

**Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co. Durham, DH4 6EX.**



**Officers Present**

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

**Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)**

Newcastle MFA; Peterlee RMC; Area 51; Hartlepool MFC; Washington MFC; Sunderland & District MAC; Novocastrians; Darlington & District MFC; NE Model Flyers; Weardale MGA.

**Apologies for Absence**

Martin Johnson (Chairman); Lez Scurfield (Tynedale MFC); Gerard Gaynor (Shildon MFC).

**Corrections to Previous Minutes**

The Secretary reported that no one had spotted the non-deliberate mistake in the last minutes in that the Secretary's report was missing, somehow it disappeared from the original version created in "word" when saving it as PDF file for distribution. Gary offered to re-send the document to any delegate who needed a corrected copy.

**Adoption of Minutes**

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

**Matters Arising**

None.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had sent his apologies for missing the meeting as he is on holiday (again!) but reported that he had received no further updates from Tom Jones regarding adding additional administrators to our area Facebook page, and that he had received nothing from anyone to add to the pages.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that he had received a reply from our contact at the DIO (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) regarding the invoice for our Albemarle Licence, and she had forwarded the message to Captain Steve Sinclair at Albemarle for him to respond.

## **Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer, Peter Franklin reported the current state of the area's finances following receipt of Area Support totalling £2000.00 and payment of £200.00 to Martin Johnson (Novocastrians) for control line competition equipment and their first competition (as per our agreement at the February meeting).

## **Delegates Report**

The Delegate, Gary Armstrong reported that the agenda for the next Area Council meeting in September would not be published for a couple of months and that there was nothing of interest being discussed on the Area Council Forum that had not been reported at previous meetings.

## **Outreach Coordinators Report**

The Outreach Coordinator Euan Galloway reported that he had been contacted by someone from the Combined Cadet Force looking for a club in the Area that was drone oriented. Unfortunately, we don't have such a club within the North East Area so Euan has offered to provide whatever help and support he can.

## **Achievement Scheme Coordinators Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Flying Disciplines Officers Reports**

### **Free Flight**

Nothing to report.

### **Radio Control**

The UKF3A Aerobatic competition scheduled to take place at Skelbrooke was cancelled at short notice due to the dire weather forecast for 25<sup>th</sup> May and will be re-scheduled later in the season. There is a combined FAI World Cup and UKF3A Championships taking place at Buckminster on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June and domestic competitions at Ashbourne on 15<sup>th</sup> June and Sudbury on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Control Line**

On 17<sup>th</sup> May there was an Oliver Combat competition at Buckminster where Dave Riley (Novocastrians) placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. The following day there was a Vintage Combat competition where Dave placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the Vintage Combat competition held at Buckminster on 31<sup>st</sup> May Dave Riley placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Martin Johnson (Novocastrians) was 5<sup>th</sup>. In F2b (aerobatics) Steve White (Novocastrians) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> BMFA Centralised competition held at Leicester on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Indoor**

Peterlee RMC indoor events resume on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and all of their dates are now on the Area website events calendar. Washington MFC events have now finished until September. Full details of indoor events hosted by Peterlee RMC, Washington MFC and Shildon MFC are on the area website [www.northeast.bmfa.uk](http://www.northeast.bmfa.uk)

## **Any Other Business**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**The next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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](mailto:martinjohnson9531@gmail.com) or 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.

### **Forthcoming Events**

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