

# Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co.Durham, DH4 6EX



## Officers Present

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| Y | <b>Chairman:</b> Terry Bailey (Fellow)                                 | N | <b>P.R.O.:</b> Position Vacant                         |
| Y | <b>Vice Chairman:</b> Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)                   | N | <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; Sunderland & District MAC; Peterlee MAC; City of Sunderland; Weardale MGA; Chester-le-Street RMC; Novocastrians; Tynedale; Teesside MFC; Cleveland Indoor; Washington MFC;

## Apologies for Absence

Tom Jones (Delegate);

## Corrections to Previous Minutes

None;

## Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Keith Jones (Washington MFC)  
Seconded: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)

## Matters Arising

None;

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a brief report on the recent Teesside model show, which had good weather, some good weather but a slightly disappointing attendance. He also reported that we have a new contact at Albemarle Barracks.

## Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the sad death of long time Blyth Valley and Newcastle MFA member David Middleton on 13<sup>th</sup> May after a short illness. David had been very active in the early days of F3A aerobatics and was one of the few people to learn to fly twice, switching from mode 2 to mode 1 having been convinced by his peers that this was better for precision flying.

## Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported on expenditure during the last month.

## Education Co-ordinators Report

Allan Weighell reported on his continued involvement with Middlesbrough Air Cadets, who are now building a BMFA Vulcan, however due to the disorganised way in which the squadron operates they now have very little time left to complete the project. On the plus side the squadron have managed to obtain funding for a substantial amount of modelling equipment, both Free Flight and Radio Control.

## **PRO's Report**

Nothing to report;

## **Delegates Report**

Nothing to report;

## **Flying Disciplines Officers Report**

### **Free Flight**

At the Free Flight Nationals held at Barkston Heath there was success for North Eastern Area fliers (all members of the Novocastrians), in the Bowden Trophy Terry Aydon was 4<sup>th</sup> and Alan Husband 10<sup>th</sup>, Terry flew the same model in FF Scale (flying only) to win the Howard Credington Trophy. IN BMFA Power Allan Brown was 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Radio Control**

At the GBRCAA Championships held at BMFA Buckminster on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> May, Gerhard Fehringer (Blyth Valley RMC) was 7<sup>th</sup> in the FAI class flying all three schedules (P, F and Unknown), in the FAI P only class former Teesside member (currently flying in Scotland so still in our area) Justin Meadows was 4<sup>th</sup>. Forthcoming events are on 15<sup>th</sup> July, GBRCAA/BMFA Open comp' at Mansfield; 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> F3A European Championships Grandrieu Belgium; 29<sup>th</sup> GBRCAA league event at Warboys.

### **Control Line**

At the recent F2D centralised (combat) Graham Ives (Novo's) was 5<sup>th</sup>, he also flew in two European events placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Ukraine and 11<sup>th</sup> in the Czech Republic. There is an F2D competition on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Albemarle.

Martin Johnson proposed that the Area offer financial support to NE members who are representing GB at European Championships as per previous years; this was seconded by Lez Scurfield and carried unanimously.

### **Indoor**

Allan Weighell reported on local indoor events and the national shortage of suitable venues for FF duration comps and team training. To help ease the problem the FF Tech committee are looking into the possibility of a return to Cardington.

### **Any Other Business**

Allan Weighell reported that as instructed he had spoken to the BMFA Hon. Treasurer regarding the payment of expenses to delegates attending Area meetings. The feedback received was that an amount of 19p per mile would be considered reasonable; however as it is an Area matter it would be up to us to set the level to best suit our budget. By comparison delegates attending BMFA council meetings receive in the region of 34p per mile.

The matter was debated at length with various options being costed; in the worst case considered the Area funds would be exhausted in three years, assuming no additional funding was forthcoming.

Other ideas explored were partial funding with clubs and the Area each paying 50% of the delegates expenses, or a fixed amount per meeting.

Allan suggested an Area proposal to Areas Council requesting that they look at additional funding for Areas that pay expenses to delegates attending meetings, it was agreed that we should do this but it can only be done once the date of the next meeting is announced which may not be until next year.

In order to make progress, Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA) proposed that we pay 20p per mile for attendance at Area meetings for the excess mileage over a round trip of 20 miles, (eg. A journey of 30 miles each way, total distance 60 miles delegate would claim for 40 miles). The proposal (if passed) is to be effective from 6<sup>th</sup> June until the AGM at which point it will be reviewed. The proposal was seconded by Dick Wilson (Chester-le-Street), voting was 11 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions so was carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

**The next meeting will be at 8pm on 4<sup>th</sup> July 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](mailto:tom.ip11@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.



| <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Event / Host Club</b>                                 | <b>Venue</b>                    | <b>Other details</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of month | Indoor Flying*<br><b>PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES &amp; FEE</b> | Nunthorpe School                | 5 to 9 pm £5, children free<br>Contact Allan Weighell<br><a href="mailto:Allan.weighell@btinternet.com">Allan.weighell@btinternet.com</a>   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month | Indoor Flying, Newton Aycliffe                           | Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. | FF, RC (lightweight & heavyweight)<br>Time 1200-1600 Hrs, Proof of insurance required.<br>Contact Mark Shipley 01325 316141 or<br>Allan Weighell <a href="mailto:allan.weighell@btinternet.com">allan.weighell@btinternet.com</a> |
| 22-24 <sup>th</sup> June          | F3A World Cup (UK)                                       | Ashford (Kent)                  | <a href="http://www.gbrcaa.org">www.gbrcaa.org</a>  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June             | GBRCAA F3A   | Bury MFC                        | <a href="http://www.gbrcaa.org">www.gbrcaa.org</a>  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July             | GBRCAA F3A   | Mansfield                       | <a href="http://www.gbrcaa.org">www.gbrcaa.org</a>  |
| 21-28 <sup>th</sup> July          | F3A European Championships                               | Grandrieu, Belgium              | <a href="http://www.ec-f3a-2018.be">www.ec-f3a-2018.be</a>  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> July             | GBRCAA F3A   | Warboys                         | <a href="http://www.gbrcaa.org">www.gbrcaa.org</a>  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July             | Informal Fly-in  | Guisborough MFC                 | Peter Farnell <a href="mailto:pwfarnell@aol.com">pwfarnell@aol.com</a>  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept             | F2D Combat   | Albemarle Barracks              | Dave Riley  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> 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