

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 4th April 2018 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co.Durham, DH4 6EX



Officers Present

Y	Chairman: Terry Bailey (Fellow)	N	P.R.O.: Position Vacant
Y	Vice Chairman: Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)	N	Delegate: Tom Jones (Teesside MFC)
Y	Secretary: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	Y	Education Co-ordinator: Allan Weighell (Fellow)
Y	Treasurer: Tom Walker (Sunderland & DMAC)	Y	Competition Secretary: Allan Weighell (Fellow)
Y	Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)		

Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

Newcastle MFA; Weardale MGA; Peterlee; Tynedale MFC; Novocastrians; Washington; Sunderland & District MAC; Teesside MFC; Cleveland Indoor;

Apologies for Absence

Tom Jones (Delegate); Dave Robson;

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None;

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)
Seconded: Allan Weighell (Cleveland Indoor)

Matters Arising

Martin Johnson raised the use of abbreviations and acronyms in officers' reports and asked that a full description was included with the first use to assist delegates understand what is being referred to.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported the death of Ray Monk from Birmingham, who was a very active free flight modeller in years gone by.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on the forthcoming Royal Aero Club/BMFA seminar on the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which will outline what the new laws mean and what clubs/associations need to do to comply.

Gary also reported that the Guisborough MFC will be hosting an informal fly-in on 22nd July 2018 to showcase the improved facilities they have following their success in securing a lease on the site that they fly from.

The Central Scotland Helicopter club have been in contact to request details of BMFA Examiners to conduct tests for some of their members, the names of the nearest examiners and our Area Chief Examiners have been passed on but there has been no further contact.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area finances.

Education Co-ordinators Report

Allan Weighell reported on his ongoing work with the Middlesbrough ATC, and also his frustration with the fluctuating numbers of cadets attending sessions due to other activities taking precedence, and the continuously changing requirements of the ATC Flight Challenge.

PRO's Report

Nothing to report;

Delegates Report

Nothing to report;

Flying Disciplines Officers Report

Free Flight

Nothing to report;

Radio Control

The GBRCAA have a domestic competition at Beaulieu on 6th May, and the GBRCCA Championships which also doubles as the first Team Selection event is on 19th/20th May at BMFA Buckminster.

Control Line

The F2D Combat event scheduled for Albemarle on 1st April was cancelled and the provisional date for the re-arranged event is 24th June.

Indoor

The World Championships took place in the USA from 18-23rd March, going into the final round the GB team were in the lead but the "big guns" got their act together to the GB Team in the bronze medal position.

Locally indoor events are still well supported.

Any Other Business

Terry Bailey (Chairman) reported that he had been asked if it was possible to book Albemarle at short notice, he has been in touch with his contacts at the barracks and they have done their best to accommodate us the weather has put paid to any flying.

Further to last month's discussion about expenses for delegates attending meetings Allan Weighell reported that he had been in touch with the North West Area as requested, and they had offered to pay 35p per mile, this was offered to all 130 clubs in their Area and no uptake. Following a short discussion the general consensus was that whilst paying expenses was good idea to try and encourage increased attendance at meetings. We really need to know whether the increased expenditure would be covered by a corresponding increase in Area funding, also details of the current mileage allowance paid by the BMFA for delegates attending council meetings would assist in making a decision. Allan agreed to speak to the BMFA Hon. Treasurer before our next meeting to get the required information so that a decision on paying either a mileage allowance or a fixed amount per meeting can be made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

The next meeting will be at 8pm on 2nd May 2018 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor Co.Durham, DH4 6EX.

Club Secretaries and PROs please note: if you have an event to publicise, give the details to either;

Tom Jones, Area Delegate: tom.ip11@gmail.com

Gary Armstrong, Area Secretary: garyarmstrong13@virginmedia.com

The details of your event can then be distributed with the Area minutes in Forthcoming Events* if there is sufficient time and posted on the Area web site and Facebook page.

Date	Event / Host Club	Venue	Other details
1 st Saturday of month	Indoor Flying* PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES & FEE	Nunthorpe School	5 to 9 pm £5, children free Contact Allan Weighell Allan.weighell@btinternet.com
2 nd Saturday of month	Indoor Flying, Newton Aycliffe	Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.	FF, RC (lightweight & heavyweight) Time 1200-1600 Hrs, Proof of insurance required. Contact Mark Shipley 01325 316141 or Allan Weighell allan.weighell@btinternet.com
7 th April	GBRCAA F3A (aerobatics)	Skelbrooke Nr. Doncaster	www.gbrcaa.org
29 th April	GBRCAA F3A (aerobatics)	Hurley, Warwickshire	www.gbrcaa.org
6 th May	F2D Combat	Albemarle Barracks	Dave Riley
6 th May	GBRCAA F3A (aerobatics)	Beaulieu	www.gbrcaa.org
19/20 th May	GBRCAA Champs/Team Selection	BMFA Buckminster	www.gbrcaa.org
2 nd & 3 rd June 2018	Teesside Airshow	Redmarshall	Dave Errington (dave.errington@ntlworld.com) Tom Jones (tom.jp11@gmail.com)
10 th June	F2D Combat	Albemarle Barracks	Dave Riley
22 nd July	Informal Fly-in	Guisborough MFC	Peter Farnell pwfarnell@aol.com
23 rd Sept	F2D Combat	Albemarle Barracks	Dave Riley
14 th Oct	F2D Combat	Albemarle Barracks	Dave Riley

*Please note: As the indoor events are held at School premises you are advised to check prior to attending meetings in School holiday periods