

**Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area AGM held on 5<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co.Durham, DH4 6EX**



**Officers Present**

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

**Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)**

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

**Apologies for Absence**

None;

**Corrections to Previous Minutes**

None;

**Adoption of Minutes**

Proposed: Allan Weighell (Fellow)  
Seconded: Dave Errington (Teesside MFC)

**Matters Arising**

None;

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on events in the Area during the year including attendance levels at Area meetings, continued good relations with the military at Albemarle Barracks, the Teesside Airshow and the competition successes of NE Area pilots.  
The full report is attached.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported on the current state of Area membership and the progress of the licence renewal for the use of Albemarle Barracks. The full report is attached.

**Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, and answered any questions to the satisfaction of delegates. The full report is attached.

**Education Co-ordinators Report**

Allan Weighell reported on his work with the ATC in Middlesbrough and their success in the ATC National Flight Challenge. Full report attached.

## **PRO's Report**

Position is vacant so there is no report.

## **Delegates Report**

Tom Jones reported on his work as Area delegate. The full report is attached.

## **Flying Disciplines Officers Report**

### **Free Flight**

Nothing to report;

### **Radio Control**

Gary Armstrong reported on Area members successes in F3A Aerobatics and silent flight competitions. Full report attached.

### **Control Line**

Dave Riley reported on Area members successes in C/L Combat and aerobatic competitions.

### **Indoor**

Allan Weighell reported on local and national indoor events, the full report is attached.

## **Auditor's Report.**

The Auditors reported that they had examined the Area accounts and everything was in order.

## **Achievement Scheme Coordinators report.**

Gary Armstrong gave a short report of the years activity within the Achievement scheme, the full report is attached.

## **Area Chief Examiners Reports.**

Gary Armstrong submitted a joint report from four of the Area Chief Examiners detailing their activities during the year. The full report is attached.

## **Election of Officers.**

Chairman: Terry Bailey.

Proposed by Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)  
Seconded by Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)

Vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

Treasurer: Tom Walker.

Proposed by Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)  
Seconded by Keith Jones (Washington MFC)

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention.

Delegate: Tom Jones.

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

Vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

Competition Secretary: David Robson.

Proposed by Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)  
Seconded by Lez Scurfield (Tynedale MFC)

Vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

Auditor: Peter Franklin.

Proposed by Keith Jones (Washington MFC)  
Seconded by Dave Errington (Teesside MFC)

Vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

### **Election of Area Chief Examiners.**

Further to the Achievement Scheme Coordinators report earlier in the meeting a short discussion took place regarding the ACE's to be put forward for ratification for 2019. As a result of these discussions the following were put forward for ratification:

Gary Armstrong	81839	CE (FW & SF) & CI (FW & SF)
Jim Edwards	58674	CE (H) & CI (H)
George Evans	83425	CE (FW) & CI (FW)
Brian Johnson	72977	CE (SF)
Robert Wasson	36885	CE (FW) & CI (FW)

Proposed by Keith Jones (Washington MFC) and seconded by Allan Weighell (Fellow). Voting 9 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**The next meeting will be at 8pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 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.jp11@gmail.com](mailto:tom.jp11@gmail.com)  
Gary Armstrong, Area Secretary: [garyarmstrong13@virginmedia.com](mailto: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.



## NORTH EASTERN AREA A.G.M.

DECEMBER 2018

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2018 Annual General Meeting, its good to see the familiar faces, its a pity to see no improvement in more attendees from other Clubs in the Area.

Relations with the Military remain on a very friendly footing with no problems on entry being reported, the Army going out of their way to be helpful on more than one occasion, The Airfield being used on 8 or 9 occasions with no problems being cured.

I attended the Teesside Fly-In which the Area supported by sponsoring the Toilets as before.

The number of Flyers seemed to be lacking, quite a few of the regular faces were missing as was the difference in types of models.

This needs addressing or attendances will drop further. I hope the event will be staged this year.

Members of the Area continue to be successful on the competition side, but I will leave this to the



Competition Secretary.

