The OGM commenced at 07:30pm on the 3rd May 2023

Present;

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| Name | Area Role | Delegate for Club  |
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| Stuart Willis | Chairman |  |
| Robert Richardson | Vice Chairman | Horam MFC  |
| Chris Searle | Secretary |  |
| Bob Hart | A.S. co-ordinator | Hastings MFC |
| Jim Tucker | Treasurer | Wealden MAS |
| Norman Carter | Member | Mid-Sussex Flyers |
| Rob Stanley | Member | Slope Soaring Sussex |
| James Gordon | A.C.E |  |
| Roger Marples | Member | E.D.M.A.C |
| Mike Sun | A.C.E | Croydon Airport MFC |
| John Newbury | Member | Gravesend Aeromodelling Club |
| Tony Crawford | Member |  |
| Terry Knight | Member | Crawley & Dist. MAC |
| Keith Lester | Member | Caterham & District MFC |
| Alex Blackwell | Member | Leatherhead M.F.C |

Apologies from;

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| Name | Area Role | Delegate for Club |
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| Taj Manning | Education co-ordinator |  |
| Martin Jones | Member |  |
| Alex Cameron | Free flight competition Secretary |  |
| Paul Holmes | Member |  |

Minutes of the previous meeting;

Agreed.

Matters arising from the previous meeting;

Stuart has now deleted all personal details that were openly available on the online Area Newsletter.

Stuart had consulted Duncan McClure regarding Mike Sun’s suggestion that gyros be allowed in the “B” test. Duncan informed Stuart that this has been previously discussed at an A.S.C meeting with the result that it was decided not to allow use of gyros other than in the BPC test and that the emphasis should be on choosing the most appropriate model for the test being taken.

Paul Holmes had questioned the increase in CAA registration fees and Stuart was able to report that the CAA had taken note of feedback received from the BMFA and reduced the initial proposal to £10.33.

Any other outstanding matters will be dealt with during the meeting.

Officers reports;

Chairman and Council Delegate;

I attended a BMFA board meeting in January the summary of which should have gone out with the documentation for this meeting. The new directors were ratified;

Keith Lomax as Vice Chairman

Mike Woodhouse as Financial Director

Paul Hoey as Honorary Secretary

Duncan McClure as Members Director

Other matters covered were the Strategic Review, the Council Handbook and new Area Constitution. It was also noted that the membership level is similar to last year although this level was only achieved due to 2000 new drone flyers. The average age of the membership is 63. Buckminster broke even financially.

I intended an Area Council meeting and the summary was sent out with the invitation to this meeting. More than 90% of area update emails are now reaching area members. A couple of clubs from the London area have requested us to promote their events and Concorde club are holding Train and Test Days on 14th and 23rd July. ESSA are hosting three F3F days on 30th June ,1st and 2nd of July.

The 2023/24 budget (now awarded) was agreed between Area officers in March.

Vice Chairman;

As geographically London Area Bickley and Concorde Clubs are located on the edge of S.E Area and they run events that our members attend it was suggested that they are invited to S.E Area meetings (James is already a Bickley Club member). Stuart would contact both Clubs to discuss this idea.

Treasurer;

The Area budget has been approved and £1734 has been received from the BMFA.

Current Area funds are £5160, expected expenses are £2670 and expected income is £1500.

The contribution for the Long Man site from ESSA has not been received, Jim will follow up.

The budget request for 2024/5 is required to be submitted by September.

Secretary;

Nothing to report.

Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinator;

One of the Area’s Helicopter A.C.E, Derek Henzell, has stepped down leaving 2 remaining in that discipline both of whom live in the southern part of the Area. Stuart will put a request in the June Area Newsletter for potential candidates for Helicopter A.C.E.

There is 1 Helicopter Club Examiner test outstanding but the candidate is willing to travel to one of the Area A.C.E.

There are funds available if one of the A.C.E needs to travel for an exam.

Flying Discipline Secretary (Free Flight);

Nothing to report.

Education officer;

Stuart thanked Rob Stanley for his work at the Warden Park School and Stuart has returned to help.

Area’s meeting;

Proposal to create a Wales Area – the South East Area supported this proposal unamimously.

Proposal to formally adopt the new 2023 version of the Area Constitution and associated Guidance document - the South East Area supported this proposal unamimously.

SE Area Events for 2023/24;

1. K2 2024; The event previously known as K2 will now be held at the Triangle Sports Centre in Burgess Hill (RH15 8WA) on 28th January 2024 There is ample free parking and a Costa Coffee which sells meals all day. Hiring half the hall for 7 hours (with a free hour either side to setup/clear up) will cost £500. Assuming a similar turnout as previous years then £15 entrance fee and £5 for spectators should cover the hire cost. A raffle may be run by the Crawley Club. The Area thanked Rob Stanley for finding and making the above arrangements.
2. Fun Fly; The South East Area fun fly will be combined with the Bickley Club’s fun fly on 9th July. The Area has allocated £50 for Trophies or Prizes.
3. ERFC Electric Fly In; Will be on May21st, registration is required but there is no entrance fee. Details to be published in the next Area Newsletter.
4. ERFC Scale Fly In; Will held on September 24th
5. Hastings Scale Day; To be held on Sunday 30th July, Bob Hart will be arranging for toilets and trophies.
6. Cloud Tramp; To be held on Saturday August 5th, details, supplied by Roger Marples, will be published in the June Area Newsletter.
7. Scale Helicopter Event; Will be held on June 11th at Levels87 Club, details to be published in the next Area Newsletter. There will be a £5 admission charge and refreshments will be available at cost.
8. Test and Training Day; Nothing has been arranged yet and if held it may have to be on a Saturday. Bob Hart will discuss the possibility of running it at Hastings with their committee. If not, there may be another Club that could host it.

A.O.B;

There is some uncertainty about the Scale Fly in at Nomads Club.

The Scale Day at Bickley has changed to 6th August.

There will be a meeting of elected Officers August or September to discuss the 2024/25 budget.

D.O.N.M;

13th September 2023 on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 21:00.