

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 5th January 2016 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
John O'Donnell	Timperley Model Flyers
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers
Carl Brotherton	Timperley DMAC
John Minchell	Sleap MFC / Shawbury Indoor
Martin Fraser	N W RC Heli Club
Sue Price	Staffs Model Heli Club
Roger Price	Staffs Model Heli Club
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC
Tom Anyon	Fylde Coast MFA
Wayne Pendleton	Kilton RCMAC

10 voting

The meeting started at 8.04 pm

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Keith Barker, Dave Swarbrick and Peter Maw. Peter Maw also confirmed that Bickershaw were willing to host the Area Fly-in again this year.

The Chairman reported the sudden death of Jim Radcliffe on 2nd of December. He was a regular at the area meetings on behalf of the Timperly club, and the Chairman told the meeting that he had attended his funeral.

Correspondence

The Chairman noted that he had read in the Daily Mail that the Police were considering blocking 2.4 GHz at times on occasions of security. He had informed Manny Williamson who intends to follow it up.

The Chairman had received a copy of the minutes of a meeting with the CAA and model associations in December and was interested to note that two recent incidents of conflict with full size aircraft were all

the fault of the of the full size aircraft!

One involved a glider and at Shoreham when an aircraft arrived in an unsafe manner over a model flying field. He also noted that the 20kilo weight restriction is to be increased to 25 kilos.

John Minchell noted that at Sleaford it has been agreed that FPV flying will not be allowed as the airfield is a live full size airfield.

The meeting felt there was a case for high speed turbines being banned from public events, but apparently it is up to the organisers of each event to review the safety issues.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2015

With the reference on page 4 to “Free Flight Nationals” corrected to “Silent Flight Nationals” the minutes were unanimously approved by the meeting.

Minutes of the short meeting held on 24th November 2015

The minutes were unanimously approved by the meeting.

Matters Arising

None

Officers' Reports

The Treasurer reported that he had about £5k in funds which will allow us to consider funding special projects if required. He felt that we should be using some of this to fund examiners meetings this summer and we should be planning these soon.

Roy Allam felt we should be looking to cover examiners meetings at a different part of our area than the last one, and John Minchell offered the use of Sleaford.

Council Meetings and Agendas

The Full Council agenda for the meeting on 9th January 2016 was reviewed.

The main items discussed and those resulting in advice for the delegate were:

.Acceptance of Model Balloons UK as a specialist body was agreed, but it was felt that it may be they should come under the jurisdiction of R/C Power Tech rather than Free Flight as much of their flights, height and duration especially, are radio controlled.

The proposal to amend 1.2.6 of the General Rule Book referring to “safe return to home failsafe” needs a definition of “safe” as, for

example, return to the flight line could be considered to be safe as it would be away from spectators!

The meeting did not agree that an "A" test should be recommended for competitions, but should be a "B" test. It was noted that this was only a recommendation.

17(h) The meeting did not understand the need for Name, Address and BMFA number all being needed on transmitters.

17(i) It was felt that protests should not be restricted to competitors, if the need arose anyone should be able to lodge a protest. John O'Donnell agreed to let the Delegate have a draft of an amendment to the proposal to raise at the Council Meeting.

22(II) The offer of free entry to National Championships to Fellows and Honorary members was approved with 8 voting for and 2 abstentions.

N W Area Fly-ins

Keith Barker confirmed that the last Rochdale indoor meeting was well attended.

It was noted that we only have a provisional date for the Shawbury scale fly-in.

Peter Maw had let the committee know that either June or September

would be suitable for the general fly-in at Bickershaw.

It was noted that the Velodrome indoor event was going ahead on 13th February.

AOB

John O'Donnell asked if the Delegate could ascertain details of airfield licences and was informed that this should be covered by David Phips report. He also asked the Delegate to ensure actions have been taken following the meeting with the BMFA and the CAA.

The Treasurer noted that the Archdiocese of Liverpool were wanting to substantially increase the room rent and asked the meeting to authorise a maximum he could agree to. The sum of £30 was considered acceptable.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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

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