

EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 20:15.
The Three Kings, Hengrave Road, Fornham All Saints,
Bury St Edmunds.

1. Apologies for Absence
 - Richard Gibson, Jim Smetherham – CRCMC, Graham Forsdyke – Chingford, Tony Sparsis – Stanstead, Alec Hurley - Thurrock, Sue Edgecombe – Ravens Way, Linda Easter, Bob Jones – Waveney, Jason Channing, Geoff Reynolds
2. Present – 12 members
 - Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer
 - Phil Gutteridge – Achievement Scheme Coordinator
 - Mike Rieder - Chairman
 - Paul Hoey – Delegate
 - Dave Oldfield – Competition Secretary
 - Graham Gooch - Norwich
 - John Copsey – Impington
 - Alan Daniels – Norwich
 - Peter Jenkins - Newmarket
 - Vic Blackwood – Bury
 - Nigel Banham – Raydon
 - Tony Walters - Raydon
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (30th August 2018)
 - Proposed Phil Gutteridge Seconded Graham Gooch. Agreed.
4. Matters arising
 - There were no specific matters arising that would not be covered by agenda items or AOB
5. Chairman
 - The Chairman outlined his thoughts for 2019.
 - As previously discussed, following the success of the 2018 event another conference would be held later in 2019. Ideas were suggested for inclusion. David Phipps on drone legislation. Support to help clubs to gain members. Area support for club projects

- Other ideas for 2019 could include a workshop, coaching and mentoring day to help members set up models towards the gaining of A and B qualifications. This would fit in with objectives of the Achievement Scheme Coordinator.
- A push to get members to sign up to the Area website.

6. Achievement Scheme Coordinator

- The last workshop went well.
- Area Chief examiners in the North West and South East of Area are still required as there is significant gap in the coverage within the East Anglian Area.
- A field for a September workshop is required.
- It was noted with sadness that Bill Michie had recently succumbed to effects of motor neuron disease.
- An ongoing issue is the consistency of the standards applied within the achievement scheme continues. The coordinator suggests that training for club examiners is an ongoing need.

8. Area Delegate

- The delegate reported that currently no progress appears to have been made with respect to the ASRC request for financial assistance to assist with the production of a video. Some Areas had committed funds to the exercise. As agreed the East Anglian Area had not done so.

9. BMFA Council meeting.

- The full council meeting will be held on 12th January. The main purpose of this meeting is to set up the processes for the new year. There were proposals one regarding the recognition of a fun fly specialist body. Also, there is a proposal to allow the the postponement of a competition due to bad weather. In addition, there were two record claims. These items appear to present no issues. A third item was the release of the team travel fund held by the now defunct RCPTTF. The secretary pointed out that this fund is an orphan fund outside the direct control of the council. Clarification is required to avoid the setting of a precedent for the reallocation of other funds.

10. Other Business

- The paper presented by the secretary outlining the ways and means for Area clubs to gain financial support was agreed. The details would now be published on the web site.
- With respect to safety and model set-up Graham Gooch has produced a paper for roll out to Area. This would be published on the Area website
- Graham Gooch presented a case for support for work carried out by the Norwich club at the Norwich Airport Aviation Academy. Support of £40.00 was proposed by Phil Gutteridge and seconded by Peter Jenkins, this was carried
- It was agreed that a budget for the Area should be produced. The secretary/treasurer will produce for the next meeting.

11. Next meeting

- The next meeting will be the 9th May 2018 at an earlier time of 19:45.