Finally, as always, I thank everyone who attends the meetings as a Committee Member, Club Delegate or an Observer.

Your attendance is appreciated and we could not function without you.

In closing, I wish you a Happy Xmas and get some more flying than I got this year.

Terry Bailey FSMAE  
CHAIRMAN  
N.E. AREA B.M.F.A.

## **BMFA NE Area Secretary's Report 2018.**

Having now completed my first full year as Area Secretary I have to say that it has been pretty straightforward so far, with very little to do other than the preparation and distribution of the meeting minutes and keeping the contact database up to date. This is something that would be made much easier if the information from BMFA office was made available earlier in the year, currently the first draft arrives around May with the approved version not arriving until September. The newly introduced "Go Membership" portal may improve things as additional features are rolled out to Area officials.

Use of Albemarle Barracks continues with the number of fliers making use of the facilities on offer being disappointingly low, the application for a licence for use of the site in 2019 has been made and I am waiting for the paperwork to arrive from the military.

The current breakdown of affiliated clubs and members excluding country members is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Affiliated Clubs	58	62 (+4)
Senior Members	983	984 (+1)
Junior Members	16	18 (+2)
Family Members	30	31 (+1)

A slight increase in affiliated clubs, senior, junior and family memberships are virtually unchanged.

It would be nice to see more clubs represented at Area meetings and I would encourage all club committees to ensure their views are represented by sending a delegate to the monthly meetings. In closing I would like to thank the committee and delegates for their support in 2018.

Gary Armstrong. (N.E Area Secretary)





NORTH EAST AREA BMFA

INCOME + EXPENDITURE A/C 2017-2018

AIRFIELD HIRE+LIC.	460.00	AREA SUPPORT.	1521.87
HOSPITALITY.	115.75		
DONATIONS.	100.00	DEFICIT.	112.88
TEESIDE SHOW.	684.00		
BURNMOOR FEE.	75.00		
EXPENSES.	200.00		
	<u>1634.75</u>		<u>1634.75</u>

BALANCE SHEET @ 31<sup>st</sup> - 3 - 2018

GENERAL FUND.	3470.48	CASH IN HAND.	9.67
LESS DEFICIT.	<u>112.88</u>	CASH IN BANK.	<u>3347.93</u>
	<u>3357.60</u>		<u>3357.60</u>

TREASURER *J. Walker*

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## **NORTH-EASTERN AREA DELEGATES REPORT** **TO AREA AGM 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

So this year I have been mega busy in my personal life starting a proper job and doing loads of overtime, as well as chairing Teesside Model Flying Club and the time associated with that and replacing our Treasurer. I also moved house and have spent nearly every available waking moment doing jobs to bring the house up to date.

I attended most area and full council meetings and the society AGM; I've been present at most Area committee meeting apart from when work has got in the way. I'm happy to continue in the role of Area Delegate, but also would not be opposed if someone else would like to take over the post.

Hopefully 2019 will see us all have less stress on our time

Tom Jones

North- Eastern Area Delegate.

### **BMFA NE Area 2018 AGM Education Officer Report,**

In 2017 by chance I got the opportunity to connect with an Air Cadet unit situated 5 miles from my home and a meeting was arranged for January.

The cadets were very enthusiastic at first, that is, until they were told that they going to have to **actually** build the model of choice. The competition was devised by some higher authority with absolutely no idea how to compose a competition with free flying model aircraft. With nothing to do whilst we awaited the arrival of plans and rules, I decided to try out a few Gyminnie Crickets sponsored by the NE Area BMFA. We started at a rather modest pace but were interrupted regularly with calls for parades, flight training, camping and cooking etc. The comp was scheduled for late April but were still without the chosen model from HQ and we were hearing rumours about building and flying R/C drones. Then out of the blue we were informed that the model was to be a Gyminnie Cricket, but by now the cadets were down to three with less than 6 hours working time available to complete the partially built models and get them trimmed

In the last few days, the cadets (now down to 2), were preparing to de-camp to Church Fenton, so it was serious training every hour we could muster.

