

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 6th February 2019 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)	Y	Delegate: Tom Jones (Teesside MFC)
Y	Secretary: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	N	Education Co-ordinator: Allan Weighell (Fellow)
Y	Treasurer: Tom Walker (Sunderland & DMAC)	Y	Competition Secretary: David Robson
Y	Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)		

Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

Newcastle MFA; Peterlee RMC; City of Sunderland MFC; Teesside MFC; Weardale MGA; Chester-le-Street RMC; Novocastrians; Tynedale MFC; Sunderland & District MAC;

Apologies for Absence

Allan Weighell (Fellow)

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None;

Adoption of Minutes

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

Matters Arising

With reference to the A.O.B item in the January minutes regarding posts on the NE Area Facebook page, Tom Jones (Delegate) confirmed that it was him that was posting the occasional message. He also reported that the most common post was from members complaining that the Area minutes had not been published on the Area website. Unfortunately this is one of the jobs that would normally be in the remit of the PRO which is the one committee post that is vacant.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Sgt.Major Coxon at Albemarle regarding our Licence application and the matter was in hand.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that following the last meeting he had been in touch with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) regarding our licence application for the use of Albemarle and had discovered that the person supposedly dealing with the matter had retired at the end of December and had not sent out any of the necessary forms. The new contact at the DIO, Alexandra Trickett e:mailed the required documents the same day and these were completed and forwarded to Sgt.Major Coxon at Albemarle for his signature as reported by the Chairman.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area finances and confirmed that the cricket club membership had been paid.

Education Co-ordinators Report

Nothing to report;

PRO's Report

Nothing to report;

Delegates Report

Tom Jones reported on the proposed BMFA National Flying Month being planned for May 2019, outlining the possibilities for clubs to put on events to raise the profile of their club and attract new members. The BMFA will be publicising the event nationally with the main focus on events at Buckminster, a "marketing toolkit" will be available to assist clubs in promoting their own events, and further information will be in the next "Club Bulletin" and on the BMFA website.

Flying Disciplines Officers Report

Free Flight

Nothing to report;

Radio Control

Nothing to report;

Control Line

Nothing to report;

Indoor

Nothing to report;

Any Other Business

Dave Errington again asked the Area to support the Teesside Airshow by sponsoring the toilets for the event. As agreed at the December meeting clubs requiring Area support were asked to apply in writing to the Secretary by 31st January, however as the initial approach was made prior to the discussion on how to open up the process to all clubs in the Area it was agreed to consider the Teesside clubs request. The only other application received was from Washington MFC who have asked the Area to support their new indoor venture by making up any shortfall if they fail to get enough pilots to cover the cost of hiring the venue. A discussion on how the Area should be kept informed of how events that we support progress followed, along with discussion about how any profits or losses are reported to the Area so that we have more detailed information available when considering any future applications for funding.

Following the discussion Lez Scurfield (Tynedale MFC) proposed that we support the applications from both the Teesside and Washington clubs; this was seconded by Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA) and carried unanimously. (9 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

The next Washington Indoor sessions are on 9th and 23rd February 2-4pm at the Nissan sports hall.

There was a general discussion on the benefits of the new "Go Membership Club+" service and on the "Go Membership" portal, clubs with any issues with the portal were advised to contact Andy Symons as he knows the system better than the office staff and is best placed to resolve problems.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next meeting will be at 8pm on 6th March 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.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
9 th Feb	Indoor Flying 2-4pm	Nissan, Washington	Peter Watson peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk
23 rd Feb	Indoor Flying 2-4pm	Nissan, Washington	Peter Watson peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk
24 th Feb	Eden Valley MFC Fly-in	Albemarle Barracks	Stephen Wilson stephen.tmfc@me.com
24 th March	Eden Valley MFC Fly-in	Albemarle Barracks	Stephen Wilson stephen.tmfc@me.com
21 st April	Eden Valley MFC Fly-in (to be confirmed)	Albemarle Barracks	Stephen Wilson stephen.tmfc@me.com
1 st /2 nd June	Teesside Model Airshow	Teesside MFC, Redmarshall	Ian Jones 07941 937538 Dave Errington david.errington@chatfields.co.uk
21 st July	Guisborough MFC Fly-in	Guisborough MFC Flying Site	Peter Farnell 07933 898485 pwfarnell@aol.com

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