

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 1st September 2015 at St Aidan's Parish Centre,
Winstanley, Wigan.**

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman & Delegate/Halton & D MAC
Derek Gilbert	Secretary & Treasurer/Sale MFC
Mike Colling	Vice Chairman/ Wigan
Roy Allam	Achievement Sch Co-ord/FCMFA
Keith Barker	PRO & Webmaster/Rochdale MAC
John O'Donnell	Timperley Model Flyers
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers
Jim Radcliffe	Timperley DMAC
Carl Brotherton	Timperley DMAC
Peter Maw	Bickershaw MFC
John Minchell	Sleap MFC / Shawbury Indoor
Martin Fraser	N W RC Heli Club
Dave Swarbrick	Blackpool & Fylde RCMS
Sue Price	Staffs Model Heli Club
Roger Price	Staffs Model Heli Club
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC

12 voting

The meeting started at 8.05 pm

Apologies for absence

Wayne Pendleton, John Leadbeater and Tom Anyon.

The meeting noted that Tom was in hospital and hoped he would get well soon.

Correspondence

None

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2015

John O'Donnell noted the miss spelling of "principle" on page 5.

The minutes were approved with no alterations with a vote of 11 accepting and 1 abstention.

Matters Arising

Page 4: Roy Alum confirmed that the office had corrected the club examiners listing.

Page:7 John O'Donnell suggested that the BMFA web site address should be included.

Officers' Reports

The Chairman stated that as the last Council meeting was more than 4 months ago most of the points of interest will have already been reported elsewhere.

However he did note :

The North East Area asked that the words "as appropriate" should be removed from the guidelines to inform Areas of Head Office visits to clubs in an area. The meeting Chairman advised that they should put in a formal proposal.

There was considerable delay in obtaining the use of Barkston Heath for the Nationals this year which could be ominous.

Clive Needham was asked why the Free Flight Nationals had to be moved to Wetlands this year and he replied that there had been a dispute with the CO. Mike Colling noted that he understood there had been no representation from senior RAF officers at the Nationals which may indicate more difficulties in the future.

The model flying licence on National Trust property was due for renewal and a meeting to renew it has been held.

Clive Needham has been given a Royal Aero Club award. Well done Clive.

The BMFA Treasurer, Keith Lomax, has now served 10 years in the position and was reinstated under the new rules.

The Chairman noted the sudden death of Graham Lynn FSMAE and was sorry he was unable to attend his funeral because of other commitments.

Roy Allam, the achievement scheme co-ordinator, noted that there has been little demand for fixed wing and heli tests, interest in testing

has mainly been for multi rotor tests.

Council Meetings and Agendas

The Full Council agenda for the meeting on 12 September 2015 was considered.

The proposal for the creation of a UK Multirotor model records class was accepted by the meeting as long as the controls over the flights are the same as for helicopter and fixed wing models.

The proposal to consider Specialist Body Status for the BFPVRA was discussed and approved by 10 votes with 2 abstentions.

N W Area Fly-ins

Keith Barker confirmed that all was in place for the Rochdale indoor events and that the hours are reduced from 6 to 5, to compensate for having one extra session.

The Chairman noted that the Shawbury scale fly in went well and was well supported.

AOB

The Chairman noted that he had recently visited a club to explain the benefits of affiliation to the BMFA and was surprised at the cost they were incurring for public liability insurance and, on reviewing the policy they had, it was by no means certain that it fully covered model flying! He raised the point as clubs in the area may be aware of similar small groups of flyers who are not affiliated. They should be made aware of the benefits of BMFA insurance, for not only members but for the group itself, and direct them to the Area for information and possibly a visit.

Peter Maw noted that we have supported club events and was interested how the area could fund events at his club's field. He was informed that the area does not have funds to give clubs to fund events, but is very willing to assist clubs by underwriting a worthwhile event to ensure, for the first year at least, the club does not incur unaffordable losses.

The meeting closed at 9.53 pm

These minutes are provisional until approved at the next area meeting.