

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 7th August 2019 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co.Durham, DH4 6EX



Officers Present

N	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)	N	Competition Secretary: David Robson
Y	Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)		

Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

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

Apologies for Absence

Terry Bailey (Fellow & Chairman); Dave Robson (Comp' Sec'); Allan Weighell (Fellow & Ed' Co')

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None;

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)
Seconded: Tony Oliver (Peterlee RMC)

Matters Arising

None;

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report;

Secretary's Report

The Secretary read out a letter received from the new Commanding Officer at Albemarle, Lieutenant Colonel Simon Harris, in which he introduced himself and also raised a couple of minor concerns regarding our use of Albemarle and suggested a meeting to resolve them to his satisfaction. The secretary had contacted the Chairman prior to the meeting and Terry had tried to contact WO Coxon for his thoughts and to arrange a meeting. Unfortunately WO Coxon was unavailable but Terry spoke to his boss Daryl Groves who was unaware of the letter sent by Simon Harris and requested a copy. This was duly sent by the secretary. No further progress has been made as both Daryl Groves and Lieutenant Colonel Harris are off camp; the matter will be resolved once they are both back.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area's finances, and receipt of a draft pro-forma for the proposed new method of Area funding. Following an explanation of the reasoning behind the new system from Tom Jones (delegate) it was agreed to discuss the matter fully and complete the pro-forma at the next meeting when all of the committee are present. Once submitted any request for unexpected additional funding would have to be submitted and approved separately.

Before closing Tom also reported the sad passing of Paul Street a lifelong aeromodeller and supporter of area meetings and events.

Education Co-ordinators Report

Nothing to report;

PRO's Report

Nothing to report;

Delegates Report

Nothing to report;

Flying Disciplines Officers Report

Free Flight

Nothing to report;

Radio Control

No NE Area pilots competed at any of the R/C competitions held during July. The F3A (Aerobatics) World Championships are currently in progress in Italy, after three of the four preliminary rounds the British Team pilots Matt Hoyland and Kevin Caton are 54th and 58th respectively out of a total entry of 111. Forthcoming events are GBRCAA National League competitions at Skelbrooke (Nr. Doncaster) on 15th September and at Ashbourne (Derbyshire) on 22nd September.

Control Line

The recent 1/2A combat competition held in Belgium was won by Ben Johnson (Novocastrians) with British pilots in 2nd and 3rd places. At the F2D (combat) Centralised competition held at Buckminster Graham Ives (Novocastrians) was 1st, and at the European Championships held in Bulgaria Mike Whillance was 4th in F2D, Steve White (Novocastrians) flying in his first Euro's was 28th in F2B (stunt) and in Speed, Paul Eisner was 3rd. The next control line competitions will be the BMFA Nationals at Barkston Heath.

Indoor

Nothing to report;

Any Other Business

In response to a question from a delegate it was reported that there had been no further progress on the DfT/CAA charging proposals with their response to the consultation process not due until the end of August, however there is now a new Aviation Minister in post who appears to be more sympathetic to model fliers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be at 8pm on 4th September 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
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
11 th August	R/C Flying	Eden Valley MAC	Steve Wilson stephen.tmfc@me.com
14 th Sept'	Indoor Flying, Washington.	Nissan, Washington	peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk
21 st /22 nd September	F2D Centralised (combat)	Albemarle Barracks	martinjohnson9531@gmail.com
28 th Sept'	Indoor Flying, Washington.	Nissan, Washington	peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk
26 th /27 th October	F2D Centralised (combat)	Albemarle Barracks	martinjohnson9531@gmail.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.