The comp took place on the Saturday morning/afternoon and at least 1 cadet absorbed most of the advice taken on the Friday evening. typically, a Gyminnie Cricket built and flown by a novice will achieve a 30/40 duration the fact that our pilot won by a minute making no mistakes, restored my often-shaken faith due to hours of inactivity and distractions.

The CO was so impressed he asked if I would help again in 2019 as they have never had any degree of success in any endeavour in his time.

Allan Weighell FSMAE

## **R/C Competition Secretary's Report 2018**

Competition activity for the R/C classes has been dominated by F3A and Silent Flight

In F3A Aerobatics Gerhard Fehringer continues to fly the flag for the Area competing in the FAI "P only" league and in the separate Team Selection competitions, he was also a member of the British Team at the 2018 European Championships placing a creditable 49<sup>th</sup>. With the P&F League having seen more pilots competing than ever before Gerhard placed a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Gerhard also competed as part of the England team that placed third in "Triple Crown" invitational competition hosted by Scotland at East Fortune and flew at a number of F3A World Cup Events. 2018 also saw two local F3A pilots, Nigel Armstrong and Justin Meadows returning to the competition scene after a number of years in "retirement", competing in the GBRCAA domestic league and the BMFA Nationals.

Gary Armstrong.  
R/C Discipline Secretary.

### **Indoor Secretary Report 2018** **As part of the Comp. Secretary's report** **Indoor Secretary report 2018**

On the International side of things Team GBR had a great World Champs in West- Baden. Indiana, USA. We have not beaten the USA anywhere for more than 35 years so to beat them in their own back yard is almost impossible.

I think the "Indoor World" was rather shocked when we were in the lead each day up to the last round of the final Session. With no individual medals this year our guys earned team bronze medals, so we head towards Czechoslovakia in May to contest the Euro-champs with possibly one or two new faces depending on the team trials over the winter.

The stalwarts of indoor in the NE are still Shildon, Peterlee and Cleveland Indoor Group, each maintaining strong support in a discipline beset by high rental costs. Indeed, Cleveland have been operating from Nunthorpe School for 25 years with barely an increase in costs. An unwritten condition of the School's generosity is for us to have a presence at their open days or fetes.

Allan Weighell FSMAE  
Indoor Secretary

## **Area Chief Examiners' Reports 2018.**

As ASC for the Area I have contacted all of our Chief Examiners requesting their reports and/or thoughts on the past year and confirmation of their willingness to carry on with their roles in 2019. As of today all I have received replies from all bar Martyn Whittingham. All of the Chief Examiners have indicated that they are willing to continue subject to Area approval. Once again it has been a very quiet year with only Bob Wasson having carried out a significant number of tests and having given a couple of talks on the Achievement Scheme to the Teesside MFC, he also continues to promote the scheme within his own club. For my own part I've conducted a number of coaching sessions for fixed wing "B" and silent flight slope "A" tests, however the weather has not been particularly co-operative for the slope pilots to get in enough practice to feel confident taking the test, hopefully the situation and weather will improve in 2019.

Gary Armstrong. (CE792)

*( Report Submitted on behalf of: Bob Wasson, Jim Edwards, George Evans and Brian Johnson)*

## **Achievement Scheme Coordinators Report 2018**

As in previous years I have very little to report, the year has passed with very little for me to do apart from sourcing suitable examiners to conduct both Helicopter and Fixed wing tests for a couple of our Scottish clubs. I have had no feedback as to whether the tests were conducted or the candidates passed. The request for an Examiner test that I reported on at the last AGM has not progressed with no formal request having been received from the club or candidate concerned.

Further to my contact with our Area Chief Examiners to determine their willingness to continue in 2019 it is disappointing to report that one of Chief Examiners has yet again failed to respond and therefore I would like the Area to consider whether or not they wish to put the individual forward for re-ratification in 2019.

Gary Armstrong (ASC NE Area)