

**EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 20:15.**  
**The Three Kings, Hengrave Road, Fornham All Saints,**  
**Bury St Edmunds.**

This meeting was held on Friday as the meeting room was not available on the Thursday. It was confirmed that future meetings would be booked at The Three Kings on Thursdays.

1. Apologies for Absence

Keith Stevens – Ramsey, Neil Chapman – Doddington, Chris Bush – Raydon, Alan Jackson – BTRMAC, Jim Smetherham – Clacton, David Parker – Eastern Radio, Bill Michie- Stansted, Jason Channing – Vice Chairman, Dave Oldfield – Comp sec, Henry Martin - Little Tawney and Ken Stevens - St. Neots

2. Present – 9 members

- Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer
- Phil Gutteridge – Achievement Scheme Coordinator
- Mike Rieder - Chairman
- Geoff Reynolds – Lakeside
- Paul Hoey – Delegate
- Harry Woodrow – Education Coordinator
- Ron Gray – Bury
- Peter Jenkins - Newmarket
- Graham Gooch - Norwich

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed Phil Gutteridge Seconded Geoff Reynolds. Agreed.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman

The Chairman outlined thoughts for 2018 on a way that the area can work through the club network and help facilitate interclub activity. The key will be through the communication. The Area website is part of this communication, more use to be encouraged. The paper presented by Paul Hoey aimed at attracting membership to clubs and gain official and

council support will be a useful piece of the jigsaw. As appropriate and when able the area should provide any required specific/additional support.

#### 6. Achievement Scheme Coordinator

- The coordinator reported that Linda Easter had been accepted by the Achievement Scheme Coordinator as a prospective ACE.
- A field for the September workshop is being negotiated.
- An Area Chief examiner in the Huntingdon area is still required there is a significant gap in the coverage within the area.
- A National Achievement Scheme roadshow has been arranged to take place in Kent.

#### 7. BMFA Council meeting

Proposals for the January Council meeting were discussed.

- It is suggested that the SMAE/BMFA seek charitable status. It was agreed that the idea be checked out. However, no commitment to such a change until the full implications had been thoroughly thought through.
- The terms of reference for Technical committees presented no problem, the issue has arisen with respect to specialist bodies undertaking the work rather than some of the tech committees.

#### 8. Other Business

Support for South Norfolk Indoor meeting.

- The Area had, in the past, agreed to underwrite any losses incurred by the South Norfolk Club on their indoor meetings. The Club have requested help with respect to recent meetings. The matter was discussed and voted upon. 7 voted against the provision of support believing that profits made in earlier indoor meetings should be used to offset the current losses. 2 attendees abstained both being members of the South Norfolk Club. The secretary would write to club and explain the decision.
- The Meeting agreed that support for such indoor meetings should be provided. Discussion took place regarding how such future support should be determined. Ideas to be input to the secretary, we need to have an agreed policy in place for the winter of 2018/19. We need to have plan that serves all Area clubs on an equitable basis. Graham Gooch agreed to produce a draft proposal.

Discussion regarding growth framework.

- The paper produced presented by Paul Hoey at the September meeting was further discussed. Note the ideas expressed in the Chairman's briefing fit together with Paul's Paper. The main consideration is one of communication with the Area clubs.

Safety

- Graham Gooch outlined an exercise he had carried out within the Norwich Club. Graham had made a model unsafe and through a show and tell session with club members discussed the issues, not all issues were picked out by the members present. Fail safe and switches produced a conundrum within the discussions. Graham will produce a paper for a possible roll out of the sessions within the Area.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.