

BMFA Midland Area Committee Meeting 25/03/21 @ 10:30

Present CB JC CA JD AT SM

- 1 Heli Day update.
JC been in contact with Central Heli Club, they have excellent facilities at a full size glider club and can fly regardless of full size activity (barring full size comp days)
Club very keen to promote heli flying, had some ideas to widen the scope of the day. SM prefers keeping focus on AS.
Club has contact with 3 club heli examiners but no heli ACE.
SM has contact with a heli ACE, JC to contact CHC and get approx dates, send dates and location to SM to establish if ACE will be available.
- 2 Mids Area Fly In
CL circle – Tony Black although not attending will arrange for his associates to marshal the CL area. Tony Field (with the agreement of TB) will run a small competition at the event.
Heli area – JC to contact Central Heli club to establish if they are prepared to marshal the heli area and if they will have an examiner available to monitor the area.
Indoor area – JD prepared to marshal the area.
FW flight line – Decision to be made closer to date.
AT to log flyers in upon arrival. Non Midland members to pay day rate. Season ticket holders fly for free.
AT has several prizes including a mint glow motor as main prize.

JC to contact Manny ; can jets fly on the day, is it possible to have wrist bands available for those who have paid, is there a regular burger van they use?

Info to be sent to BMFA/web site closer to date.

Lunch meeting to be more a 'meet and greet' than a formal meeting.

Committee members to wear yellow tabards and name badges.
- 3 Greenacres event,
Toilet funding. Mids have funded toilets at previous events, unanimously agreed to continue funding. As yet not certain how many days therefore cost not finalised.
JC to contact Greenacres, a) find out if details finalised yet b) ask for some form of recognition of Mids Area support (mention in prog, posters etc)
- 4 Club Contact process
gone remarkably well, 70%+ clubs responded. Small number of clubs replied they do not want any involvement with BMFA Mids. As likely to be a major restructure of the Area system it was suggested now cease chasing ever decreasing number of clubs who have not made contact.
AS working on mailing lists that will allow committee to email all members in the area, not just club officials. Poor dissemination of information from club officials to club members an issue at some clubs, emailing all members direct will overcome this.
- 5 Laptops
suggested the Area should have a small number of laptops for use as flight simulators at any events. Former committee member JB investigating cost of refurbished laptops and their suitability to run a flight simulator (free SIM).

Unanimous agreement Area should proceed.

- 6 Examiner Workshop – suggested Area should hold an examiner workshop in the southern part of the Mids Area. Need to find a club who are prepared to host the event. JC to contact clubs from that part of the area asking if they would be interested in hosting. Discussion regarding the 'non active' examiners in the Area. Some who simply renew examiner registration to maintain status but no longer doing any testing. Discussed using examiner workshops and possible web based sessions to ensure examiners are current. Non attendance of a minimum number of sessions could result in removal from examiner list. SM liaising with D McLure, must be national initiative.
 - 7 Probable there will be a major remodelling of the Area system in the near future., part of BMFA strategic review. SM shared revised documents from the group working on the project. Proposed timetable for introduction of new structure start of 2023. Work ongoing.
- AOB Zoom uptake from clubs encouraging, a number now using the Area licence version for meetings after finding limitation of free version. Discussed holding Area webinar, cost of software prohibitive so if needed Area will use BMFA licence.
- Website update, CA proposed CB become second administrator for Area website as cover if CA indisposed. Agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed 11:55