

# **BMFA**

## **Cornwall Sub-Area**

6 Copes Gardens,  
Truro,  
Cornwall.  
6th February 2017.

### **Minutes of Area Meeting** Held 3/2/17, Falmouth Arms, Ladock, Truro.

The meeting was opened at 7.10pm by the chairman and apologies for absence were received from Mike Till, treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as correct. Arising from them, it was felt by Pete Smedley that the Redruth show had gone well despite the variable weather. Giving his comments our chairman observed that recent weather had allowed for regular flying activity and that no problems had emerged since our last meeting. The secretary had written a letter on behalf of all our clubs expressing our sympathies at the loss of Robin Sleight and recording our thanks for his support during the last decade. A new club had been formed, Cornwall Slope Soaring Association, and their secretary Nigel Argall was made welcome. The chairman confirmed the latest bank figures on behalf of the treasurer, and requested any claims be submitted by the end of March. Pete Disney confirmed that he had attended the Council meeting in January, and members discussed the developments at the national centre. Confirming our proposed club events for this year, Truro were celebrating 40 years with a show on the 25th June, open to all; St. Austell were holding a Chris Foss day on 22nd April, and a Warbird day on 30th September. St. Austell would also have the B.M.F.A. simulator available during May. Redruth would be holding their show again, details to be confirmed. Members were then asked to consider whether we were able to generate enthusiasm for model flying in a new generation who would maintain the activity in decades to come; responses from members indicated that St. Austell had already been involved with Air Scout groups, but maintaining interest was difficult; an approach to Truro had come from the local A.T.C. group, this was to be pursued. A widespread discussion followed and the general view was that the best way to generate interest was the established route of local shows, static exhibits and talks and that this was still the most practical approach. Discussion then turned to the forthcoming Area Council meeting and Pete Disney introduced the questions that would be discussed then regarding the "Recruitment and Sustainability" of Area and club committees. Each of the questions were aired and a consensus view was recorded by Pete on our behalf. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Next meeting Fri. 5/5/17.

Clubs Present: St. Austell; R.C. Cornwall; C.V.A., Culdrose; Truro; Cornwall Slope S.A.

Paul Greet,  
Secretary.