

BMFA NW Area OGM 07/05/19 Minutes – Ratified

Attending.

Martyn Kinder.	Chairman
Mike Colling.	Vice chair
Carl Brotherton.	Secretary/ treasurer, Sale MFC
Keith Barker.	Rochdale indoor
John Minchell.	Shropshire indoor and Sleaf MFC
Andy Ellison.	PRO. Tyldesley MFC
Kevin Watson	ASC. Blackburn MFC
Roger Price.	Staffordshire MHC
Sue Price	Minutes Secretary – non voting

There were 9 in attendance 8 voting Started at 20:00 hrs

Location

St Aidan's Parish Centre, Winstanley, Wigan.

Apologies for absence.

Derick Perchard
John Leadbetter
Gerry Ferrer

Correspondence.

No new correspondence.

Martyn addressed the meeting for any matters arising from the last meeting on 08/01/19 and assured us he was making a good recovery after a recent health scare.

Minutes for the last meeting were passed as a true record. Proposed Kevin Watson, Seconded Roger Price: Voting 4 for, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions

Matters Arising

KW. Achievement scheme co-ordinator (ASC)

Mentioned the recent examiners workshop at Oslwaldtwistle, which was run as a roadshow. This went quite well with approximately 20 attending some travelling down from Scotland.

JM asked how many would normally attend, last year it was 30 plus that's why KW said the idea is to improve this in a programme of workshops holding one in Cannock and one in North Wales

Approximate cost £100 per workshop.

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Officer's reports.

Chairman's Report – Martyn Kinder

MK returning to fitness mentioned a joint venture with LMMGA. There will be a BBQ etc. and will be run by MK and JM. Any funding raised will be donated to support the local Air Ambulance.

MK advised on the new model pilot registration scheme. Requested that all members respond to the CAA/government consultation and will lobby all clubs regarding the £16.50 fee for all pilots in regard to the CAA registration.

KB felt that the CAA seemed to disregard EASA earlier ruling in regards to all affiliated club members regarding the requirements for registration. MK advised that the EASA and DfT requirements had different political drivers.

AE said there is a meeting with the Aviation minister Baroness Vere of Norbiton and the CAA, BMFA, SMA, LMA and FPVUK. We don't just want members to only complete online petitions. We also need as many members as possible to lobby your local MP and Baroness Vere and to complete the online surveys as soon as they can. JM said to email text all the members of your clubs to stress the importance of this issue and the need for them to respond.

Action - MK agreed to mail Chairmen and Secretaries to remind members to take action

MK said that he had run (as NW Area Education co-ordinator) 3 more educational sessions explaining the theory of flight to school children, taking place in school time.

One session to a whole school on the history of Aviation and 2 x two hour sessions at a Norwich school on Bernoulli's principle and 3 Axis stability

AE said he could have attended as he was in Manchester University in previous years regarding this topic.

Secretary and Treasurer's report – Carl Brotherton

CB has completed the accounts but needs those auditing before full circulation. MK said we are approximately receiving the right budget for the area.

PRO report – Andy Ellison

To encourage members to send all information to him regarding any events or fundraisers etc., and he would make sure it was circulated.

John said all media should be used email Facebook etc.

MK suggested that a monthly 'news' email would help.

Vice Chairman's report – Mike Colling

Stated that the Velodrome NW was a good starting point to build on. Numbers were slightly down but it was considered that this was because the event had not been run the two previous years. See Appendix at the end of the minutes.

MC also said he had attended education for aviation in Switzerland and he learned that in Australia they include aviation in the school curriculum. (STEM subject)

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ASC's report – Kevin Watson

Hoping to arrange 2 examiners workshops / roadshows in Cannock and Rhyl. Needs to speak to Andy Stanley regarding the Cannock event.

AE said that 180 clubs for the area was a large area to cover , Kevin thinks that it make take 5 years to complete the area.

JM said that we are trying to improve things for all clubs in the NW area.

Scale Manager's report – John Minchell

JM reported that Velodrome was attended by 13 but numbers were down by approximately half, probably due to the fact that the event had not been run the previous two years and had dropped from people's radar.

The Indoor FF Nationals was held at Walsall the previous weekend and it was well attended.

JM said that the Nationals made a loss of £200 but this was subsidised the Scale Committee. There were 33 entries and 74 spectators which helped cover the financial outlay of running the event.

Rochdale Indoor Manager's report. – Keith Barker

Needs more attendees to prevent running at a loss approximately of approximately £50 per event. 25 attendees @ £4:00 each is required to break even

After the summer break attendance costs will be increased to £5:00 per session and KB is open to suggestions for improving attendance. CB commented that we used to get an invoice from "Link for life" regarding Rochdale indoor, KB explained it accounted for all sessions regarding room hire for the indoor fly ins. JM said if the invoice included V.A.T then BMFA head office would recover and reimburse the V.A.T. JM reiterated that Carl need to contact Sian Sergeant at BMFA head office Leicester if V.A.T as this is recoverable. This is work in progress.

AE said there is a rule where no one is to host a BMFA sponsored event that is forecast to lose money. MK said that it's important that this sorted as soon as possible that the request for budget funding needs to be submitted in June/July 2019 and we need to understand costs and liabilities for future events of this nature

KB said that the Rochdale indoor was run to facilitate an event for local clubs.

KB said he will try to negotiate for reduced fees regarding Rochdale indoor.

Action – CB to contact HO regrading VAT recovery, KB to try and negotiate a more favourable room hire rate

Full Council agenda for meeting 11/5/2019.

A number of proposals are included in the Full Council agenda items. Item numbers below refer to the Agenda Item. For clarity and continuity, the full council voting has been included here *in italics*
Action on MK to discuss in Council and vote accordingly.

Item 9a Membership of SRC – Approved unanimously. *Approved in Council*

Item 10e Alterations to Council Handbook to extend period for production of minutes – Approved unanimously. *Approved in Council*

Item 10f Production of Actions list – Approved unanimously. *Approved in Council*

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Item 11a Approval for rules and records be delegated to relevant technical committees. This was rejected as not all records are competition records. (Footnote: when clarified at the Council meeting, this was clarified that it referred to the RULES for records, not the records themselves). *This was approved in Council. NW area voted in favour following clarification*

Item 12b-i Refund of funding assistance in the event that a competitor won money at a FAI event. NW Area voted against recommending that FAI should be approached to not offer cash prizes to maintain the Amateur status of these events. *The motion was carried in Council*

Item 12b-ii. Any team member must be a full BMFA member (i.e. not a family member). NW Area voted against this. *This proposal was withdrawn in Council*

Item 12b-iii. Advertising for Manager places. Agreed that MK would vote as required on the day. Query over the words 'Timely Manner'. *This was approved by Council and NW Area voted in favour*

Item 12b-iv. Multiple applications for team Manager would be decided by Team Members. NW Area agreed to vote against this. *Proposal withdrawn in Council.*

Item 15. Area Funding

MK briefed attendees on the proposed area funding changes. The last 2 area council meetings have discussed area funding, stressing that some areas are struggling for funding while (for example), one area is running at a loss. NW – due to inactivity - has retained a sizeable surplus
Basically, each area needs to submit a budget. Some items that we would normally pay for from our allocation will be excluded, for example web hosting.

Total amount of money for areas will remain the same, budget spreadsheets to be submitted in June/July before then next financial year regarding the funding that each area requires.

NW Area example: Fly-ins £150 and £100 for 2 events per year.

Achievement scheme events will be funded by ASRC.

Principle is that any 'sponsored' events should break even. Spending is permitted and should be prioritised where there will, (1) be public present, (2) open to other areas or (3) open to other clubs. Spending should be for something tangible, for example 'Toilet Hire'.

Area comp events are run by the relevant technical committee and out of scope. Local (fun) contests that are run or supported by the area should aim to be self-funding.

International team support or sponsorship must not be paid for from Area budgets

Area meeting room hire and food (no drinks) once a year for the AGM is permitted

No 1st class post

Any existing Area cash in hand (reserves) is ring fenced and can remain in area.

It was agreed in principle that this form of budgetary funding is the correct approach however the proposal was not clear on how short notice (non-forecast) items would be funded and it was considered that the proposal was too restrictive. MK instructed to discuss in Council. *Footnote. The proposal was considered to be overly complex and was simplified before being approved in Council. Non-forecast spend should be paid for out of area reserves and then claimed back from HQ.*

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Any Other Business

Application for a Blackpool fly in £180 requested for toilet facilities Approved

Prizes for £50 = 6 bottles of wine for NW Area/Scale event. Approved

ACE (Area chief examiner) voting results

John Biggins Silent flight Approved unanimously

CB submitted a first pass Budget for 2020. Estimating that £3,500 would be required. Action on MK and CM to refine budget for early submission in late June or July for 2020-21 FY. Budget will need to be submitted in August 2019.

CB notified the meeting that the 2018-19 accounts had been audited by Keith Elliot.

Meeting closed at 22:28

Appendix - Velodrome Attendance 2016 and 2019

Total Number of Flyers	2016	2019
DURATION CLASSES	17 Senior + 2 Juniors	13 Senior 0 Juniors
F1D	2	1
F1L	3	3
F1M	2	4
Limited Penny Plane	8	7
Bostonian	3	7
Legal Eagle	6	5
No-Cal	3	1
Osprey (Not a class in 2016).		4
SCALE CLASSES		
Open Scale	8	7
Peanut Scale	6	3
Pistachio Scale	2	3