

BMFA NW Area Ordinary General Meeting. 10/09/2019

Meeting started at 8:03pm

Persons present

Mike Colling (MC).	Acting Chairman
Carl Brotherton (CB).	Secretary/Treasurer. MFC
John Minchell (JM).	Shropshire indoor and Sleaf MFC
Andrew Ellison (AE)	Tyldesley MFC/PRO
Derek Perchard (DP).	Sleaf MF
Gerry Ferrer (GF).	Timperley model flyers
Roger Price (RP).	Staffs model helicopter club
Sue Price (SP).	Staffs model helicopter club and Minutes Secretary
Jason Kenyon (JK).	Hale Hall MFC

There were 9 present and 8 voting

Apologise for absence

Martyn Kinder (MK).	NW area chairman
Kevin Watson (KW).	Achievement scheme coordinator

Correspondence

CB reported no official correspondence only someone trying to gain access to Martyn Kinder's account, please make sure any e-mails are actually from MK.

Minutes from last meeting. 07/05/2019

Vote 6 accepted as a true record, 2 Abstentions.

Matters Arising

MC reported that Rochdale indoor is no longer available due to a change of ownership of the venue and a takeover of the premises. Our booking was not transferred when the change of management took place.

The Norwind group have managed to find a new site at Lowton.

John did a survey to monitor interest of indoor nationals.

MC said he had trawled the Wigan area for another venue but it needs to be the size of 6 Badminton courts!!

Keith Barker (KB) is still trying to find a site closer to him, but it was established that an increase for entry would be required, to cover hire costs for any future venue.

Example prices per person for indoor flying in the area: Norwind £10. Shawbury £10. Velodrome £15

AE will give details on Facebook page to hopefully create more interest regarding Indoor events.

CB will contact KB as soon as possible regarding Alternative Rochdale location as we need costs for the budget in accordance with the constitution.

MK and JM were planning a nostalgia day, but it unfortunately got rained/calmed off.

MC said that the Velodrome numbers had been down, possibly due to the fact that it had missed 2 years previously but it can be rebuilt again from this start point.

Full Council Agenda

Showed no matters arising!!

Officer's reports

MC reported that the Indoor Nationals at Lee Valley were quite well attended. He has also been doing work with University Challenge.

CB reported that from a value for money view point, the support given by the BMFA NW Area, to the BMFA supported Blackpool Fly-In event was achieved. The event was well attended by BMFA members, from around the region and some from further afield.

This committee has indicated that it wants to support events in the BMFA NW Area, providing support to the area BMFA membership and their clubs. A number have been indicated by JM, which will be part of our budget submission.

AE said that Flyfest (Oldham Club) had not been presented to the NW area, and Jon Laughton had not made any further contact with us since the last AGM. However Sleaf, Rhyll and Tyldesley are looking host further grass roots events for 2020.

JM reported on scale and the plan is to continue Blackpool next year. He also held a new glider aero tow event at Sherlowe which is situated approx 8 miles east of Shrewsbury they managed to organise this event at very short notice of 1 month. It is a private airstrip belonging to the chief flying instructor of Sleaf full size. There were 27 pilots and 7 tugs in attendance. It is hoped to add 4 or 5 more events for next year once dates can be confirmed. JM also reported that he has stepped down from running Indoor scale, but has been kept on as records officer.

The Indoor Scale Nationals to be combined at Walsall over the weekend 18th/ 19th April 2020.

RC Saturday 18th and Freeflight Sunday 19th

JM assured MC that the Velodrome was not the same date as the scale nationals.

AE reported that social media and working with MK to improve BMFA NW Area in order to keep everyone updated, identified that he has approx 150 club representatives on the Facebook page and seems to be working well to update people at advertising events in the area and any cancellations:

- Elvington LMA
- Buckminster fleet training aircraft
- Summer fly in
- Achievement scheme roadshow Bristol
- IMAC comp was held last weekend at Rhyll

Andy's son Dani was the first to pass the revised C cert at Buckminster.

AE also made a short report for KW in his absence, regarding ongoing work to hold an examiners workshop in Cannock. Also to remind Area chief examiners (ACE) to complete their reports now in plenty of time for the AGM in November.

MK and CB organise the official e-mails to clubs and MK also runs the area website for NW Area members.

MC reported that the budget for 2020 needed to be set so that it could be ratified at AGM in November.

AOB

CB indicated the need for the BMFA NW Areas funding requirements for 2020 to be established, in accordance with the new budget template that the BMFA Head office has provided.

The following is a provisional budget that Members of the NW Area committee suggested.

Budget

Venue.	£80.	Room hire 4 meetings
Snacks	£50	For AGM
Postage.	£20	
Stationary.	£10	
Travel Expenses.	£900	
Contingency	£500	
Area contest	£200	Blackpool
Events		
	£200	Velodrome
	£100	Blackpool scale
	£100	Sherlowe x2
	£100	aero tow
	£100	GPS triangle x2
	£100	
	£50	Shrewsbury winter league
ACS.	£125	
Workshops.	£125	
Education	£500	STEM
Equipment.	£100	hire

Proposed budget spending provisional.

(MK – Note: These budget figures were revised prior to submission in October)

Update on Buckminster national centre

AE said that he had been to Buckminster at least 15 times this year and was very impressed always clean and tidy with plenty of flying and something going on most weekends.

MC said he had attended the beer festival held there which was hoped would encourage more locals to visit.

JM asked if there was any examiners that could do Silent Flight B tests at Long Mynd

AE replied that he would always be happy to spend time on the Mynd and happy to conduct any test required.

We welcomed a new member attending the meeting for the first time

Jason Kenyon Hale Hall MFC, requested to be updated on CAA registration and what it would mean to members as you will appreciate this was a robust topic.

AE explained what had been involved in a recent trip to France with various other pilots. They were required to watch videos and then answer 20 multiple choice questions which never varied, after this they were given a certificate and identification number all the certificates were checked before being allowed to fly but no number were on any of the models flying.

As the CAA and DFT stopped talking to us in January. It is only now that David Phipps was being as to meet the DFT with regards to the subject of registration any news will be posted as soon as possible. BMFA says business as usual until any further notification.

JK said he had been watching lots of videos by Bruce Simpson (New Zealand) and the parliamentary fiasco and would keep watching for any further updates.

Meeting closed at 9:53

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