

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 13th May 2014 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
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
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC
Wayne Pendleton	CCMAA
Sue Price	Staffs Model Helicopter Club
Roger Price	Staffs Model Helicopter Club
Martin Fraser	North West R/C Helicopter Club
John Minchell	Sleap MFC / Shawbury Indoor

11 voting

The meeting started at 7.59 pm

Apologies for absence

Frank Fletcher, Peter Maw and John Leadbeater.

Correspondence

Peter Maw had asked that the club would not be involved with managing the flight line at the Bickershaw Fly-In and it was agreed that this would be covered by David Lloyd-Jones, Derek Gilbert and Tom Anyon.

The Chairman also noted that further help was needed in the BMFA

stands at both Weston Park and Cosford. Clive Needham and Martin Fraser volunteered for Weston Park and Sue and Roger Price confirmed they would assist at Cosford.

The Chairman noted that he would also need help at MOSI but did not know the date as yet.

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2014

It was noted that the office had missed page 6 from the published minutes which mainly referred to the request for funding from Cheshire Helicats. It was agreed that we are not able to fund “Club” events, but as long as the event referred to is described as a “BMFA North West Area” event and under the area’s control then funding can be considered. As no one from that club attended today’s meeting and as the requested budget for the event had not been received no further action was to be taken.

Subject to page 6 not being seen by all present, the minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

Clive Needham informed the meeting that there was no progress on the numbers of world events and this topic appears to have been quietly dropped so nothing has changed.

Several issues were raised regarding the new BMFA web site and the Chairman confirmed he was aware of them and would be raising the topic at the next council meeting.

It was noted that 13th July had been agreed for the Shawbury scale fly in.

Future of BMFA Areas

It was noted that this topic did not appear on the next Council Agenda. A general discussion followed but with no specific proposal to consider it was left to the Delegate to promote the views of the meeting if the topic was raised.

Officers’ Reports

The Treasurer reported that the annual grant had been withheld despite copies of the 2013 accounts being formally filed with the

office on two occasions and of course were part of the Area AGM agenda printed and posted by the office !! [since this meeting the grant has been received]

The Treasurer gave a brief review of the 2014 accounts explaining that the area incurred a deficit of £678 this year, mainly due to the cost of the examiners meeting amounting to £582. Net funds stood at £3,397 so there was no financial concern for the immediate future. There followed a discussion on the costs and it was agreed that we should look at the possibility of saving money by posting the meeting agendas via E Mail rather than Royal Mail.

Council Meetings and Agendas

The Full Council agenda was discussed.

The main points of interest were :

It was agreed that one of the examiners testing a “B” Certificate student at a flying school that had been instructing that student, should be unconnected with that school. However it seemed impractical as to how we could define “unconnected”.

The meeting was pleased to hear that the Up and Away books were to be rewritten and noted a particular need for detailed advice included in both fixed wing and a helicopter versions covering electric power. The meeting generally did not understand why we needed a Multicopter A test. Is there really a demand for it and why can't it just be flown as a helicopter A test?

Keith and Wayne explained why a new photocopier and a van were needed and the meeting agreed that the Delegate should vote for their purchase.

N W Area Fly-ins

Keith Barker confirmed the first indoor meeting was booked for 19th October. The Treasurer noted that the cost of room hire had gone up to £175 last season and was expecting another increase this time. It was agreed we should increase the entry fee to £4.

The Treasurer explained that the Shawbury club needed to be able to make a substantial donation to RAF charities for events held on the airfield and it had been agreed that we would continue to fund £100 towards the Scale Day donation and the club would add to this by also asking each flyer to donate £5.

The Treasurer confirmed the toilets for the Bickershaw fly in had

been booked at a cost of £282.

AOB

Gery Ferer informed the meeting of the recent death of Joe Flynn. Joe had been for many years the Area Free Flight Secretary and the Chairman confirmed he had written to his widow on behalf of the Area.

The Chairman raised the topic of Examiners Workshops and it was agreed we should be looking for a central lead on them, both for a standard content and funding.

Tom Anyon referred to the recent appointment of a heli examiner in the Isle of Man and suggested we should be considering appointment of an ACE (heli) as well. It was agreed we should consider this at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.31 pm

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

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