

BMFA

Cornwall Sub-Area

6 Copes Gardens,
Truro,
Cornwall.
15th July 2014.

Minutes of Area Meeting Held 11/7/14, Clock & Key Inn, Trispen, Truro.

The meeting was opened at 7.15pm. by the chairman, who thanked members for attending; apologies for absence came from Pete Austin, Roly Smith and Ron Marking. The minutes of the previous meeting were read

and approved as correct. Considering matters arising from our previous meeting it was confirmed that Mark Milne had been appointed A.C.E. and scheme controller. Chairman Pete Lander restated his concerns over the spread of wind and solar farms and the possible threat they posed to our activities. Secretary Paul Greet reminded members of the imminent Scale competition and asked clubs to support this. The treasurer confirmed that the Area grant had been received in May, amounting to £599. Treasurer Mike Till expressed disappointment at the lack of support for the aerobatics event at St. Austell and that the club had reluctantly decided not to host further events; he proposed that the aerobatics trophies be paid for by the Area and held on behalf of them at St. Austell. Delegate Pete Disney discussed the Council meeting in May and advised that the purchase of the van and photocopier had been approved. The B.M.F.A.'s insurers had been able to refund £20,000 to us, and were also going to fully fund the study into the possibility of the National centre. Members were then asked to refer to the various documents that had been distributed by our delegate relating to the future of the B.M.F.A.'s Area structure.

A lengthy discussion then followed on various aspects; Davidstow felt that some business could be done electronically; the secretary commented on Robin Sleight's letter, also the Sport England map and felt that reducing the number and size of Areas would be detrimental to Cornwall, returning us to our status 30 years ago; current funding of Areas only accounted for 2% of annual costs and any potential savings from having fewer, larger, Areas were irrelevant. Our treasurer felt that over-reliance on electronic communications risked distancing Leicester from grass-roots modellers and had limitations in many areas like Cornwall. The overall conclusion was that members wished the current system to continue.

Considering B.M.F.A.'s strengths/weaknesses Davidstow felt the society could promote itself directly to kit makers and suppliers. Considering the possible National Centre we were advised that members would not wish to pay extra to run this, however were happy for the insurers to pay for the study. Treasurer suggested the sale of Chacksfield and renting a modern office be appropriate; we await decision! John Mee then proposed a vote of thanks to Pete Disney for his work on our behalf, all agreed. Members were then advised of coming events at Truro, Scale 13/7, Vintage 31/8, and St. Austell 20/9.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next Area meeting will be 3/10/14.

Clubs present: Truro; St.Austell; Davidstow; Culdrose.

Paul Greet,
Secretary.