

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 7th March 2018 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co.Durham, DH4 6EX



Officers Present

Y	Chairman: Terry Bailey (Fellow)	N	P.R.O.: Position Vacant
N	Vice Chairman: Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)	Y	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; Novocastrians; Chester-le-Street RMC; Sunderland & District MAC; Teesside MFC; Cleveland Indoor;

Apologies for Absence

None;

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None;

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)
Seconded: Dave Errington (Teesside MFC)

Matters Arising

None;

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported the death of former BMFA Chairman Chris Moynihan.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that he had received an e:mail from Tom Jones (Area Delegate) following the Areas Council meeting stating that one of our Area Chief Examiners that had been put forward for ratification had not yet re-joined the BMFA. The Secretary had e:mailed Martyn Whittingham to find out whether he intended renewing his membership but no reply had been received and when checked via the BMFA Clubs portal prior to the meeting his status still showed as "expired". Nigel Lloyd volunteered to contact Martyn to establish his intentions.

Following the meeting Nigel Lloyd contacted the Chairman to inform him that he had spoken to Martyn Whittingham and he had renewed his membership therefore no further action is required.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that there had been no change to the Area finances since the last meeting.

Education Co-ordinators Report

Nothing to report;

PRO's Report

Nothing to report;

Delegates Report

Tom Jones gave a report on the recent Areas Council meeting including details of the new membership portal being developed which will be accessible by Clubs, Areas and individual members as well as the office staff and competition/event organisers and competitors; changes to data protection laws; and a request from the ASRC for Areas with spare funds to consider making donations towards the production of new videos covering the manoeuvre's required in the fixed wing A & B certificates.

The full report is attached as appendix 1.

Flying Disciplines Officers Report

Free Flight

Nothing to report;

Radio Control

Following the last meeting Brian Johnson has been in touch to announce that he has been forced to withdraw from the GBR F5J team for the European Championships. Unfortunately Brian needed to obtain a TUE (therapeutic use exemption) to allow him to comply with FAI/WADA anti-doping requirements. Due to a lack of correct information on the BMFA website and from the comp' sec' this could not be obtained in time for the team to take advantage of favourable ticket prices for team travel. The team is now Steve Haley, Rick Lloyd, Josh Lloyd (junior) and Graham Wicks.

The GBRCOA season gets under way in April with domestic competitions at Skelbrooke on 7th and Hurley on the 29th.

Control Line

Nothing to report;

Indoor

Local indoor events continue to be well supported. The World Championships take place in the USA from 18-23rd March.

Any Other Business

Allan Weighell again raised the matter of the Area paying expenses to delegates attending meetings, this had been discussed at the January meeting (which Allan had been unable to attend) and the decision was taken to defer the matter until later in the year. Following a short discussion Allan was tasked with finding out what other Areas do with a view to making a final decision at the April meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be at 8pm on 4th April 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.

*Forthcoming Events are published, with the minutes each month.

North Eastern area delegates

Report on Area's council 17.02.2018

Voting strength was 14, continuing the saga of Office verses the Area's the office will only inform the Area of any issues that they deem necessary. Due to ill health David Lloyd Jones has resigned his delegacy after about 30 years' service. Ian Nelson RAFMA delegate volunteered to be the Area's Delegate on the Awards Committee.

A lot of time was dedicated to discussion on the new payment system coming on line for 2018 / 2019 this is going to operate on 5 platforms head office, Area, club, individual member and an events portal. It should be a lot easier to use and it will make it much easier for the office staff to gather information, members will have their own log on which will allow them to pay their subs or event fees by debit card, Area's and clubs will be able to do their admin on a bolt on to the system. General Data Protection Regulation was also covered this replaces the Data Protection Directive 95/46/ EC and is designed to harmonise data privacy laws across Europe.

The pro has reported that one of our Area Chief Examiners has been re ratified, but they have not paid their BMFA fees yet.

AOB item was raised by the Southern Area that model aircraft clubs should be noted on aeronautical maps not just in NOTAM's.

Finally, the ASRC have had several requests to produce more demonstration videos of the manoeuvres required to take the achievement scheme tests, this is moving very slowly, and the Areas council would like to see if all Area's would stump up some of the cash they have locked away top support the production of these videos. More info' to follow from Mark Benns.

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
1 st April	F2D Combat	Albemarle Barracks	Dave Riley
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
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
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