



BMFA South West Area

Minutes of Ordinary meeting held by Zoom on 14th October 2025.

1. Welcome.

The meeting opened at 7:37pm with a welcome from the Chairman.

2. Apologies.

Riviera Thermal Soaring Club delgate
RNAS Culdrose

3. Confirmation of Club Delegates present.

Plymouth MFC
Treasurer + Truro & District MFC
Exeter and District RC Club
East Devon Radio Control Club
Newton Abbott Heli Club
Secretary/Okehampton MFC

Present;
Chairman
Southern Area ASC & Area ACE

4. Minutes of previous meeting.

The provisional minutes of the last meeting having been circulated, were taken as read.
There were no corrections or additions and they were proposed as a true and correct record of the meeting by Truro and District MFC and seconded by Plymouth MFC .
Vote: 6 for and 3 abstentions (not present at that meeting)

5. Actions from previous meeting.

- a) Gliding access on Dartmoor and at St. Agnes: No updates
- b) Club Officer vacancies: 2 members of the Redruth & District MFC have made themselves available for the positions of vice-Chairman and Youth Development officer.

c) AS Mileage claim has not been submitted. Confirmed by the Treasurer the rate is 30p/mile.

d) The Area caravan has been sourced and bought today for £400. Making arrangements for collection. The Plasterdown Flying Assoc. delegate will carry out the modifications over the winter so it is available for use in the spring.

6. Reports from Area Officers.

Treasurer: Claims for the Truro swap meet have been paid and the Zoom subscription and payment for the caravan are pending.

The balance after these payments will be £4455.

The Okehampton delegate presented bids for upcoming events in Okehampton, including £44 for Aero-tows, £33 for gliding events, and £11 for the Achievement Scheme weekend. The group also discussed potential static shows in Newton Abbott, with the Exeter & District RCC delegate suggesting a £60 claim for two cancelled events last year.

Secretary: There seems to be a lack of understanding about the role of delegates and how they are elected.

From the model BMFA constitution there is a clause under AGM for the election of club delegate. It was also suggested that an alternative should also be elected so that in the event that the delegate was unable to attend Area Meetings the alternate would. If this clause is not present then attention should be directed at correcting this at their next AGM. The Club Secretary should advise the Area Secretary of the name and email address of their Area Delegate as soon as possible after the AGM by email to secretary@southwest.bmfa.uk

The role of the delegate is one of communication/representation between their club/organisation and the Area Committee.

The Area Committee is composed of delegates, elected officers, ASC and ACE's. Only delegates can vote at Area meetings. The Chair has the casting vote in the event of a tie.

Delegates should only present reports for the club they represent. If they are members of multiple clubs they should encourage the delegates from the other clubs to attend the Area meetings themselves.

Delegates can only present bids for funding for the club they represent.

7. ACE Appointments;

Two Club Examiners had made application to become ACE's. Discussions led by the current ACE's indicate that the candidates should submit their Log Books to support their application and the Area officers would then complete ACE Application forms from the AS and submit their log book copies along with their CV to the Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator for further action.

8. Club Delegate Reports;

Newton Abbott Heli Club change of name to be discussed at their AGM.

Exeter & District RCC AGM to be held 26th November.

East Devon RCC AGM to be held in November.

9. AOB;

The Secretary advised that he would not be available for the Area AGM to be held on 20th November. It was decided to change the date to Tuesday 25th November.

Thursday is a difficult day for meetings and it was agreed that Tuesday is a better day

10. Date and venue of next meeting.

Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 7:30pm by Zoom

11. Meeting Close.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

Actions:

- 1) Dartmoor / St. Agnes gliding access - Dartmoor Slope Soaring Club/RC Cornwall Flyers
- 2) Club officers - Chairman
- 3) ACE applications – Chairman/Secretary
- 4) Area Funding bids - Treasurer
- 5) Caravan – Plasterdown Flying Association / Treasurer / Chairman