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MINUTES OF THE 58th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE MODEL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (RAFMAA) (BMFA AREA 14) HELD AT RAF HONINGTON AT 1930 ON 29 AUG 08

Present	Wg Cdr M A Evans Air Cdre R McAlpine CBE DFC Sqn Ldr A Rogers WO I Nelson J/T James Goodright SAC L Wilson Mr C Barker Chf Tech M Paffett	Achievement Scheme Co-ord Airmans' Representative Silent Flight Sec Control Line Sec Indoor Sec	Chairman President Treasurer Secretary
Stations Represented (12 Full Members)	RAF Brize Norton RAF Cranwell RAF Lyneham RAF Marham RAF Northwood RAF Waddington RAF Wyton DE&S Yeovilton		
Apologies	Chf Tech D Platts Cpl P Bellingham BMFA Delegate Cpl D Houston Cpl M Mathias Mr C Waite	Competition Sec PRO, Equipment Scheme & Property Member Power Sec News Letter Editor	



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Item (a)	Decision (b)	Action (c)
1 Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>1. The Chairman welcomed those present to the 58th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Air Force Model Aircraft Association.</p> <p>2. The minutes from the last meeting, held at RAF Honington on the 31st September 2007, were reviewed and agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: Jnr Tech Goodright, Seconded: WO Nelson, Carried unanimously.</p>	
2 Actions & Matters Arising from Last Meeting	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
3 Treasurer's Report	<p>1. The Treasurer reported that the Association funds stand as follows:</p> <p>Current Account as at 30 Jun 08 - £3417.51 Savings Account as at 30 May 08 - £5185.86 Total - £8603.37</p> <p>2. The Treasurer explained that the fund was roughly static with its level from the previous year, but that there would be a need to increase income for the coming year. After a discussion it was proposed that the full membership subscription would rise from £10 to £12, but would be discounted back to £10 for any full member who was also a member of the RAF Sports Lottery. The intention is to encourage members to join the lottery, enabling the Association to apply to the lottery for funding. This was further expanded on and supported by the President and the Chairman.</p> <p>3. A vote to accept the statement of accounts, and to accept the proposed subscription changes, was proposed by Sqn Ldr Pallister and seconded by Cpl Mathias. The vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p>ACTION: The Chairman will amend the Charter to enable the changes to the rule governing subscriptions.</p>	Chairman
4 Competition Secretary's Report	1. In the unfortunate absence of the Competition Secretary, the Chairman briefly outlined the past RAFMAA	



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	<p>competition year.</p> <p>2. During the year the Association had attempted to run the full programme of events, but two slope events were ruined by the weather.</p> <p>3. One indoor event was run successfully but the second was cancelled due to lack of entries.</p> <p>4. The RAFMAA fly-in at Waddington was very successful, and during the event a brief Thermal competition was also run.</p> <p>5. The RAFMAA Warbirds event was a great success, with a full entry and a waiting list of reserves. The event raised over £500, split between RAFMAA funds and local Unit charities.</p> <p>6. Control line had another busy year with RAFMAA members representing the association and country at National and International meetings.</p> <p>7. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to WO Ian Nelson who had stepped into the breach at very short notice to run the Main Championships in the absence of the Comp Sec. The proposal was met with unanimous acclamation from the floor.</p> <p>8. A brief discussion ensued concerning the fees applicable to the Warbirds event.</p> <p>ACTION: The Chairman took an action to discuss the fees for the next Warbirds event with the Committee.</p>	Chairman
5 Ratification of Honorary Members	<p>1. WO Ian Nelson spoke eloquently of the contribution made by Mr Steve Hart to the Association over a number of years. He proposed his Honorary Membership, which was seconded by FS Purdy. The vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p>2. Mr Chris Barker was proposed for Honorary Membership by Chf Tech Paffett. He stated that there was little or no need to justify this proposal to the membership, who all appreciated the astonishing commitment Mr (formally Chf Tech) Barker had made (and continues to make) to the promotion and support of Control Line flying in the Association, and elsewhere. The proposal was seconded by FS Purdy and carried unanimously.</p>	



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<p>6 Election of Officials</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received one request for change to the Executive Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SAC Wilson stood down as Gliding Sec. b. The post of Secretary, however, remains vacant. 2. The Chairman formally expressed his gratitude to SAC Wilson for his efforts in support of the Association through the Executive Committee. The meeting responded by acclamation. 3. Mr Neil Tricker volunteered to take the Silent Flight post, provided that a Serviceman would assist with communication with units. This was agreed and his offer was gratefully received. He was proposed for the post by Chf Tech Paffett, and seconded by WO Nelson. The vote was carried unanimously. 4. With a new candidate to fill one vacant post, the Chairman recommended the following Executive Committee to the AGM: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Chairman - Wg Cdr Mick Evans, by appointment Vice Chairman – Sqn Ldr Andy Rogers, by appointment Treasurer - Sqn Ldr Andy Rogers Secretary - Vacant Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator - WO Ian Nelson Comp Sec - Chf Tech Dan Platts Power Sec - Cpl Mike Matthias Silent Flight Sec - Mr Neil Tricker Indoor Sec - Chf Tech Martin Paffett Control Line Sec - Mr Chris Barker Equip/PRO/BMFA Delegate - Cpl Paul Bellingham Newsletter Editor - Mr Colin Waite Property Member - Cpl Danny Houston Airmans' Representative - Jnr Tech James Goodright</p> 5. The new Executive Committee was proposed by Jnr Tech Goodright, seconded by Sqn Ldr Pallister, and the vote carried unanimously. 6. The Chairman advised the meeting that he had created 	



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	an additional appointment of Vice Chairman in line with BMFA recommendations. The incumbent choice was made by the Chairman and for 2008/2009 would be Sqn Ldr Andy Rogers.	
7 AOB	<p>1. FS Purdy asked that we attempt to run the competition calendar to a more formal timetable, and to advertise it better.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The committee would discuss a way forward.</p> <p>2. Mr Paul Blakeborough (Hon) asked if the Association had full email contact lists as contact had appeared a little chaotic. He also asked if we are able to improve Association communication with the Honorary and Associate members. The Treasurer confirmed that he was already working on this issue, and that it should be much improved.</p> <p>3. The Chairman announced the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The President is seeking funding to assist in the replacement of the caravan. b. The Associate Member's Trophy is now ratified and would be awarded at these Championships for the first time. c. A new freestyle R/C aerobatic class would be trialled at these championships. 	Chairman
8 Next Meeting	<p>1. The next AGM would be held at the 2009 RAFMAA Championships, expected to be held at RAF Honington at a date to be confirmed.</p> <p>2. The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:10.</p>	

Original Signed

M PAFFETT
Chf Tech
Acting Secretary