

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 6th August 2025 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co. Durham, DH4 6EX.



Officers Present

Y Chairman: Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)	Y Treasurer: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)
Y Vice Chairman: Brian Worrall (Peterlee RMC)	Y Delegate: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)
Y Secretary: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	N Outreach Co-ordinator: Euan Galloway (Area 51)
Y Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	

Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

Newcastle MFA; Peterlee RMC; Novocastrians; Weardale MGA; Tynedale MFC; Chester-le-Street RMC; Washington MFC.

Apologies for Absence

Ian Jones (Darlington & District MFC); Michael Boulton (NE Model Flyers); Lez Scurfield (Tynedale MFC); Paul Brekon (Hartlepool MFC); Euan Galloway (Area 51 & Outreach Co-ordinator); Tom Walker (Sunderland & District MFC)

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)
Seconded: Dave Riley (Novocastrians)

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a short report on proposed changes to CAA regulations affecting model fliers, in particular those surrounding lightweight models and the introduction of electronic conspicuity for models. The proposed changes are currently going through the consultation process, and it is thought likely that clubs and fliers operating under an "Article 16" authorisation will be exempt from the new rules. Martin also reminded delegates that next year the BNFA is hosting the FAI Scale World Championships for both radio controlled and control line models at Buckminster and given that it will be one of the largest events held in the UK for many years it will be worth visiting especially if you've not been to Buckminster before.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that despite the best efforts of the Chairman there had still been no response from Albemarle Barracks regarding the outstanding invoice for the licence to use the airfield. Gary is to chase this again via our contact at the Defence Infrastructure Gary also reported that the new look BMFA news is now available online.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer, Peter Franklin gave an update of the current state of the area's finances, the only outgoing since the last meeting was the final £5.00 monthly account management fee.

Delegates Report

The Delegate, Gary Armstrong reported that the agendas for the next area council and board meetings had not yet been published and that there was nothing new on the area council forum that we have not previously discussed.

Outreach Coordinators Report

The Outreach Coordinator Euan Galloway submitted a short update via email in which he reported that the group of drone fliers he had been assisting had found a suitable flying site and would be applying to the BMFA to become an affiliated club.

Achievement Scheme Coordinators Report

The ASC, Gary Armstrong reminded delegates of the process that needs to be followed by clubs wishing to appoint examiners and advised them to read Duncan McClure's article in the latest BMFA news which explains in detail how to go about it.

Flying Disciplines Officers Reports

Free Flight

Although not NE Area members the UK does have a new World Champion with Neil Allen winning the F1C title at the recent World Championships held in Romania, at the same event Mark Benns picked up a silver medal in the F1Q class.

Radio Control

There were no NE Area competitors at any of the competitions held during July. In August the F3A World Championships are taking place from 9-16th at the AMA headquarters at Muncie, and there are two domestic competitions at Bedford on 17th and Ashbourne on 31st.

Control Line

On 27th July the Wharfedale Trophy F2B (stunt) competition was won by Barry Robinson (Shildon MFC). The Vintage Combat competition held at Buckminster on 13th July was not completed but Dave Riley (Novocastrians) is through to the semi finals and Martin Johnson (Novocastrians) has still to fly in the quarter finals round. The intention is to complete the competition at the BMFA Control line Nationals being held at Buckminster from 29th to 31st August.

Indoor

Brian Worrall reported that the Peterlee MFC indoor event scheduled for 7th March 2026 has been cancelled as the venue is unavailable. Full details of indoor events hosted by Peterlee RMC, Washington MFC and Shildon MFC are on the area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk

Any Other Business

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 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, the Area Chairman Martin Johnson martinjohnson9531@gmail.com or 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.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Contact
1 st & 3 rd Sat each month from Sept to May	Peterlee RMC Indoor Flying @ East Durham College, 11am-1pm. Resumes 6th Sept' 2025. See Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk for details.	Brian Worrall bgworrall@tiscali.co.uk
2 nd & 4 th Sat each month from Jan to May	Washington MFC Indoor Flying @ Nissan Sports Hall, Washington 2-4pm. Resumes Sept' 2025. See Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk for details	Peter Watson peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk