

BMFA North West Area

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

22 November 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Establish voting strength
3. Errors and Omissions of 2021 NW Area AGM Minutes. (Received in Advance).
4. Adoptions of Minutes of the 2021 AGM
5. Matters arising
6. Adoption of revised Area Constitution
7. Officer's reports:
 - a. Chairman and Area Delegate
 - b. Vice Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. PRO
 - f. Achievement Scheme Coordinator
 - g. Flying Discipline Secretaries
8. Area Chief Examiner's reports
 - a. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
9. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Secretary
 - c. PRO (Communications Officer)
 - d. Webmaster (Communications Officer)
 - e. Youth Engagement Officer
 - f. Country Member Delegate
10. Date for 2023 AGM

The AGM will be followed by a short ordinary general meeting

The meeting started at 19:45

Present:

Martyn Kinder	South Cheshire RCS	(Chair and Area Delegate)
Andy Brough	Whitefield MAC	
David Hindley	Blackpool & Fylde RCS	(No vote)
Richard Hughes	Lleyn MAC	
Stephen Warburton	Blackpool & Fylde RCS	
John Minchell	Shawbury Indoor	
Carl Brotherton	Secretary and Treasurer	(No Vote)
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers	

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Chris Boardman	Blackburn & District MAC (Vice Chair)
Kevin Watson	Blackburn & District MAC (ASC)
Stuart Weaver	Sleap MFC
Robert Payne	Hough End MAC
Keith Elliot	Fylde Coast MFC

2. Voting Strength

The Voting strength was established at 6 Clubs

The Chair expressed his disappointment at such a poor turnout.

3. Errors and Omissions of the 2021 AGM Minutes

No errors had been reported in advance.

JM noted one typo in the Agenda for the 2021 minutes which referred to the 2017 meeting.

Note: At this point JM lost connection – voting strength reduced to 5 clubs.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the 2022 North West AGM

- a. Gerry Ferer proposed that these were a true record, seconded by Andy Brough.
The voting was 3 in favour with 2 abstentions

5. Matters Arising from the 2021 AGM Minutes

- a. Review of Aset Register is still outstanding. MK & CB to review and remove items of zero nominal value
- b. AB asked whether the more valuable Assets were insured. CB replied that the Area had no insurance. MK to check whether the higher value items (such as trophies) were covered by BMFA insurance.
- c. KM to update at the next OGM regarding the proposals to ensure that Examiners and Instructors were still capable of fulfilling their role.

Note: At this point JM reconnected – voting strength increased to 6 clubs.

6. Adoption of revised Area Constitution

MK explained the process for the adoption of the new Area Constitution and how amendments will be handled.

MK proposed that the new constitution is adopted, seconded by AB

A discussion on minor amendments followed:

GF proposed that item 4.1.11 should be removed as its is up to the Tech Committees to nominate a delegate to represent Drone Flyers. This was seconded by AB.

The requested change was passed unanimously and will be submitted to Areas Council for ratification.

The vote for the adoption of the Area Constitution followed and this was passed unanimously.

Action:

MK to raise the change at the January Areas Council meeting

MK to check that paragraph 6.2.2 is reference in the Constitution Guidance along with other ways of notifying the an Area meeting is called. (e.g. email and Social Media)

7. Officer's reports.

a. Chairman and Delegate

For personal reasons, this has been a very mixed up year for me with two brief spells in hospital followed by much longer recuperation periods. However, the BMFA activities and responsibilities continue.

I have now completed 4 years as Chairman and 5 years as Area Delegate. This was the self-imposed limit I set when I was first elected as Area Delegate back in early 2018. However, I am prepared to stand for a further term if requested.

My main BMFA Activities have been threefold this year.

1. As you are aware I have been highly involved in a small (Areas) working party bringing documentation up to date. We have completed the draft of the new Areas Constitution and this has been accepted at Areas Council. In parallel with this, I also did a little work on the new BMFA Articles of Association to ensure that the new Constitution was properly referenced. At the BMFA AGM last Saturday, the new Articles of Association were voted in almost unanimously with only a few queries, one of which referenced the Areas (there was concern about the word 'Control' which was carried forward from the previous iteration of the Articles). As a result of the AoA vote, I am now no longer a Director of the BMFA but (subject to being voted in again), I will remain the NW Area Delegate for 2023. Just to confuse matters, the NW Area Delegate becomes a non-executive Director in 2024 for two years but as a Delegate for all Areas at the Board (which replaces Full Council). Another of the side effects is that the Area is presently operating without a Constitution. Nothing to lose sleep over, but it is important that we do remedy this later in this meeting.
2. I have attended all of the Areas Council and Full Council meetings and hopefully contributed in a worthwhile manner. I attend using Zoom as I find it easier to hear what is going on. It also saves the BMFA my travel expenses. All Areas Council meetings are by Zoom now.
3. As I reported last year after the Rochdale Indoor Series. The event is growing in popularity although the organisation at the school does test my patience somewhat. The first two events of this session have had 27 paid attendees (guests, helpers and juniors are free) and we are making a small surplus at these events which will cover the slight loss we made last year. I am pleased to report that (mainly thanks to Norwind and David Whitehouse) there has been no increase in the hall hire fees this year so we have kept the admission charge to £10 per flyer for the five hour session. Considering the size of the hall, this has to be the best value indoor event in the country.

