

Feed Back from Area Council Zoom Meeting 9 Oct 21

The meeting opened on time at 12.30. Points of interest in the order they came up – to be read in conjunction with attached agenda (**actions for our next meeting in red**):

1. **Ratification (1) (2).** Voting Strength 11 with several apologies/request for absence noted.
2. **Minutes/Corrections/Matters Arising (3) (4).** Minutes from the last meeting (21 Jan 21) were accepted (7 abstentions inc me). Matters arising all covered/complete.
3. **Achievement Scheme Controllers report (5).** See attached report. The paucity of ACEs in Devon lead to a wider discussion on the increasing opinion in Devon that they would like to reform their sub area. With the potential forthcoming changes to Areas organisation it makes complete sense to start the ball rolling now. It was agreed that HQ would call a zoom meeting for all clubs/members in Devon and Cornwall in fairly short order. Expect to receive invitation to the meeting by email very soon.
4. **Areas Reorganisation and Constitution/Full Council Strategic Review (6) (7).** The NW Delegate gave a thorough break down of the rationale behind the draft new Areas Constitution (attached) that has been worked on by the “Magnificent Seven” Group over the last 9 months. The draft constitution has used the Executive strategic review (presentation also attached) for guidance and been through 5 review iterations to date. It is now ready for wider visibility. This moved into a very long general discussion on the overall BMFA Structure and the Strategic Review. It distilled down to two main points: how to make Areas more visible to members and how can the members influence the direction of the BMFA. Please let me have any thoughts/comments ASAP so I can represent them up the line at the next Areas zoom meeting on 20 October.
5. **Area Web Page/Social Media (7.5).** To improve communication in the sub area we require one, preferably two, Admins to work with Andy Symons maintaining the Area Web site and social media. TORs will come from HQ and will be distributed soon. Will need to make this happen at our next meeting.
6. **Centenary Planning (8).** Big push for next year (See attached presentation). Paul Hoey is the national co-ordinator and is keen to help with any planned events. There is a good deal of supporting material available already. Planning a mass launch of BMFA Darts across the country on a given day at a set time with a photographic record for submission to Guinness. Date (and spare) tbc. There is money available from Leicester to support following application for funds (purchases of a BMFA Gazebo a possibility maybe???): there is an aspiration that each Area will hold at least one event associated with the centenary. There will be a BMFA centenary web site to record all events, etc and will be in place by the BMFA AGM.
7. **Area Reports (9).** I raised the Dartmoor Bye-Law issue for info to other Areas (Exec members present today were all aware and the CEO is handling at HQ). There was a similar “land grab” in the South East Area wrt Ashdown Forrest with a successful outcome for the silent flight flyers. The policy of mass feed back through the consultation process was endorsed and a link will be placed on BMFA social media to encourage a community wide response.
8. **Officers Reports/ Funding (10) (11).** Nothing significant to report.

9. **AoB.** For info: within 3 years BMFA HQ will shift from Chacksfield House to Buckminster. Request from the Club Support Officer for Areas to consider forming a virtual Drone Club that meets on Zoom/Skype/Teams/Messenger and adopts drone user post for the Committee.

10. **DoNM.** Next formal meeting is the AGM on Zoom and in person on 20 November 2021, but we are having an Areas think-tank-brain- storming session on 20 October to discuss some of the points highlighted above.

11. The meeting closed at 15.55.

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