

Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area Held on 9th January 2018 at St Aidan's Parish Centre, Winstanley, Wigan.

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman & Delegate (CCMAS)
Mike Colling	Vice Chairman
Carl Brotherton	Secretary & Treasurer/ (T&DMFC)
Wayne Pendleton	Achievement Scheme Co-ord/FCMFA
Clive Needam	ODMAC
Derek Perchard	Sleap Model Flyers
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers (TMFC)
Keith Barker	Rochdale (RRCMFA)
Keven Watson	Blackburn (B&DMAC)
Keith Elliot	Fylde Coast MFA
John Minchell	Shropshire Indoor Modellers
Martin Fraser	NWRC Helicopters
Martyn Kinder	SCRCS

There were 13 people present, 12 with voting rights, as defined by the BMFA. To ensure clarity with respect to voting, in future any abstentions will be reported as such, in addition to those who voted to endorse the carried motion. In future unanimous will indicate that all present entitled to vote supported the carried vote.

The meeting started at 8.00 pm.

Apologies for absence

Sue & Roger Price (Staffordshire Model Helicopter Club).

Correspondence

None

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2017

The minutes for the 29th August 2017 were accepted without revision. Proposer Keith Barker, seconded Clive Needam. There were 6 votes of acceptance, 6 abstentions, 1 non voting.

It was noted that minutes for the 2017 AGM held on the 22nd November were incorrect, that the reference to Martyn Kinder, under the heading of those present, was incorrect. The correct spelling for Martin being Martyn. This issue will be addressed prior to the Ratification of the minutes at the 2018 AGM

Matters Arising

The issue of reviving the "Eddie Ridding Trophy" (ERT) as discussed at the 29th August

meeting was addressed by John Minchell. Extensive discussions have been undertaken within the Scale Tech. Committee as to how the ideal provisions proposed for the revived event, as identified at the 29th August NW Area meeting could be achieved. The provisions are, as follows

It was thought the proposal could be supported with the following provisos:-

- 1. That the Trophies remain the property of the North West Area Committee (NWAC).*
- 2. That there are no rule changes from those already drawn up without consultation and agreement with the NWA - but we shall probably have to accept a certain latitude, as the NWAC Scale Free Fight rules differ slightly to the BMFA National Free Flight Scale Rules, and may have to be brought in line with them.*
- 3. That, should the NWAC find a suitable flying area (local to the North West) to hold the competition in the future, we hold the right to be given back the control of the event should we require it .*

John Minchell reported that the initial proposal to run the event within the BMFA Nationals at Barkston Heath had been found to be impractical.

An alternative proposal by the Scale Technical Committee is to run the event during 2018, at Buckminster, National Flying Centre.

After an in-depth discussion, with respect to a range of issues, a vote was taken to accept the Buckminster National Flying Centre proposal. For acceptance 11 votes, 1 abstention, 1 non voting member present.

Officers Reports

Acheivement Scheme Co-ordinator Wayne Pendleton.

The four candidates that were proposed by the area, at the 29th August NW Area meeting, for ACE (Achievement Scheme Examiners), have been endorsed by the Duncan McClure, Power & Silent Flight Scheme Controller. These being Andy Stanley, Derek Perchard, Kevin Watson, & Mark Burns. It was noted that Kevin Watson will also cover Multi rotor models.

An additional two candidates for the role of ACE have been identified. They were submitted to the committee to complete the accompaniment of ACE needed to provide an effective service, to implement all aspects of the Achievement Scheme in the NW Area. The candidates being Rob Stenhouse and Andy Rigby. A description of the qualities and experience of the candidates was provided by Wayne Pendleton. A vote was then taken to put forward the candidates, the result being 11 for, 2 abstentions. 1 non voting.

It was confirmed that at least one workshop would be held during the 2018. To be arranged as soon as possible, when suitable venues had been organised. It is envisaged that each workshop would cost in the region of £500. There is an acknowledgement that it is important that the new appointments to ACE are provided with adequate understanding of the detail, scope and requirements of the various proficiency schemes.

Treasurer, Carl Brotherton

The treasurer confirmed that the necessary monies are available for at least two workshops during the 2017-19 financial years. The reasons behind this situation is that due to the

change of the Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) it appears that the pencilled in 2017-18 (financial year) workshop will not now be undertaken. This workshop can now be carried over into the 2018-19 financial year. It is accepted that the geographical nature of the NW BMFA can benefit from the workshops that are not always centrally located, which provides an option for a workshop at a peripheral location. Particularly to engaged with the ACE in post, where travel can be an issue.

