The GM commenced at 19:30on the 15th January 2025

**Present;**

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| Name | Area Role | Delegate for Club  |
| Stuart Willis | Chairman |  |
| Robert Richardson | Vice Chairman | Horam MFC  |
| Jim Tucker | Treasurer | Wealden MAS |
| Taj Manning | Education co-ordinator | Mid Sussex MFC |
| Rob Stanley | Web Master |  |
| Alex Cameron | Free Flight Competition Secretary | Ashdown Forest Flyers |
| Bob Hart | A.S. co-ordinator | Hastings MFC |
| James Gordon | Member | Caterham & District MFC |
| Mike Sun | A.C.E |  |
| Robin Strange | Member |  |
| Paul Holmes | Member | Gravesend MFC |
| Tony Crawford | Member | Slope Soaring Sussex |
| Roger Marples | Member | Epsom DMAC |
| Alex Blackwell | Member | Leatherhead MFC |
| Jonathon Stubbs | Member | Concorde MFC |
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**Apologies from;**

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| Name | Area Role | Delegate for Club |
| TerryKnight | Member | CADMFC |
| Peter Bash | Member | Epsom RFC |
| Chris Searle | Secretary | Riddlesdown MFC |
| Don Coe | Member | Croydon MFC |

**Voting strength;**

It was confirmed that a voting quorum existed.

**Minutes of the previous AGM;**

Corrected and agreed to be a true record.

**Matters arising from the previous meeting ;**

None

**Officers reports;**

Chairman and Council Delegate;

Most of my time over the past couple of weeks has been dealing with the fallout over the RCC/Flyer Id fiasco. Which I think is under control but I still expecting some issues.

I have paid the Longman licence fee last week it remains at £500.

The payment from Ashdown Forest Flyers has finally been sorted and £610 has been paid in to the area bank account. It has taken Stephen Hills and myself many, many calls and Emails to get a second signature on the clubs NatWest bank account.

I have yet to have the 2025 Ashdown forest competition dates confirmed by the Conservators despite a number of Emails, but they have acknowledged that they have them.

After the Chairman’s Report a discussion took place on the RCC and Flyer-id. To obtain a Flyer-id from the CAA via the BMFA it is necessary for members to have passed the RCC test and also to tick the consent box which is on the “Opt-ins” tab of their Profile on the Portal. Alternatively, they can pass the DMARES test and obtain the Flyer-id directly from the CAA however this is not recommended as this test is less relevant to us than the RCC. The use of an ASRC test pass pre 31/12/20 to prove competency will end in November 2025 and those members will have to follow one of the above procedures.

After passing the RCC an email is sent with the Certificate which must be uploaded to the Portal where it will be verified and a request sent to the CAA to generate a Flyer-id. The RCC pass is recorded on the “Achievements” tab of the members Profile page on the Portal.

Initially there may be a discrepancy between the RCC expiry date on the Certificate and the Online record as the RCC expiry is being brought into line with the Flyer-id expiry which is 5 years.

Area Chief Examiners and Club Examiners also have to renew the RCC every 5 years and not every year as previously specified (unless there is a significant change to the Article 16).

Vice Chairman;

Club Secretaries that have already affiliated their Club and ratified their Club Examiners may get a reminder email as Head Office are behind schedule in updating the information on the online systems.

Secretary;

Nothing to report

Treasurer;

The Area is operating within the allocated budget.

Accounts will be prepared by the end of February.

There is £3608.84 in the Area bank account and in addition there is a £640 cash float.

After the £610.00 payment of rent the Ashdown Flyers have £190 in their account.

Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinator;

There is an outstanding request to take a ”C” test achievement. Examiners have been nominated and a list of manoeuvres prepared however the candidate has been advised to wait until Spring.

There is a request for a new fixed wing club examiner in Alton which is on the edge of the Area. Stuart confirmed that the travel expenses of the examiners would be reimbursed

Norman Carter from Caterham & District MFC has requested to become a registered instructor. Mike Sun has agreed to do the exam.

Education officer;

Mid Sussex MFC have a couple of 3D printers and some suitable plans for aircraft that can be used to attract younger people into the hobby.

A Mid Sussex member lectures at Brighton University and plans to include some aeromodelling activities in the Aeronautical Engineering degree course. This could lead on to the heavy lift challenge.

Free Flight Competition Secretary

Nothing to report.

Web Master

More Events are now being submitted directly using the form on the Area web site.

**SE Area Events in 2025**

Indoor meeting

The Indoor Meeting is scheduled for February 23rd. David Goodwin has ordered the Trophies and will require payment of £100, either by cheque or cash. If cash will be payed from door receipts. The Booking form, Risk Assessment form and BMFA Insurance Certificate were lost by the Centre and have had to be re-submitted. The cost of the Event is still awaited. The Event was not posted, as it should have been, on the BMFA Events calendar Stuart will print the Score cards. Terry Adams will supply the Certificates. There are a sufficient number of volunteers to man the doors. Next year’s Event will be provisionally booked for a similar time of year.

Fun Fly

London Area and South East Area Fun Fly at Bickley 6th July

South East Area Fun Fly at Croydon MFC 21st September

The Area will support the above meetings.

ERFC

Fly-in 11th May

Scale Day 7th September

Area Scale Day

Hastings MFC 27th July with a standby date in September

Cloud Tramp

EDMAC 2nd August

Scale Heli fly-in

Levels87 MFC 22nd June

Bickley Club events

Will be noted in the Area Update newsletter

Test and Training days

Concorde MFC dates available by the end of January

Hastings MFC TBD

Either the “C” test candidate or an F3A pilot may be able to do some demonstration flying.

**Proposal from Stewart Bryant**

The Proposal was submitted to the BMFA for the January Board meeting but Jim Wright and the Wales Area Delegate required clarification that the Proposal included fixed wing UAV and not only for Drones. It was withdrawn from this Board meeting and will be resubmitted with changes in time for the Board meeting in May but the Area has to agree the modified Proposal before it’s submission to the BMFA

**A.O.B**

The Gravesend Club is celebrating it’s 80th year and are open to suggestions on how to commemorate it,

**D.O.N.M**

Provisionally 30th April

The meeting closed at 20:40