

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 6th December 2023 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor, Co. Durham, DH4 6EX.



Officers Present

Y Chairman: Martin Johnson (Novocastrians)	Y Treasurer: Tom Walker (Sunderland & DMAC)
Y Vice Chairman: Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA)	Y Delegate: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)
Y Secretary: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	
Y Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: Gary Armstrong (Newcastle MFA)	

Clubs Represented (eligible to vote)

Newcastle MFA; Tynedale MFC; Novocastrians; Weardale MGA; Washington MFC; Hartlepool MFC; Area 51; Peterlee RMC; Sunderland & District MAC; Terry Bailey (Fellow).

Apologies for Absence

Ian Jones (Darlington & District MFC); Nick Powley (Eden Valley MAC)

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Keith Jones (Washington MFC)
Seconded: Terry Bailey (fellow)

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reminded delegates that requests for Area Support for events in 2024 need to be received by the Secretary before the 31st of January. Similarly, clubs wishing to host events at Albemarle Barracks in the first half of the year should submit their requests to Martin by the next meeting to allow a calendar for the first six months to be put together.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that Apian Airspace are holding two drop-in sessions for clubs requiring more information about their proposed drone delivery trial, and the closing date for feedback on the revised proposal needs to be submitted by Friday 8th December. Gary also reported the change of the BMFA's registered address from Chacksfield House to Buckminster Lodge, and the new correspondence address for membership and the achievement scheme. The application forms for next years Albemarle Licence have been received from the DIO (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) and will be sent off to the Commanding Officer at Albemarle in the next few days.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area's finances, with the AGM Buffett and drinks to pay for following the meeting.

Delegates Report

The Area Delegate gave a short report on the society AGM held on 18th November, covering topics such as the financial report, the debate about membership fees, cost cutting measures, membership figures and the sale of Chacksfield House.

Achievement Scheme Coordinators Report

The ASC reported that the area is now short of two Area Chief Examiners following the decisions of Jim Edwards and Mike Swales to step down at the AGM held earlier this evening. Gary has been in contact with two potential candidates namely Peter Farnell (Guisborough MFC) and Yan Lockhart (Crook & District MFC) to see if they would be interested in taking on the roles subject to Area approval. Peter was happy to accept the nomination as a Fixed Wing Examiner, whilst Yan asked for more time to come to a decision as he has a number of other commitments but would be able to cover both Fixed Wing and Helicopter disciplines. Gary (As Newcastle MFA delegate) formally proposed both Peter and Yan for the roles, seconded by Peter Franklin (Weardale MGA) and carried unanimously. Gary is to gather the necessary information to allow a formal proposal to be put to the Achievement Scheme Controller in the new year.

Flying Disciplines Officers Reports

Free Flight

Nothing to report.

Radio Control

Nothing to report.

Control Line

Nothing to Report.

Indoor

Nothing to report. Full details of indoor events hosted by Peterlee RMC and Washington MFC are on the area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk

Any Other Business

The Chairman read out a letter from the Chairman of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee giving details of a Long Term/Exceptional Service Award presented to Gary Armstrong our Area Chief Examiner and Achievement Scheme Coordinator for over thirty years' service as an ACE having first been appointed in 1991.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor Co. Durham, DH4 6EX, and will be followed by a normal monthly meeting.

Club Secretaries and PROs please note: if you have an event to publicise, give the details to either, Tom Jones, tom.jp11@gmail.com or Gary Armstrong, Area Secretary: garyarmstrong13@virginmedia.com

The details of your event can then be distributed with the Area minutes in Forthcoming Events* if there is sufficient time and posted on the Area web site and Facebook page.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Contact
1 st & 3 rd Sat each month	Peterlee RMC Indoor Flying @ East Durham College 11am-1pm. Session's resume September 2nd, 2023. See Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk for details.	bgworrall@tiscali.co.uk
2 nd & 4 th Sat each month	Washington MFC Indoor Flying @ Nissan Sports Hall, Washington 2-4pm. Session's resume September 2023 See Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk . For details	peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk