

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area  
Held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 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
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
Peter Maw	Bickershaw MFC
John Minchell	Sleap MFC / Shawbury Indoor

10 voting

The meeting started at 8.04 pm

**Apologies for absence**

John Leadbeater, Sue and Roger Price and Martin Fraser.

**Correspondence**

None

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending despite the forecast for severe winter weather.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and the short meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The minutes were approved with no alterations with a vote of 9 accepting and 1 abstention.

## **Matters Arising**

The only points raised were planned to be, and were, discussed later in the meeting.

## **Officers' Reports**

The Treasurer noted that everyone had received a hard copy of the agenda by post as well as a copy sent by E Mail. This was a mistake by the Leicester office and no cost was being incurred by the area.

Roy Allam informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Bill Cowell in the Isle of Man stating that he was happy to support the appointment of Stan Craine as a Helicopter Area Chief Examiner to be based in the Isle of Man.

After a short discussion Roy Allam proposed, and Wayne Pendleton seconded, that the area should request that Stan Craine be appointed a Helicopter ACE . The voting was 6 for and 4 abstentions with no votes against and Roy Allam was asked to submit the formal proposal to the Achievement Scheme Controller for ratification.

## **Council Meetings and Agendas**

The Full Council agenda for the meeting on 17 January was discussed and the Chairman reported on the business conducted.

The main points of interest were :

The proposal by the North East Area, asking for the area committee to be informed in advance of any visits to clubs or flying sites by head office staff, was amended by inserting "as appropriate". This effectively made the proposal ineffective. The meeting agreed that it would be better if any further proposal to amend this should come from the North East Area and the Chairman agreed to discuss this with them.

It was noted that the proposal regarding the disclosure of names in agendas of the nominees for RAeC awards was withdrawn.

The proposal by East Anglia regarding appointment of ACEs and ACIs was discussed and the Chairman confirmed this only formally recorded the system in place and did not change the method being used.

It was understood that the National Centre feasibility study was still being considered and we should expect a report by the May Council

meeting.

The publishing of the rule books was raised and Clive Needham confirmed that it appeared that firmer control was being exercised and did not expect delays this year and confirmed that where any changes were not published by 31 January the previous year's rules would stand.

### **N W Area Fly-ins**

Keith Barker confirmed the Rochdale indoor events had been well supported and that the increased fee of £4 should mean that only a manageable contribution from the area should be required.

John Minchell referred to the meetings Shawbury Indoor and Sleaford are arranging and the Chairman reminded every club that as we can now contact every club in the Area electronically it is easy for us to circulate a flyer for any club event at no cost. John agreed to let the Chairman have an advert for his events to be circulated .

Peter Maw asked if we could confirm the funding of the Bickershaw fly in. The costs were discussed and it was agreed that the Area would manage the flight line, fund the toilets and fund any loss the club incurs on the food. It was agreed that the selling price of the food should be pitched so that on an average attendance the club should break even, on a poorly attended event the Area would make good any losses incurred but on a well attended event the Area would be happy for the club to retain any surplus generated.

It was confirmed that everything was in place for the Area Gala indoor event at the Manchester Velodrome on the 21 February.

### **AOB**

Gerry Ferer noted that there appeared to be little progress with the Area web site. The Chairman replied that the new Web Master had updated the events section and was working on improvements to the site which could not be done piecemeal and therefore will be a while before they are implemented.

John Minchell enquired when the indoor A and B certificates will be implemented and was told that the guidance notes are, or are just about to be, published on the BMFA web site.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm

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