



BMFA South West Area Minutes of meeting held 21st July 2026 by Zoom

1. Welcome.

The meeting opened at 7:35pm with a welcome from the Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence.

Riviera Thermal Soaring Club
RC Cornwall Flyers/St. Agnes negotiator
Davidstow MFC
Torbay & District Radio Flying Club

3. Confirmation of Club Delegates present.

Plymouth Model Flying Club
Exeter and District RC Club
Bude & District MFC
South Devon MFC+ACE
East Devon Radio Control Club
Redruth & District MFC+V-C+ASC+ACE
RNAS Culdrose
Truro & District MFC / Treasurer
Okehampton MFC + Secretary

Officers Present:
Chairman+AreaDelegate
Youth Dev Officer
Teign Valley ACE
East Devon RC Club ACE
Southern Area ASC & ACE

The Bude & District MFC said that the new Davidstow MFC delegate had emailed his email address to the Secretary. The Secretary said he had no record of receiving it and it wasn't in his spam folder and requested the delegate to send his email address to bmfaswareasec@gmail.com

4. Minutes from previous meeting.

The provisional minutes having been previously circulated, were taken as read. The South Devon MFC delegate noted that there was an error in that the ASC had been referred to as the Controller and not the Co-ordinator. (Note this was checked and corrected). The minutes were proposed for adoption by RNAS Culdrose and seconded by Exeter & District RC Club.

Vote: 5 for; against 1 ;Abstention 2

5. Actions from previous meeting.

I. Dartmoor/St. Agnes

There was no report on Dartmoor.

St. Agnes Head;

Regarding St. Agnes Head, I am afraid that I do not have much to report. It is the time of year when we need to apply for our licence to fly from September until January. If I have not heard from the local ranger in the next week, I will contact him.

I am afraid that despite attempts to get the BMFA to talk directly to the National Trust, we have not really made any progress here, and seem to have reached something of an impasse. I am happy to carry on as the 'contact person' between BMFA SW and the NT but, I have been doing this for several years now, and I have to say that if anyone else would like to take over, I would be happy to pass the baton on. If no one is willing, I will carry on!

As a result of the above report, the Secretary contacted the previous Area Secretary who has a deep interest in flying at St. Agnes Head. He agreed to put himself forward for the role of negotiator for the Area. This was proposed by the Secretary/Okehampton delegate and seconded by South Devon MFC delegate.

Vote: 8/0

II. Area Funding – Treasurer

Funding from the national body has been received.

III. Caravan project – Chairman and Secretary

The Secretary reported that the bid process allows for CAPEX application and a presentation will be prepared for this.

6. Reports from Area Officers.

Chairman/Area Delegate:

The Chairman and Secretary launched an AS-subcommittee and invited ACE's to that meeting to set the parameters for future meetings. Sadly only 2 attended the meeting.

They then attempted to arrange a AS Workshop. The Southern Area ASC had prepared a presentation and the event was to be held at a venue in Exeter. Only 5 members indicated they would attend. The minimum required for the venue hire was 8 so the event was cancelled. Another is planned for March 2027.

Secretary: nil

Treasurer: Reported the current balance is £5097.43

Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator:

The existing list of ACE's and Examiners is not complete and he is waiting for an updated version. The Chairman indicated he has the current version from the AS and has sorted it into regions and

categories and will send it to the ASC. The ASC was encouraged to form a group chat (Whats app) as soon as possible to facilitate communications.

East Devon RC Club ACE

Has not received any information on his role in the Area. He has done his first examiner test. His club were scheduled to have an AS day with 9 or 10 candidates but this has been postponed because the fire risk assessment at their flying site was too high.

Teign Valley ACE

Reports it has been very quiet.

South Devon MFC ACE

He has done 2 fixed wing examiner tests. He encountered a very talented young man of 8 years recently that gave him great hope.

Youth Engagement Officer:

Youth development is strong at Redruth and they organised an event at a local school and arranged an event with the local air cadets in Cambourne which has gone very well. Youth membership in Redruth has soared. The Chairman congratulated her on her achievements. The secretary reminded her to apply for funding to enhance these events with novelty items from the BMFA.

7. Progress on Training events.

The Annual AS Weekend is scheduled for the 12th and 13th September. The initial notification has been sent out to all members of the SW Area.

8. Reports & Matters arising from Club Delegates.

Redruth & District MFC

Training and testing day to be held 29th August. Their annual show will be held as usual and camping there will be available. Membership growth is very strong.

Exeter and District RC Club

Club is growing and 13 year old has just achieved his A certificate.

9. AOB.

Nil

10. Date and venue for next meeting.

The next meeting was agreed for Tuesday 22 September 2026 by Zoom

12. Meeting Close.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

Action Points

1. Dartmoor / St. Agnes Slope soaring – negotiators
2. BMFA grant bids – Treasurer