We had the inaugural NW Area Scale Fly-in back in May. Sadly, the weather didn't consider us kindly so there were very few flyers daring to brave the very turbulent elements. Nonetheless, the turn out was better than expected and hopefully we will be able to run the event again in 2023 with better weather requested this time. Many thanks to Shropshire MFC for their support,

Other minor activities include:

I have only made one club visit with a talk this year which was a talk on how the BMFA and the Areas operate and the likely changes within the organisation. (Bramhall Area Thermal and Slope Soarers). I am more than happy to visit any club in the North West Area to discuss BMFA matters.

I have tried to keep the Website up to date but I do struggle for newsworthy content. Please provide me with anything that may be of use. I am sure that far more happens in the North West Area than ever gets reported.

Education. I have only managed one STEM activity this year where I managed to squeeze in and demonstrate Aeromodelling basically hijacking another subject. The afternoon went well though (the 5th year on the trot at that particular school) and I expect that I will be invited back next year.

A new outreach director will be appointed following the adoption of the new BMFA AoA and I hope to get further involved with a revised BMFA Education Portfolio.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Officers of the NW Area for their ongoing support. I would welcome anyone to join us who believes that they could offer some assistance with running of the Area.

- b. Vice Chairmans report
Not submitted
- c. Secretary report
A Null report from CB as Secretary due to low levels of Secretarial Activity
- d. Treasurers Report
CB presented the Area Accounts which had been checked by Keith Elliot. Copy attached at the rear of these minutes

A number of questions raised:

1. JM advised that the Eddie Riding paraphernalia had been passed over to the STC and that some of this was of historical interest.
2. A question was raised on the location of the 'Scale Trophy', which appears to show that the trophy was in the care of the Shawbury club. JM advised that it was not in the care of Shawbury Indoor and assumes that Shawbury outdoor club may have the trophy.
Action MK to contact Stuart McFarlane to check
Action MK to attempt to contact Russell Peers, Phil Owen and DLJ executors to establish if there was any other BMFA NW assets in their possession.
3. GF asked why there had been a drop in the allocation of BMFA funds between 2020/21 and 2021/22 Financial years. MK explained that the Areas submit a budget and normally this would be fulfilled. There is no requirement for an Area to return unused funds however but underspend would be factored into the following years allocation. i.e. the surplus would be deducted. In this case, due to Covid there had been a significant underspend in the 2020/21 financial year.

CB proposed that these were a true set of records, seconded JM and adopted unanimously.

- e. PROs report. The role is vacant. MK briefed the meeting on the relatively small number of PRO activities that he had performed.
- f. Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.
KW tendered apologies in advance. He was on holiday celebrating a 'special' birthday and this was accepted by the Chair. He submitted the following report:

BMFA NW Area Achievement Scheme report.

Unfortunately, I am abroad celebrating a birthday tonight so have handed this over to Martyn Kinder who will deliver my report as below :-

This year has seen varied activity from our ACE's as detailed below in their individual reports. (Included at the foot of these minutes)

Overall, we are very fortunate in the NW Area with the experienced ACE's who have been proactive, engaged with the National body, Achievement Scheme Review Committee, events, local clubs and modellers but most importantly been visible out there in the NW area. As agents of the BMFA this is a vital part of any Chief Examiners role.

I was very pleased to be involved in both National and International events during 2022, which included "Freestyle Masters", "Weston Park International", LMA Cosford, LMA Elvington and Winterton. I was delighted to be the Team Manager for "The Reds Duo" at The Formation Cup in Germany. During these activities it was good to meet up and be supported by most of our Area Chief Examiners.

I have been jointly involved (with Andy Ellison) in running the Jet Flying events at the National Centre throughout the year.

I have taken part and been involved with the BMFA Achievement Scheme Test and Train days at the national Centre.

At Club level I am involved with 4 flying clubs acting as instructor and/or examiner.

I sit on the BMFA Achievement Scheme Committee which manages the tests and documentation for all BMFA members. I welcome a couple of minor changes to the scheme tests for 2023.

I sit on a local club committee acting as both secretary and treasurer.

I sit on the BMFA NW Area committee as the Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator, also being a current Area Chief Examiner.

