

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 3rd December 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)	Y Outreach Co-ordinator: Euan Galloway (Area 51)
Y Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	

Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

Newcastle MFA; Novocastrians; Tynedale MFC; Shildon MFC; SW Model Flyers; Area 51; Chester-le-Street RMC; Teesside MFC; Darlington & District MFC; NE Model Flyers; Peterlee RMC; Weardale MGA; Washington MFC.

Apologies for Absence

Yan Lockhart (Crook & District MFC); Ian Russell (Auditor).

Corrections to Previous Minutes

The date of the meeting should have read 6th November not 1st October.

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Terence Sanderson (Chester-le-Street RMC)
Seconded: Brian Worrall (Peterlee RMC)

Matters Arising

The Secretary reported that following the last meeting he had received an invoice from Albemarle Barracks for the airfield licence which had been passed to the Treasurer and paid.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reminded delegates that if their clubs were looking for the area to provide financial support for events they are planning in 2026 they need to submit their request to the Secretary before the 31st of January 2026 giving a brief outline of how much they want and for what purpose. The requests will be discussed at the February meeting.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that following the last meeting he had received a short report from Shildon MFC on their first indoor meeting together with some photos and a financial statement, it was therefore agreed to make the first area support of £300.00 to them. Delegates were reminded that membership renewals are now open and that anyone wishing to fly on or after 1st January 2026 will need to have renewed by 31st December in order for their insurance cover to remain in place. In addition, their club secretaries need to re-affiliate their clubs and ratify their club examiners as soon after their annual general meetings as possible.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer, Peter Franklin reported the current state of the area's finances following payments to Shildon MFC, Albemarle and the cricket club for the AGM buffet.

Delegates Report

The Delegate, Gary Armstrong reported that the agendas for the first board and area council meetings of the new year had not yet been published. There is one proposal on the area council forum relating to a "pro-rata" membership fee to replace the current two stage reduction and /or rolling membership options currently available. This topic has been continually debated, and the club support officer has repeatedly said it is unworkable as the "Just Go" portal in its current form cannot support it. Following a short discussion the delegate was mandated to vote against the proposal.

Outreach Coordinators Report

Nothing to report.

Achievement Scheme Coordinators Report

Nothing to report.

Flying Disciplines Officers Reports

Free Flight

Nothing to report.

Radio Control

Nothing to report.

Control Line

Nothing to report.

Indoor

Brian Worrall reported that following publication of their indoor dates on both the area and national pages of the BMFA events calendar they have had visitors from Harrogate attending their events. 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

The Chairman reported that following the last meeting he had found three Area trophies which could be made available to clubs running competitions at Albemarle. Euan Galloway reported that SW Flyers are running an event at Albemarle on 9th or 10th of May 2026 which will be free to all BMFA members and with space for all disciplines and would like to use one or more of the available trophies for some low-key competitions, further details will be provided at future meeting.

Ian Jones (Darlington & District MFC) had been asked by his club Chairman Neil Dixon to raise the issue of the area running a CPR training day along the lines of the one being organised by Northern Area, the idea was discussed along with the possibility of the area acquiring a defibrillator for use at area events. No decision was taken but any leads on possible training providers will be followed up and the matter revisited in the new year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th January 2026 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 bgworrall06@gmail.com Tel 07443 915909
2 nd & 4 th Sat each month from Jan to May	Washington MFC Indoor Flying @ Nissan Sports Hall, Washington 2-4pm. Resumes Jan' 2026 See Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk for details	Dave Slassor daveslassor@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07831970307