

**Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 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
N	<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> David Robson
Y	<b>Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator:</b> Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)		

**Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)**

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

**Apologies for Absence**

Martin Johnson (Vice Chairman); Lez Scurfield;

**Corrections to Previous Minutes**

None;

**Adoption of Minutes**

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

**Matters Arising**

None;

**Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report;

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that he had received unconfirmed reports of a model or models over 20Kg in weight being flown at Albemarle Barracks. Delegates were reminded that the site is not suitable for over 20Kg models and the terms of our licence explicitly exclude them from being flown at Albemarle. Delegates were also reminded that the height limit for R/C models at Albemarle is 400', unless Newcastle Air Traffic Control have been contacted and agreed a higher level.

**Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area finances and that the Area Support had not yet been received from the BMFA.

**Education Co-ordinators Report**

Nothing to report;

## **PRO's Report**

Nothing to report;

## **Delegates Report**

Tom Jones gave report on the recent full council meeting, including the two items he was instructed on how to vote at the last Area meeting. The first was the proposal that any team member winning prize money at a World or European championship would have to refund the BMFA was passed (Tom was asked to vote against), the second was the new formula for calculating Area support which Tom was asked to support was passed. Tom also covered happenings at Buckminster, latest developments with the CAA/DfT, and BMFA finances. The full report is attached as appendix 1.

## **Flying Disciplines Officers Report**

### **Free Flight**

At the Free Flight Nationals held at Barkston Heath, Graham Hogg (Novocastrians) was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Bowden Trophy.

### **Radio Control**

At the F3A (Aerobatics) World Cup event held at Sivry in Belgium, Gerhard Fehringer (Blyth Valley RMC) was 26<sup>th</sup> out of 36 entries.

There is a GBRCOA National League competition at Knettishall (Suffolk) on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Control Line**

At the F2B (stunt) Centralised competition held on 12<sup>th</sup> May local fliers Barry Robinson and Steve White were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

The F2D (combat) Centralised competition held at Albemarle on 25<sup>th</sup> May was won by Mike Whillance. In the Team League Graham Ives (Novos) is currently 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Indoor**

The European Indoor Championships have just finished but no results are available as yet.

## **Any Other Business**

Tom Jones thanked the Area for supporting the Teesside Model Shop, both financially and as pilots/spectators, he also announced that the Teesside club would be hosting a control line carrier deck competition on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June at their Redmarshall flying site.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

**The next meeting will be at 8pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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](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.

## Appendix 1

### North-Eastern Area Delegates Report

Report on May council, financial report although the accounts are not completely finalised it is expected that the core account will generate a surplus of around £10k, due to the insurance giving us the rebate for low claims. Buckminster are now looking at putting the showers as the next stage of the revamp, plans are to install a porta cabin instead of renovating the buildings due to the cost.

The Rc Power Nationals are approved but may have some building work getting finished.

The National Trust is happy to continue working with aeromodelling groups.

CAA have set up a new unit to deal with unmanned aircraft and the BMFA have been invited to their meetings, the aviation minister has offered a date for a meeting with the C E O so we need to keep up the pressure on these with letters and emails. Closing date for nominations for awards is 1st August; proposal to change the members of the safety review committee was passed.

Keith Lomax eligible to stand for a further term as treasurer

Technical-Secretary is standing down this year; Andy Sefton has agreed to take over the role if no one else is nominated.

I was advised to vote against the proposal that takes prize monies awarded to any member of an international team that wins a cash prize at a World or European championship unfortunately this was passed 19 for and 4 against.

And to vote in favour of the requirement that any team member must be a full BMFA member (not a family member). This was with- drawn.

Funding change was discussed in great detail and passed.

I had to leave early as I had family visiting while I was helping at BMFA Buckminster training days.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Host Club</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Other details</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of month	Indoor Flying* <b>PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES &amp; FEE</b>	Nunthorpe School	5 to 9 pm £5, children free Contact Allan Weighell <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) Time 1200-1600 Hrs, Proof of insurance required. Contact Mark Shipley 01325 316141 or Allan Weighell <a href="mailto:allan.weighell@btinternet.com">allan.weighell@btinternet.com</a>
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> June	Control Line Carrier Deck	Teesside MFC, Redmarshall	<a href="mailto:Tom.jp11@gmail.com">Tom.jp11@gmail.com</a>
6/7 <sup>th</sup> July	F2D Centralised (combat)	Albemarle Barracks	<a href="mailto:martinjohnson9531@gmail.com">martinjohnson9531@gmail.com</a>
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Guisborough MFC Fly-in	Guisborough MFC Flying Site	Peter Farnell 07933 898485 <a href="mailto:pwfarnell@aol.com">pwfarnell@aol.com</a>
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> September	F2D Centralised (combat)	Albemarle Barracks	<a href="mailto:martinjohnson9531@gmail.com">martinjohnson9531@gmail.com</a>
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> October	F2D Centralised (combat)	Albemarle Barracks	<a href="mailto:martinjohnson9531@gmail.com">martinjohnson9531@gmail.com</a>

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