I am currently the Safety Officer for the Jet Modellers Association.

I was involved in the re write of the BMFA / JMA / GTBA code of practice for Gas Turbine Modellers.

I have supported and allocated NW Area ACEs to duties within our area, most of which is now complete with a couple of exceptions.

I have delivered 2 Test and Train events at the Fleetwood (FCMFA) club and nominated a member with severe Parkinsons disease for a BMFA award after successfully passing his A test.

I have supported a new NW club examiner with his first testing session in Lancaster.

I have given a talk (with Andy Ellison) at an achievement scheme evening in Blackpool (BFRCMS).

During 2022 I have demonstrated tests, undertaken tests for Fixed wing and tested candidates wishing to become examiners for the scheme.

A diverse set of events which I trust adds further valued experience to our repertoire, leading to Overall a very positive year in the North West Area and hopefully the negative effects from COVID 19 are now behind us.

Having carefully reviewed the status of our NW Area and Area Chief Examiners, I propose that 9 of the current ACE's are re ratified for 2023.

Thank you once again for the support shown in 2022.

KW

g. Flying Discipline Reports

As Scale Delegate, JM reported that he had organised 2 Scale Glider Aerotows and 1 BMFA Scale event at Sherlowe. This was despite that he had been suffering from a debilitating illness for most of the year. As a result of these events, £1650 had been raised for charitable donations split equally between the Shropshire Air Ambulance and a local hospice.

Although not strictly scale, Shawbury indoor was awaiting final sign off of the risk assessment so that events could resume following a 3 year break.

For 2023, JM was planning to run 2 further Scale Aerotows and 1 BMFA Scale event.

8. Area Chief Examiner's reports

MK distributed ACE reports by email before the meeting. No comments had been received

a. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners

The following ACEs were ratified for 2023:

Andy Ellison
Rob Stenhouse
Andy Rigby
Andy Stanley
David Harris
Mark Barnes
Christopher Bradbury
Mick Johnston
Kevin Watson

9. Election of Officers:

a. Chair

There had been no proposals received for a Chairman. MK agreed to stand for a further term.

b. Secretary

There had been no proposals received for a Secretary. CB agreed to stand for a further term

MK explained the scope and responsibilities of the following 4 roles.

c. PRO (Communications Officer)

There were no proposals received. The post remains vacant.

- d. Webmaster (Communications Officer)
There were no proposals received. The post remains vacant.
- e. Youth Engagement Officer
There were no proposals received. The post remains vacant.
- f. Country Member Delegate
There were no proposals received. The post remains vacant.

JM asked how (Tech Committee) Discipline secretaries are to be appointed for 2023. MK replied that it is in the interest of each TC to appoint their own Delegates who will be authorised to represent the interests of the respective TC.

10. Date for 2023 AGM

The 2023 AGM will be held on the 21st November 2023. This will probably be a Zoom meeting.

The meeting ended at 21:18.

MK thanked those present for attending.

Provisional

**BMFA NORTH WEST AREA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Education Item set aside (see note 1)		
Zoom (see Note 2)		143.88
Travel Area meetings		191.00
BMFA Club Support Defibrillator (Backpool)	250.00	
BMFA Club Support Ground Matting (Oldham MFC)	250.00	
Fly-in Backpool	180.00	
Flight Fest	0.00	
Shrewsbury Aero Tug (ch100453)	62.35	
Delyn Ach. Scheme Workshop	51.32	
Delyn Travel	41.50	80.00
Rochdale Indoor See Note 3	225.00	
Bungees	264.83	
sum expenditure	1,325.00	414.88
Income (see note 5)	1,620.44	2,478.77
Surplus (deficit) for the year (see Note 5)	295.44	2,063.89

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH:**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2021-2022 £	2020-2021 £
BMFA Grant	600.00	2,414.00
Rochdale Indoor (see Note 5)	1,020.00	
Bank Interest	0.44	1.27
Undaimed expences		63.50
total	1,620.44	2,478.77

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130.00			:20/9/21
240.00			:22/23/11/21
	225.00		:13/1/22
240.00			:17/1/22
240.00			:21/1/22
170.00			:21/3/22
1,020.00	225.00	795.00	See Note 3 & 4

BALANCE SHEET

	2020-21 £	2019-20 £
Gross Funds at 1 April 2022 (see note 5)	10,440.09	10,144.65
Est. money (invoices) not paid in 2021-22 (note 2)	1,043.00	
Ring fenced education fund (note 1)	363.00	
Approximate net funds 2021-22	9,034.09	9,331.65

	2021-2022 £	2020-2021 £
Bank account - Deposit	5,964.10	5,669.10
Bank account - Current	4,333.60	4,333.16
Cash	142.39	142.39
Total Funds	10,440.09	10,144.65
	295.44	

