

Minutes- Mids Area Meeting Weds 11th Aug @ 1900hrs

Present – JC SM CA AT CB

Apols – JD

1 Matters arising –

items 1 2 3 4 and 6 to be discussed on agenda

Item 5 – laptops purchased, flight sim installed.

2 Buckminster Fly In review, + alternative site use (SM)

Event considered a success, numbers up from previous event.

Flying standard and flight line discipline were good, an improvement on previous event.

As a promotional event inclusion of heli group was a success. All committee members got involved in chat/discussion with those present, good PR exercise.

At lunch break members asked if any pressing issues they wanted on AGM, none forthcoming.

Only disappointment was lack of attendance by CL fraternity.

For future consideration – possible advance booking by members to establish numbers attending, need to be prepared if there is a significant increase in numbers next year.

Manny already been asked to reserve the whole site next year to include the hard CL circle, avoid issue of lack of CL facilities next year.

Discussed alternative of holding two events at club sites instead of Buckminster. One each in North/South of area. Area could provide financial incentive to the clubs providing use of their sites. Some members have commented that the distance to Buckminster is an obstacle to attending, two events would remove this obstacle. For future discussion.

3 Helicopter examiner/test day update (JC)

Achievement Scheme group's continued holding of AS events at Buckminster is adversely affecting our Area more than any other. A recent heli specific day may have significantly reduced the appeal of our planned day.

Decided to delay event until Spring 2022, JC to contact host club to discuss this proposal.

4 BMFA Centenary

BMFA known to be planning events but specifics not yet known. Likely to clash with our Buckminster fly in next year, might necessitate change of date for our event.

Once 'all member' mailing system up and running clubs to be offered support to run Centenary events, mail shot to be sent asking for their plans/ideas once full membership mail system operational.

SM to discuss with BMFA senior staff.

5 Area Funding (AT)

With so few events possible Mids Area have used some funds to make several long term 'one off' capital purchases, banners, laptops.

Discussed annual events which we are committed to support, Greenacres and Mansfield Suggested from now on such events be expected to make public the support they have received from the Mids Area. Possible use of our spare Mids Area banners suggested. We need to consider events to be run in 2022 so we can cost them and provide a budget submission.

Now required to submit budget request for next year.

***Asked that committee members each produce a list of up to 6 events they think could/should be run in 2022, send list to JC who will correlate and distribute for discussion.

All future meetings likely to be held via Zoom therefore Zoom subscription to be included in submission annually.

6 Regular calendar meeting date

Discussed booking regular date on Zoom, decided on 4th Tuesday of each month. CA to book Zoom dates. This will be the default meeting date for that month unless a date is dictated by external constraints.

Full and Area Council meetings upcoming, meeting to discuss Full council agenda 31st August. TBC

AGM date 24/11/21

7 AOB

Discussed BMFA mag calendar events for gliders that say 'Midland Area'. Discussed if this was Mids Area (BMFA) or Mids Area (geographical). As Area not funding the events considered an irrelevance.

Supported clubs displaying evidence of Mids Area support minuted in item 5