A suggestion was made with respect to the purchase and allocation of "First Aid Kits" from the NW Areas funds. All agreed that it is desirable for First Aid kit and appropriately trained individuals to be present at each club meeting. There was a short discussion of the practicality of the concept with respect to the BMFA, specifically the NW Area supplying such items (First Aid Kits). There are approx 130 clubs in the region @ £10 or £20 per kit this equates to £1,300 or £2,600. The sum is the equivalent the annual revenue for the area, or exceeds income by a factor of 2 in the worse case example. It was noted that not all the clubs have club houses or similar facilities, to store such kits. In the remaining cases there can be no certainty that a vehicle containing the kit would be present, for example. Another limitation voiced is that some items within a typical kit have a shelf life of three years. After some consideration the idea, was not voted on due to acceptance of the negative issues. All present thought that some valid safety type issues were raised.

Full Council Agenda

The Chairman (NW Area) commented that Item 5 (*to verify the voting strength*) would be used to address formally the issues that follow from unexpected and immediate resignation of the BMFA Chairman, (Chris Moynihan). The (BMFA) constitution requires the Vice Chairman to take up the role. It is anticipated that at the forthcoming Full council meeting the Vice Chairman, Ian Pallister, will be formally appointed to the role. This arrangement will continue until the next election date for Chairman.

It was also reported that under the same item the membership of Public Relations Officer at the Full Council Meeting will be formally abolished. This will confirm the arrangements that have been in place for some time.

The Next item discussed was *Item 20 To receive a report from the technical Secretary To include the following proposals:*

- i) *To change rule 1.2.2 Dimensions of Model Aircraft*
- ii) *Ii) Rule change for extreme Weather Conditions at RC, CL & Scale \British National Championships 2.5.7 Add "or extraordinary circumstances" to the title and introduction to rule 2.5.7 of the General Regulations and Rules.*

The consensus after some discussion, was that the proposed changes do not prevent larger models being built and flown outside competition, on this basis no further discussion or vote was necessary.

Item 24 ii) From ASRC that the Association fund the cost of the dinner ticket (but not any associated travel or accommodation costs) for one table (of ten) at the awards dinner, allocated to the Achievement Scheme. Places at this dinner will be allocated using the attached outline process and or by a process agreed annually by Areas Council.

A full and broad discussion with respect to the merits and counter issues took place. It was decided that a vote should be taken with respect to Item 24 ii), on the basis of opposition to

the motion. . Objection 8 votes, to accept 3 votes, 1 abstention, 1 non voting member present.

AOB

Two clubs independently approached the NW area committee seeking support in holding “Fly in” type events. The clubs being “Blackburn & District Model Aircraft Club” and the “Blackpool & Fylde Radio Control Model Flying Society”.

In both cases it was indicated that BMFA NW Area would be in principal supportive. Specific requirements for BMFA involvement is that there is public acknowledgement of BMFA involvement. Typically this would be that the titling and promotion of the event includes the word “BMFA”. Also that the principal that all BMFA members would be free to attend on an equal basis, in addition members of the organising club.

With specific reference to both applicant clubs, they are requested to make a submission, detailing the nature and costs of the support desired from the BMFA NW Area. Historically the BMFA has principally supported the hiring of toilet facilities, either in full or partially. Other innovative ideas would naturally be considered, partial funding of gifts as prizes. Each submission will be required to confirm compliance with BMFA principles for providing support.

Martin Kinder enquired as to the position of “Educational Co-ordinator” for the area. The Chairman stated that at present the post and role was not filled. Generously Martyn Kinder volunteered to take on the role, if no one was prepared to fill the position. All present enthusiastically welcomed the initiative. The appointment was proposed by Keith Barker and seconded by Wayne Pendleton.

The Chairman thanked Martin Kinder for the excellent accomplishments with respect to the NW Area on the BMFA Internet site, since recently taking up the role.

AREA MEETINGS 2018

With publication of the Full Council meetings. The following dates have been agreed for the meetings of the NW Area of the BMFA

Tuesday	May 8 th .,	2018	
Tuesday	September 4 th .,	2018	
Tuesday	November 20 th .,	2018	Area meeting and the Area AGM

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

These minutes are provisional until approved at the next area meeting.