

# Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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
Y	<b>Vice Chairman:</b> Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)	Y	<b>Delegate:</b> Tom Jones (Teesside MFC)
Y	<b>Secretary:</b> Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	N	<b>Education Co-ordinator:</b> Allan Weighell (Fellow)
Y	<b>Treasurer:</b> Tom Walker (Sunderland & DMAC)	N	<b>Competition Secretary:</b> David Robson
Y	<b>Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator:</b> Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)		

## Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

Newcastle MFA; Weardale MGA; Sunderland & District MAC; Peterlee RMC; Teesside MFC; City of Sunderland MFC; Tynedale MFC; Eden Valley MFC; Chester-le-Street RMC; Novocastrians;

## Apologies for Absence

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

## Corrections to Previous Minutes

None;

## Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Ian Farrow (City of Sunderland MFC)  
Seconded: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)

## Matters Arising

None;

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that along with the Secretary and Lez Scurfield (representing the control line fliers) he had met the new Commanding Officer at Albemarle Barracks Lt. Colonel Simon Harris. The meeting was very positive and the CO had no problem with the way in which we use or book the facility, or the number of times we use the airfield. The only issue he raised was a noise complaint from one of the local farms. Whilst at the moment it is not an issue it was agreed that we would look again at where we fly to keep as far away from the farms as possible, and to ensure that any models flown comply with the noise limits set out in the BMFA handbook and our licence to use the airfield.

## Secretary's Report

The Secretary made delegates aware of the latest developments with the drone users registration scheme which is not due to live until 14<sup>th</sup> October at the earliest, and reminded members not to sign up to the scheme until the BMFA issues further guidance.

There is only one more meeting before the Area AGM in December where the posts of Vice Chairman, Secretary, PRO, Education Coordinator and one Auditor are up for re-election, anyone who would like to join the committee would be most welcome.

## Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area's finances.

## **Education Co-ordinators Report**

Nothing to report;

## **PRO's Report**

Nothing to report;

## **Delegates Report**

Tom Jones gave a report on the meeting of the full council held on 14<sup>th</sup> September covering the financial report and budget proposals, the BMFA Nationals and the latest developments at the Buckminster.

Of particular interest to North east fliers was the allocation of £1000.00 from the training and excellence budget to the control line technical committee to fund an F2D (combat) training weekend at Buckminster featuring the current World Champion. The weekend will be open to all interested control line pilots and full details will be on the BMA website in due course. The delegates full report is attached as appendix 1.

## **Flying Disciplines Officers Report**

### **Free Flight**

Nothing to report;

### **Radio Control**

At the GBRCAA F3A (aerobatics) National League competition held at Ashbourne on 22<sup>nd</sup> September Gerhard Fehringer (Blyth Valley RMC) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FAI class. The annual Triple Crown F3A competition was held in Ireland over the weekend of 13-15<sup>th</sup> September and was won by England, with our team members finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the overall winner was Angus Balfour (Ireland). The final F3A competition of the year is on 13<sup>th</sup> October at Hurley (Warwickshire).

### **Control Line**

At the final F2B (stunt) centralised competition of the season held on 15<sup>th</sup> September, Barry Robinson (Shildon) was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Steve White (Novos) 4<sup>th</sup>. The team for the 2020 World Championships in Poland will be Barry Robinson, Mark Williams and Roy Cherry, with Steve White as first reserve.

### **Indoor**

Nothing to Report;

## **Any Other Business**

Martin Johnson (Vice-Chairman) reiterated the need to reduce the noise footprint of R/C models flying at Albemarle as much as possible by locating the flight-line as far away as possible from the farm buildings. Flying from the runway intersection is the preferred option but conditions on a given day may dictate a different location which will be decided on the day by the host club.

There will be a PR workshop at Buckminster on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the BMFA swap-meet is at the same venue on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

**The next meeting will be at 8pm on 6<sup>th</sup> November 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](mailto:tom.jp11@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.

<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>
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of Month	Indoor Flying, Washington.	Nissan, Washington	<a href="mailto:peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk">peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk</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.

## Appendix 1

### NORTH EASTERN AREA DELEGATES REPORT ON FULL COUNCIL 14.09.2019

The voting strength of the meeting was 21.

The minutes of the full council meeting held on 11th may 2019 were adopted.

The financial report from the honorary treasurer included: a review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31st march 2019, and the draft budget for presentation to the AGM. The R/C Power Nationals are expected to make a small loss. Membership and associate body's fees for next year proposed to remain the same. The exec' thought that with the onset of registration and a proposed fee being forced on the membership it would be prudent to try and keep the membership fee the same; however this may result in cost cutting where possible potentially savings in the order of £70,000 had to be found from the total monies requested by budget holders. The Control Line Technical Committee, who are already the largest users of Training and Excellence expenditure, have requested an additional £1000 to run a training camp for F2D (Combat). They intend to bring a Lithuanian flyer (Mr Rastinius) over to coach at Buckminster. National centre is going from strength to strength with most weekends booked for next year, and the shower block for the caravan area being delivered soon. The only problem seems to be with noise made by jets, however they have reached a compromise with the landowner and the complainant. Report from the chairman and the chief executive officer, both have been very busy and the CEO's time seems to have been taken up with the new drone registration scheme in one way or another, This does seem to be having a positive outcome now. Please monitor the BMFA website and Facebook page for further updates in due course.

We have had 7 new clubs received since last council Meeting, 1 in the North Eastern Area Granite FPV in Aberdeen looks like 4 drone and 3 model groups.

The annual re-election of honorary members: Mr D Bishop, Mr E Clark, Mrs P Gowler, Mr J Isidro, Mr K McCormick, Mrs M Nicholls, Dr M.P Sun, Mr P Valentine, Mr J French, Mr D J Phipps, Mr L Creese, Mr M Williamson, Mr R Wright, Mrs T Dennis, Mrs C Lomax, Mr C Needham, Mr A Woods.

The ratification of fees for FAI licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: seniors £10 & juniors £5; 5-year FAI stamp £30; booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.

- 1) Records officer stated the first record claim by Anthony Hebb (035650) – F1D duration 21/7/19 Thames Valley Athletics Centre – 20 mins 44 secs was ok and voted on to be accepted, however the other 2 were withdrawn.
- 2) Anthony Hebb (035650) – F1R duration 28/4/19 Thames Valley Athletics centre – 26 mins 33 secs
- 3) Simon Bargery (205791) – CLG duration – 2/7/19 wickham community centre – 26.9 secs

The proposal from south midland area that the BMFA awards committee should introduce an annual award for the club newsletter or website of the year was withdrawn to be reworded.