 2024

The Minutes of the above Meeting were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Dennis Pritchard (Amman Valley RCC) and seconded by Alan Williams (Lleyn Model Aero Club).

4 Council Matters (Area Delegate to report)

A number of emails had been sent from BMFA national but had not been received by all

clubs and area officers.

Action: Secretary to forward all emails to club secretaries and area officers.

5 Area Council Matters (Area Delegate to report)

Two board meetings are to be held soon which will discuss the agenda for the AGM.

Articles of association may be changed to ensure fair voting and meetings may be held via zoom only with no face to face presence.

6 Accounts for year ending 31st March 2024 and Budget for year ending 31st March 2025.

It was noted that there was still some confusion with the secretary identifying the correct accounts file to distribute.

Action: Relevant accounts for year 2023/24 will be forwarded by the treasurer to the secretary for distribution and discussion at the next general meeting.

7 To discuss the Area Officers' proposals for the aims and objectives of BMFA Cymru Wales and how to achieve them. (appendix A)

7.1 Aim: Establish a working relationship with Sports Wales.

A discussion took place during which it was identified that Sports Wales could provide 50% funding for projects provided BMFA Cymru Wales provided the other 50%. It was noted that the Area had sufficient funds to provide such 'match funding' if a suitable project could be found for it.

It was also identified that an article needs to be written for the Sports Wales website.

Action: Suggestions for possible match-funding to be identified and an article for publication to be compiled and sent to Sports Wales. (Allan Belcher, Allan Williams, Mike Tiley)

7.2 Aim: Establishment of a working relationship with Local Authorities.

Progress deferred until Sport Wales relationship had been established.

7.3 Aim: Provide clubs with training equipment

After reaching out to all clubs asking if they needed training equipment followed by very little response a follow up email would be sent broadening the scope to include publicity events such as open days. It was agreed that Clubs should be advised that the Area could support them with grants or match-funding for any initiative which supports the Area's aims. Applications should be by way of a simple business case submission.

Action: Secretary to compose and send out follow up email.

7.4 Aim: Publicise our activity in Wales.

RCM&E publications were discussed for which there would be a two month lead time from article submission to publication. Clubs were encouraged to follow this line of publicity.

Action: A news item for our Web and Facebook presence along with RCM&E and

BMFA.

7.5 Aim: Identify other sources of funding and engage with those organisations.

The HM The King's Lord Lieutenants Ceremony dates for 2025 were now available.

Action: New dates to be resent to all clubs.

Action: The Armed Forces Covenant would be reviewed again by the Chairman

7.6 Aim: to identify other flying locations, particularly for indoor flying.

The University of South Wales will be having their technology fair the second week of October. A discussion took place regarding their indoor facilities but there was little hope of accessing them.

7.7 Aim: Publicise our sport at national air shows

No progress.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Area Chief Examiners and Examiners

Due to the resignation of Chris Cole and Keith Setchell (Area Chief Examiners) it was noted that replacements would need to be identified.

Andy Green offered to visit clubs to discuss the requirements for chief examiners and encourage clubs to identify members willing to progress to Chief examiners

Action: Andy Green would offer site visits

Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Next Annual General Meeting and General Meeting on the 28th November.

All meetings will start at 7pm via zoom.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.