

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 12th May 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
Tom Anyon	Fylde Coast MFA
Wayne Pendleton	CCMAA
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

12 voting

The meeting started at 8.02 pm

Apologies for absence

Clive Needham (PRO)

Correspondence

None

The Chairman informed the meeting that Stan Craine had withdrawn his offer to act as a Helicopter A.C.E. on the Isle of Man following

his application being rejected by the achievement scheme controller as it had not quite been two years since he was appointed an examiner and his CV did not record sufficient experience as a club examiner.

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The minutes were approved with no alterations with a vote of 9 accepting and 3 abstentions.

Matters Arising

John O'Donnell asked why we couldn't have a fixed cost for the Bickershaw North West Area fly-in as we do for the indoor Velodrome Gala event. The Secretary explained that we sponsor the Gala event by purchasing the prizes giving a fixed cost to us agreed in advance. In the case of the fly-in the club does not charge for the use of the field, but we undertake to cover any unforeseen costs they may incur, such as a loss on the food if the weather is bad and attendance low.

John Minchell asked if the indoor aerobic A and B guidance notes were now available and he was informed that they had been published shortly after our last meeting and can be downloaded from the BMFA web site.

Officers' Reports

The Treasurer reported that the accounts for the financial year to 31 March 2015 have been drafted and show a surplus of £586 for the year which leaves the area with just under £4,000 of net funds to carry forward.

The income is similar to last year, but we have cost savings of £389 by circulating the agenda and minutes electronically, no examiners meeting held this year and the Rochdale indoor event only needing a £164 contribution from the area. Carl Brotherton commented that all the area fly-ins were very popular events and he considered they were a good use of the area funds.

The Area Achievement Scheme Controller was pleased to have received the club examiners listing from the office but noted that it

included several examiners who no longer examine and even clubs that no longer exist. He will be following these up to ensure the BMFA records are up to date.

Council Meetings and Agendas

The Full Council agenda for the meeting on 16 May 2015 was discussed.

A large proportion of the meeting was used discussing the proposed purchase of Laws Lawn Farm. Many of the Club Delegates had varying problems with either the principle of buying any flying field, the apparent problems with Laws Lawn itself, lack of detailed funding plans and by who and how decisions, likely to have such a profound financial effect on the BMFA, should be taken.

A vote was taken on just three specific topics

1. Do we need larger offices : 11 in agreement
2. Does Laws Lawn meet our needs : only one in agreement
3. Should we be looking at other possible sites : 9 in agreement

At the end of the discussions the Delegate said he understood the general feelings of the meeting and would be guided by these at the meeting.

The other proposals voted on were:

8a SMAE Award Medal – 9 in favour with 3 abstentions

9f Unanimous agreement to accept Blackstone Model Flyers

11b Regarding reporting of contest results - 6 in favour 2 against and 4 abstentions

N W Area Fly-ins

Keith Barker confirmed that he had agreed with Rochdale Council to reduce the Rochdale indoor hours from 6 to 5 to compensate for having one extra session.

The Shawbury scale fly in has now been booked for 12 July.

John Minchell informed the meeting that the indoor scale R/C

Nationals will again be at Shawbury on 25 October.

AOB

John O'Donnell noted that the F F World Championships were to be

held in Mongolia this year and hoped that the BMFA PRO would see this as a marketing opportunity in the media. (ed. In fact the F1C team won bronze and the GBR team came first in the cup for the overall F1 class results, lets hope he does)

A club delegate asked for advice regarding the conduct of a member and how the club committee could remove such a member. The delegate was advised to refer to the club rules first, but if these did not contain a specific method to be followed by the club committee a method was suggested for the club committee to consider. It was recommended the draft of any letter to the member be copied to us to review before it was sent.

Wayne Pendleton asked for volunteers to help man the BMFA stand at Weston Park.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

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

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