

Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 19th July 2016 at St Aidan's Parish Centre, Winstanley, Wigan.

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman & Delegate/CCMAA
Derek Gilbert	Secretary & Treasurer/Sale MFC
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
Wayne Pendleton	Kilton RCMAC
Tom Anyon	Fylde Coast MFA
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC
10 voting	

The meeting started at 8.05 pm

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Mike Colling and Keith Barker.

Correspondence

None

Chairman's Report

The Chairman explained that the reason for calling this meeting was to discuss the agenda for the Areas Council meeting to be held on the 23 July.

As this may need to be discussed at length, he felt this meeting should only address the points raised in the agenda for the Areas Council meeting and all other business usually included in our Area meetings be carried forward to the next planned North West Area meeting on 30th August.

Council Meetings and Agendas

The agenda for the Areas Council meeting of 23 July was reviewed.

The main items discussed and those resulting in advice for the delegate were:
Proposal: An area grant be withheld if that area had more than 2 years funds in the bank at the end of it's financial year.

Gerry Ferer asked the Treasurer how this would affect the North West Area and was told that looking at the current year figures there would be little adjustment to next year's grant, but if we had surpluses of income over expenditure in the future then at that time the grant may be reduced.

The meeting was of the opinion that the principal was accepted, but were concerned that funds generated by self funding events should be ignored and excluded from the grant calculation.

The meeting voted unanimously to ask for an amendment to cover exclusion of self created income and voted unanimously to ask the delegate to vote against the proposal if such an amendment was not allowed or if the amendment failed.

Proposal: To increase the number of “mandatory questions” , but to group these under the relevant disciplines being tested. The object being to make it clear to students that they will only be asked questions on the law affecting all model flying and questions on subjects that are relevant to the discipline they are being tested on.

The proposal was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Proposal: Any changes proposed by the ASRC to the achievement scheme should either be put before the next Areas Council meeting, if there is to be a meeting within 60 days, or if no meeting planned for a summary to be circulated to all Area Delegates within 30 days. If a majority of the Area Delegates have serious reservations then these will be passed back to the ASRC for review. After a lengthy discussion on the recent changes, which appear to have been made with little reference to Area Delegates and Area scheme controllers, it was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Proposal:

1. That a new ASRC Chairman be appointed by Areas Council with the remit to carry out a full review of the functioning of the ASRC and to propose the requisite measures to ensure that it becomes a properly functioning sub-committee of Areas Council.
2. The two changes to the achievement scheme (Basic Proficiency Certificates (BPC and the Mandatory questions) shall be suspended with immediate effect pending their presentation as proper proposals to Areas Council.

Both parts of the proposal were unanimously approved by the meeting.

Proposal: The Areas constitution document be amended to state that, at the Area AGM, Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors must be elected annually with a simple majority by a secret ballot. The actual voting figures, not just the voting results, are to be recorded in the AGM minutes.

An amendment to not declare the voting numbers was considered, but failed on a vote of 1 for and 9 against.

The original proposal was voted on with a result of 9 for and 1 against and the Delegate was instructed to vote for the proposal at the Areas Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.40

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