

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Committee Meeting held on 6th July 2011 at the Shoulder of Mutton, Shiney Row, Co. Durham



OFFICERS PRESENT

Y	Chairman: Terry Bailey (Fellow)	N	P.R.O.: Tom Jones (Teesside MFC)
Y	Vice Chairman: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA.)	N	Delegate: Tom Jones (Teesside MFC)
Y	Secretary: Peter Watson (Washington MFC)	N	Education Co-ordinator: Allan Weighell (Fellow)
Y	Treasurer: Tom Walker (Sunderland & DMAC)	N	Competition Secretary: Brian Martin (Tynemouth MAC.)
Y	Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)		

CLUBS REPRESENTED (eligible to vote) Washington, Newcastle MFA, Sunderland, Cramlington, Novocastria, Old Fellows, Teesside, Shildon, Peterlee, Chester le Street, Weardale MGA.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Ken Roper, Brian Martin, Richard Smith.

CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

PROPOSED: Jack Paterson (Sunderland)

SECONDED: Alan Gorham (Cramlington)

MATTERS ARISING Peter Watson (Washington) asked whether Lez Scurfield had received any replies to the survey that he distributed last month. Lez replied that he had received some replies, which he had forwarded to Chester le Street. All the clubs that replied followed the BMFA recommendation. However one club is currently considering a change in their rules.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT reported that Tom Walker was omitted from the news item of the RaeC Awards in the BMFA News. He contacted David Phipps, BMFA CEO, who said this was an oversight that would be corrected in the next issue of BMFA News.

SECRETARY'S REPORT None

TREASURER'S REPORT None

EDUCATION CO-ORDINATORS REPORT None

PRO'S REPORT None

DELEGATE'S REPORT None

FLYING DISCIPLINE OFFICERS REPORT

FREE FLIGHT Peter Martin took 1st place in F1B at the 1st Team Trials for the 2012 team.

RADIO CONTROL June was a busy month for F3A competitions, with events every weekend.

Sunday 5th June was the Festival of Flight at Barkston Heath. In Advanced Richard Smith (Tynedale) placed 3rd; in Masters, Gerhard Fehring (Blyth member) was the only competitor, but suffered equipment failure and failed to score; in FAI Bob Wasson (Teesside member) placed 3rd & Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA) placed 6th.

The following weekend was the 3rd BMFA Centralised Team Trial, again at Barkston. Kevin Caton (Teesside member) placed 3rd in the team event & currently holds the 3rd team position for the 2012 Euros. In domestic "P only" event, Bob Wasson placed 3rd.

On Saturday 18th June there was a domestic GBRCAA competition at Skelbrooke. Bob Wasson (Teesside member) placed 4th in FAI & Gerhard Fehring (Blyth member) placed 1st in Masters.

On Sunday 26th June there was a new competition at the Lindens MFC site near Grimsby. In FAI Bob Wasson (Teesside member) placed 3rd & Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA) placed 4th. In masters Gerhard Fehring (Blyth member) placed 1st, missing promotion by 2.5 points. In Advanced Richard Smith (Tynedale) placed 2nd.

Forthcoming events are the 4th BMFA Centralised at Hurley, Warwickshire on 10th July & the FAI World Championships at Muncie, USA from 24th July to 1st August.

CONTROL LINE Jamie Griffin was joint 3rd in F2D at the Barkston Festival of Flight. There is an Area Centralised F2D event at Albemarle on July 10th.

INDOOR None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS Stephen Wilson (Chester le Street) handed a communication from Chester le Street Club to the Area, This expressed their disapproval of the Area allowing Lez Scurfield to hand out the survey he distributed at the June Area meeting and accused the Area of mismanagement of this matter. The Chairman read out the statement to the meeting & expressed astonishment at the accusation of mismanagement by the area. Lez Scurfield was asked if he had any comments. Lez replied that, although he was reluctant to read out the correspondence between himself & the Chester le Street Club, he considered that he was now forced to do so because of the statement presented by the club. He then read out the letter that he had received from the Chester le Street Club, banning him from use of their facilities for the remainder of the year. He also read out the letter that his solicitor had sent to the Chester le Street Club Secretary.

Following this, the Chairman stated that a reply would be sent to Chester le Street Club, answering their statement & that this matter was now considered to be closed as far as the area is concerned.

Martin Johnson (Old Fellows) asked about the Great North Fly In, which Chester le Street had offered to organise for 2011. Stephen Wilson (Chester le Street) replied that, following the events of the June Area meeting, the club had decided to withdraw their offer.

Peter Watson (Washington) enquired if the event would now be run as an area event. Chairman replied that this would be done.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:40P.M.
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd August 2011, AT THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON, SHINEY ROW TIME 8:00 P.M.

Forthcoming Events 2011

Date	Event / Host Club	Venue	Other details
1 st Saturday of month	Indoor Flying*	Nunthorpe School	6 – 10pm £4 Contact Allan Weighell littleal28@btinternet.com
3 rd Saturday of month	Indoor Flying* Check for August meeting	Churchill Community College, Wallsend	6 – 10pm £3 Slots for different classes Contact Allan Weighell littleal28@btinternet.com
July 10 th	Novocastrians	Albemarle	CL Meeting. RC flying in usual place. Please remember to pay fee to Novos rep.
July 10th	4 th Area Centralised RC Aerobatic	Hurley	Contact Gary Armstrong
July 31 st	Tynemouth Mini Rally	Newcastle Town moor	Contact Brian Martin
August 27 to 29	BMFA Nationals	Barkston Heath	

*Please note: As the indoor events are held at School premises you are advised to check prior to attending meetings in School holiday periods.

Club Secretaries and PROs please note : if you have an event to publicise, give the details to either: Peter Watson, Area Secretary peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk or Tom Jones, Area PRO tom.jones11@ntlworld.com The details of your event can then be distributed with the Area minutes and posted on the Area web site.