

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 2nd September 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
John O'Donnell	Timperley Model Flyers
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers
Jim Radcliffe	Timperley DMAC
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC
Sue Price	Staffs Model Helicopter Club
Roger Price	Staffs Model Helicopter Club
Dave Swarbrick	Blackpool & Fylde RCMS
Peter Cathrow	Blackpool & Fylde RCMS

8 voting

The meeting started at 8.12 pm

Apologies for absence

Carl Brotherton, John Minchell, Tom Anyon and Keith Barker.

Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he had received a call from Manny Williamson enquiring if the area would be manning a BMFA stand at a night flying event at Weston Park on 18th and 19th October. He had replied that we would not, but if the event was successful we may consider this for next year.

Mike Colling had received the dates for the Manchester Velodrome indoor events from Alan Weighell. Which were 15 November, 14 February, 21 February (N W Area Gala), and 7 March. The meeting was asked to agree again the funding of prizes for the Gala event in the sum of £150 which was unanimously agreed.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2014

The minutes were approved with one abstention.

Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that the fly-in at Bickershaw went very well and that the area had manned the BMFA stand at Weston Park and Cosford . Unfortunately there was no flying area allocated to us at the MOSI Makers Fair so we did not attend this year.

Gerry Ferer noted that we had agreed to look at the possibility of saving money circulating the agendas and minutes and was informed that the committee had decided to contact all clubs and interested parties by e mail and this was tried for this meeting and seems to have been successful.

The examiner's workshop was mentioned and the Chairman stated that he was not planning to hold one in 2015 but would do so the following year. He also noted that Duncan McClure has written an outline document for planning workshops and this is now on the BMFA web site.

Officers' Reports

The Chairman read the letter he had sent to all the clubs in the area confirming that in future area agenda and minutes will only be sent out by E Mail. In fact we will not just be sending these to the club secretaries but also to the club chairmen and hoped this may create more interest in the area.

None of the other officers had anything to report.

Council Meetings and Agendas

Areas Council Meeting 9 August

Our meeting Chairman reviewed the meeting and commented that whilst the future of Areas was debated for some time, no specific proposals or decisions were taken. However the meeting chairman, Robin Sleight did agree to create Terms of Reference for Areas highlighting the role of area committees and will also review the SWOT reports, which it seemed had very differing views from various areas.

The multirotor A test was approved, but whilst the proposed B test

was not on the agenda, it was agreed to allow this to be implemented from 1st September.

He also noted that Wayne Pendleton had been approved as a fixed wing and helicopter ACE at the Council meeting.

Agenda Full Council Meeting 6 September 2014

The Chairman reviewed the agenda for the Full Council meeting .

The points of particular interest to the Area were:

The proposal, that the general rules regarding extreme weather were to be amended to clarify that this includes silent flight, was explained and agreed

The meeting was pleased to see the proposal that team managers should send a brief report on that teams activities for inclusion on the web site or facebook. However we would also like to see a time limit for reporting if it was not practical to send this before the team manager left the Championships.

The meeting discussed the matter of appointing new ACEs subsequent to the proposal at Council, and it felt that it was very much the responsibility of the Area to appoint Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors and it should be clear that if it was felt there were any serious reasons for non appointment of a new ACE, then the Achievement Scheme Controller should discuss this with the relevant Area officials first before calling a meeting of the Area Councils Representatives to ratify or reject the appointment.

The meeting noted again that there appeared to be unnecessary delays in putting Council meeting minutes on the BMFA web site and the Delegate agreed to raise this informally at the meeting.

Isle of Man ACE

As Tom Anyon was unwell and not able to attend the meeting this topic was deferred to the next meeting.

N W Area Fly-ins

The Chairman reported that the Bickershaw meeting was well supported and the Shawbury scale fly-in attracted 25 flyers.

AOB

Dave Swarbrick asked who can test the “C” certificates and was

informed both aerobic and scale can be tested by two ACEs or one ACE and one club examiner.

Gerry Ferer raised the difficulties he still had with the BMFA web site. As it was felt this was still an ongoing project it would be better if he wrote to the office detailing the points he considered needing attention.

John O'Donnell asked what had become of the promised report on a "Heritage Centre" and was informed by the Chairman that Manny Williamson is still researching the topic and we should be hearing from him soon – although no date had been set specifically.

The meeting closed at 10.32 pm

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

British Model Flying Association

North West Area

Minutes of the short General Meeting of the B.M.F.A. North West Area held on 25 November 2014 at St Aidan's Parish Centre, Winstanley, Wigan.

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman /Halton &DMAC
Derek Gilbert	Secretary & Treasurer/Sale MFC
Mike Colling FSMAE	Vice Chairman/Wigan
Roy Allam	Achievement Sch Co-ord/FCMFA
John O'Donnell	Timperley MF
Tom Anyon	Fylde Coast MFA
Gerry Ferer	Timperley MF
Jim Radcliffe	Timperley & DMFC
Carl Brotherton	Timperley & DMAC
Wayne Pendleton	CCMAA
John Leadbeater	NW Free Flight Group
Sue Price	Staffs Model Heli C
Rodger Price	Staffs Model Heli C
Peter Maw	Bickershaw MFC
Colin Usher	Webmaster & Kilton MAC
Martin Fraser	North West Helicopter club
Clive Needham	PRO & Oldham DMAC
Derick Perchard	Sleap Model Flyers
Adrian Hatnboar	Red Dragons MFC
Ray Jones	Clwyd Soaring Assoc
John Minchell	Shawbury Indoor Modellers

16 voting

The meeting commenced at 9.47 pm

Peter Maw informed the meeting that Bickershaw was willing to host an Area fixed wing fly in again and it was agreed to aim for this to be held on 28th June.

Gerry Ferer asked if agendas could be put on the web site in future and to also include Officers reports to the AGM. The Secretary said it would be considered.

John Minchell reported that the RC Indoor Nationals held at Shawbury had been very successful with 35 entries. He also said that next years Free Flight scale is to be held at Walsall.

Tom Anyon noted that the Isle of Man has only one Heli Examiner and was of the opinion that he would be an excellent candidate to be made up to Chief Examiner. It was agreed this would be beneficial for the island and it was suggested that Bill Cowell should write formally to request this.

Roger Price asked if there were any points arising from the BMFA AGM which was of interest to the area. The Chairman confirmed the annual fee was to remain at £32 and was not aware of anything else that would be of interest.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm

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