



## **Area Meeting Minutes**

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7:30 pm via Zoom**

Attendees: 9 members present:

Anthony Black - Nuneaton	Colin Bernard - Blue Sky	Geoff Smith - Birmingham MAC
Graham Stanley - Coventry & Dist MAC	John Sidsaff` - Heanor & District	Mark Travers - Greenacres MAC
Mick Easton - Sutton Coldfield RC	Rob Terry - Marston Green	Steve Mason - Bournestormers

1. Apologies:

John Collister

2. Correction and adoption of minutes from previous meeting

The previous minutes were adopted as a true account of the previous meeting. (*Voting: 8 for, 1 abstention*)

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

- a. For the Marston Green event a funding request form had been sent and the completed form received. This will be considered during this meeting.
- b. Greenacres reported that after discussions with the council they currently have been granted access to their field again and will be holding events again this year.
- c. Email issues
  - i. Following system changes the previous issues with gmail accounts appear to be resolved.
  - ii. Two new issues have come to light –
    1. Members of area clubs who live outside of the Midland geographical area are excluded from the mailing lists. This necessitates the use of a separate distribution list to enable mailings to these members. The problem then arises of how to get the details for this list. We can ask clubs for the information but we cannot rely on all clubs to respond.
    2. Family members are limited to just two sharing a common email address, so a 3<sup>rd</sup> family member cannot receive individual emails unless they have their own email address. This is not always possible.

*Action: i) Contact all club secretaries for the email addresses of out of area members. Action: JC*

*ii) Submit a proposal to area council for discussion. Action: CB*

d. Raising Midland Area profile

- i. The proposed meeting to learn to use the IONOS distribution emailing has been held.
  - ii. It was suggested that a proposal document be submitted for discussion at Area Council. Current status of this unknown and an update on this is required. *Action: JC*
- e. Achievement Scheme Update – following the vote on ASRC membership JC was now a member

4. Matters for next Area Council meeting.

There seemed to be little on the agenda that needed to be discussed at area level.

Steve Mason reported that it was felt that the incident reporting system was being underutilised. On reviewing the sample incident report it seemed that a potential major benefit was being missed in that a lot of detail was not being recorded, e.g. the ESC manufacturer on the sample. This information would allow trends to be uncovered across reports that could then be leveraged to minimise future incidents, e.g. combinations of equipment, location details.

It was suggested that we contact secretaries to emphasise the importance of reporting incidents, especially those involving 3rd parties or out of field incidents. *Action: JC*



5. Funding Request – Marston Green

Rob Terry presented his funding request which was approved. (*Voting: Unanimous in favour*)

6. Meeting schedules.

There had been confusion in the past regarding dates of area meetings. To clarify this, and assist in planning for funding requests, a new page on the area website has been created.

This lists all meetings for the year together with links for minutes for meetings already held, and for the agenda for meetings in the future.

These dates will be updated every year once we get that year's Area Council calendar.

The page can be found via Club Resources/Area Meetings (<https://midland.bmfa.uk/area-meetings>)

7. Any Other Business

There were no AOB items.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

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