

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



Officers Present

N 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; Weardale MGA; Novocastrians; Chester-le-Street RMC; Peterlee RMC; Area 51; Hartlepool MFC; Sunderland & District MAC; City of Sunderland MFC.

Apologies for Absence

Martin Johnson (Chairman); John Auton (Cramlington & District MAC); Ian Jones (Darlington & District MFC); Jeff Staines (Teesside MFC)

Corrections to Previous Minutes

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Proposed: David Riley (Novocastrians)
Seconded: Gerard Gaynor (Area 51)

Matters Arising

Following the last meeting both the Chairman and Gerard Gaynor (Area 51) have obtained prices for temporary signs to use at Albemarle Barracks, however as the Chairman was not present this item will be held over until the October meeting. The Secretary confirmed that following the meeting he had circulated details of the Apian Airspace drone trial proposal to those clubs likely to be affected. Those concerned were advised to submit a response to the proposal and these have been acknowledged by Apian, who have also hosted the first of several meetings to give more details of their plans to interested parties, further meetings will be held as the project progresses. Gary also confirmed that the Albemarle rule and guidance document has been updated and is on the Area website.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report as the Chairman was not present.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the death of well-known Peterlee RMC member Norman Robinson, unfortunately details of Normans' passing were only received the day before the funeral and forwarded to all club delegates the same day but didn't leave much time for them to be circulated to all those who knew him that would have liked to attend.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported the current state of the Area's finances with a number of cheques still not presented. The replacement cheque sent to Eden Valley MAC has not yet been cashed, but there has been no contact from the club to indicate there have been any further problems. Interestingly a couple of cheques issued at the same time and signed in the same way have been cashed without any issues.

Delegates Report

The next Area Council meeting takes place on 14th September at 7pm via Zoom, with nothing particularly contentious on the agenda. The main items of interest are an update on progress with the new BMFA Scotland area and a discussion on ways to increase attendance at and involvement in Area meetings. The agenda for the next Board meeting due on 30th September has not yet been published. The delegate requested permission to vote as he sees fit should there be anything on the agenda that required area council to give direction to the four non-executive directors who represent Areas at the board meeting, the delegates gave unanimous approval.

Achievement Scheme Controllers Report

Following the cancellation of the Training and Testing Day the ASC has asked the Area Chief Examiners for their thoughts on how to run events moving forward. The general consensus is that these events are likely to gain more support if they are held on club sites rather than Albemarle so that candidates are being tested in familiar surroundings. The idea was discussed and those present agreed that it may be a better approach. Any club interested in running an event for their members next year is asked to contact the ASC and he will arrange the attendance of enough examiners/chief examiners to cover the number of tests required. Any other suggestions as to what clubs would like to see would be welcomed.

Flying Disciplines Officers Reports

Free Flight

Nothing to report.

Radio Control

The F3A (Aerobatics) World Championships were held in Australia from 20th-27th August. Thomas David made the semi finals in 20th place whilst Kevin Caton just missed out finishing in 31st place but having the honour of doing the judges warm up flights before the semi finals got under way, Garry Peacock finished in 40th place having been hampered by an eye infection. The GB team placed 8th. The new World Champion is Lassi Nurilla (Finland) with Andrew Jesky 2nd and Jason Shulman 3rd (both USA), the USA also won the team event with France 2nd and Japan 3rd. The junior World Champion is Antonin Paysant-Le Roux (placed 17th and the son of Christophe). The next domestic competitions are the annual Triple Crown event (England, Scotland, Eire, and an International Team) being hosted by England at Bedford on 9th/10th September, a GBRCAA League event at Knettishall on 16th September and the BMFA Nationals at Hurley on 30th September/1st October.

Control Line

At the European Championships held in Poland Gordon Price placed 7th in F2D (combat) with David Wiseman 11th. The competition was won by Mateo-Sala (Spain), in second place overall was Natalia Dementieva a name well known to local fliers having flown at Albemarle during one of our "Geordie Nationals" events.

At the Control Line Nationals held at Buckminster Steve White (Novocastrians) won F2B (Aerobatics) with Barry Robinson (Shildon) in 2nd place. In the combat classes Graham Ives and Ben Johnson (both Novo's) were 3rd and 4th respectively in Vintage, Graham was 3rd in F2D and Ben 3rd in F2E, whilst Dave Riley (also Novo's) was 2nd in 1/2A and 3rd in Oliver.

Indoor

Full details of indoor events hosted by Peterlee RMC and Washington MFC are on the area website www.northeast.bmfa.uk

Any Other Business

None.

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

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 4th October 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
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