

Unadopted Minutes of the BMFA North Eastern Area Meeting held on 1st March 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; Peterlee RMC; Cramlington & District MAC; Area 51; Washington MFC; Darlington & District MFC; Chester-le-Street RMC; City of Sunderland MFC; Weardale MGA; Tynedale MFC; Novocastrians; Sunderland & District MAC.

Apologies for Absence

Nigel Miscampbell (Glenluce & Galloway Flyers)

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: Ian Jones (Darlington & District MFC)
Seconded: Brian Worrall (Peterlee RMC)

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that all of the dates requested for the use of Albemarle Barracks last month have been approved, and the dates booked for control line events will be both days where as in the past only one of the two have been used. Delegates were asked to remind their club members who attend Albemarle that they need to sign in with their full BMFA number (all six digits) and to also carry proof of membership as the military may carry out spot checks. We have a new contact at Albemarle, Captain Steven Sinclair who has taken over from Mark Brannen. The control line demonstration at Beamish Museum is going ahead on 7th March. The request for area support from the Novocastrians for their vintage combat competition is now for both of the dates requested as the reserve date has now been confirmed as an additional competition. The secretary added that he is still awaiting confirmation of the date for the Eden Valley Aerotow event.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that with the assistance of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the budget pro-forma for Area Support for the financial year April 2023 to March 2024 had been completed and submitted to the Hon. Treasurer before the end of February deadline. A request has been received from the new Outreach Director for photographs or video of recent club events that have featured new BMFA members taking part in any aeromodelling activity. Any club with anything that may fit the bill are asked to submit them along with a few basic details (who, what, where, when etc.) to the Area Secretary who will in turn pass them on, remember that any pictures of junior members must include parental consent for them to be used.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area finances and confirmed receipt of the full amount of Area Support requested for the year April 2022 to March 2023. The invoice for the licence to use Albemarle Barracks has been paid.

Delegates Report

The Area Delegate reported that he had received the provisional minutes of the first Board meeting held on 21st January a which all of the Area Delegates (who sit on the Areas Council) were ratified, along with all area Chairmen and the four non-executive directors who represent Areas Council at Board meetings. The next Board meetings will be on 9th May via Zoom, and 30th September at a venue to be announced. The Area Council meetings should be held in the week before these meetings to allow the four non-executive directors to be briefed on how the Areas want their views expressed at the board meetings. Gary also reported that the minutes made reference to the fact that the RC Power Nationals were not sustainable in their current format and no request to use Barkston Heath over the August Bank Holiday weekend had been made. A request for the Free Flight Nationals in May had been submitted, with various options including a minimalist approach, the request was reject by the station Commanding Officer within twenty four hours. The Scale, Control Line and Silent Flight Technical committees are all considering bids to host World Championships, with that from Scale being the most advanced with a detailed proposal being compiled.

Flying Disciplines Officers Reports

Free Flight

Nothing to report.

Radio Control

Nothing to Report

Control Line

There is a vintage combat competition at Buckminster on the weekend of 1st/2nd April, and a vintage stunt event as part of the Midland Area Fly-in at Buckminster on 9th July. Barry Robinson (Shildon MAC) is on the GB Control Line Aerobatics Team for the forthcoming European Championships, and potentially there are four North East Area members on the Combat team at the same event. In the past the area has provided financial support for members on GB teams, and it was agreed to do so again, the amount to be decided once the exact number of eligible members is known.

Indoor

Indoor events hosted by Peterlee RMC at East Durham College are now from 11am to 1pm and resume on 4th March. Events run by Washington MFC at the Nissan Sports Hall continue as normal. Full details are on the Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk

Any Other Business

Peterlee RMC requested use of Albemarle Barracks on Sunday 19th March. In answer to a question from the Chairman, Gary Armstrong confirmed that "C" tests would be available at the Area training and testing day, but these would need to be requested in advance to allow time for permission to be sought from the Achievement Scheme controller Duncan McClure and to ensure appropriate examiners are available on the day. Gary confirmed that to date we have three Area Chief Examiners and two club examiners attending the event, club examiner tests can be carried out at the event providing the correct procedure has been followed by the club putting forward a candidate (details of the procedure are on the achievement scheme website www.achievements.bmfa.uk) Invites to area clubs and club examiners to attend the day will be sent out once the final date for re-ratification of examiners has passed (31st March 2023)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at Burnmoor Cricket Club, Burnmoor Co. Durham, DH4 6EX.

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
3 rd Sept 2022 Then 1 st & 3 rd Sat each month	Peterlee RMC Indoor Flying @ East Durham College 11am-1pm. Note February's events are Cancelled. See Area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk	bgworrall@tiscali.co.uk
10 th Sept 2022 Then 2 nd & 4 th Sat each month	Washington MFC Indoor Flying @ Nissan Sports Hall, Washington 2-4pm.	peterjwatson@blueyonder.co.uk
19 th March 2023	General R/C Fly- in hosted by Peterlee RMC at Albemarle Barracks. The sports field will also be available for Control line and light R/C (To Be Confirmed)	bgworrall@tiscali.co.uk
29 th April 2023	Control Line F2D Combat Team Training Session at Albemarle Barracks. The Airfield will be available for general R/C flying.	dmriley1975@gmail.com
30 th April 2023	Vintage Control Line Combat competition (reserve date) The Airfield will be available for general R/C flying.	dmriley1975@gmail.com
27 th May 2023	Control Line F2D Combat Team Training Session at Albemarle Barracks. The Airfield will be available for general R/C flying.	dmriley1975@gmail.com
28 th May 2023	Vintage Control Line Combat competition. The Airfield will be available for general R/C flying.	dmriley1975@gmail.com
11 th June 2023	BMFA Achievement Scheme Training & Testing Day. The sports field will be available for control line and light R/C models. Note: there will be no other R/C flying on the main airfield other than those involved in taking or practising for A,B or C Tests.	garyarmstrong13@virginmedia.com