Certified to be a true record of the financial position of the BMFA North West Area committee funds at 31 March 2022

Treasurer

Auditor

DATE

- Note 1** Ring fenced Education sum £363 from previous years
Note 2 Zoom Licence Fee submitted in the 2022-23 financial year £143.38
Note 3 Hall hire invoices not yet fully submitted, therefore remainder to be paid in the 2022-23 financial year
Note 4 Not all of the hall hire invoices have been received, to date, a deficit of £105 is anticipated
Note 5 It is anticipated that additional invoices and late invoices will be an additional £1043 carried forward into the 2022-23 financial year

Other assets of the committee:

Table	D Lloyd-Jones*
Eddie Riding banners	D Lloyd-Jones*
Reg Board	K Barker
Frequency checker	K Barker
Rising Pole	K Barker
Display boxes	K Barker
Retrieval Pole	J Leadbeater
Scale Trophy (Shawbury)	D Lloyd-Jones*
Gbert trophy	P Owens
Mrs Lawton Trophy	R Peers

Items marked with *** have been depreciated to zero value and will no longer be declared as assets

Area Chief Examiner Reports

Andy Ellison
Rob Stenhouse
Andy Rigby
Andy Stanley
David Harris
Mark Barnes
Christopher Bradbury
Mick Johnston
Kevin Watson
John Biggins

Individual ACE returns as below.

ACE Report Year 2022.

Testing: I did a Heli Test in May for a club member who flies a large turbine model he passed with flying colours and will now be flying on the show circuit. I currently have a MR Barry Gibbons waiting to do a Heli Examiners.

I am still on standby for Roger Price at SSHC, although there has been no testing over there in the past 12 months.

I am now in my 9th year as chairman of Cannock Model Aero Club.

I have been accepted and am now a member of the RAF model flying club at Shawbury, so I can help with any tests required there.

I was actively involved in Weston Park this year and I also attended the LMA Cosford event where I helped and spotted on the Show Line.

I will be continuing my technical duties and increasing my involvement in the representation of our wonderful hobby at various shows in 2023.

I am happy to continue with my BMFA duties into 2023 if required.

AS

Andy Ellison - Area Chief Examiners report 2022

A strange year for me. I seem to have been demonstrating fixed wing B certificate tests ad-indefinitum. My own clubs at Tyldesley and Skelmersdale have benefitted from the plight of other clubs in the North West Area during 2022 and picked up a considerable number of displaced model flyers. They generally come to us qualified with an A certificate but it is clearly of a poor nature. Previous examiners have done them a disservice in that even basic circuits are not accurate enough to meet the B cert standard to which many of these pilots now aspire. This has led to informal grumbles of me 'testing to too high a standard'.

Now I have spent many years on and off as both an Area Chief Examiner and an active member of

the BMFA Achievement Scheme Review Committee, building the flying tests across the board into what we see today. I have an acute knowledge of the required standard of flight and my standard is just 'The Standard' as expected nationally, not exceptionally high or unusual, just 'The Standard.' Such is the poor level of testing in these members experience at their previous clubs that they consider their poor standard to be wholly acceptable. I and the other examiners in my club(s) which include three other NW Area Chief Examiners, are working with these pilots to improve their basics up to a passable standard while pushing their training and abilities further to an acceptable B pass. Hidden amongst all these demo's I have been assisting the Area Scheme Controller in covering shortfalls at other clubs and testing members for fixed wing B tests to prime them for examiner status. It often proves difficult to pin these guys down, but I have conducted a smattering of tests across the board. A few have failed and will be rescheduled but some have passed very successfully. One notable is young Nathan Rigby aged 8 at the time, who sailed through a Fixed Wing B certificate in time for him to fly at the Weston Park Show. It was not an exceptional test flight, just a solid safe pass. I took a different approach to young Nathan (whose Dad is also and A.C.E.) when it came to the questions. I could not honestly expect a young boy to rattle off Air Nav answers word for word so I used a method I have employed before when testing Autistic candidates of 'Having a conversation'. During this chat I would broach various aspects of model flight including broad 'questions' design to encapsulate a satisfactory answer and to check the understanding and knowledge of the candidate rather than have them recite an answer verbatim or parrot fashion, like one might do more normally. This worked well for young Nathan and he demonstrated very good knowledge of field safety, model requirements, relevant parts of Air Law and questions associated with model integrity and display flying.

Additionally, amongst a smattering of other A and B certificates passes conducted through the year (my apologies for not having robust numbers), I was asked to conduct a Helicopter A certificate. It is nice to keep ones hand in, not being a Heli pilot (really) myself. After a few training flights the candidate was successful and very happy with his day. This was important to me as he personally has a clear and direct line of communication with the examiner at his previous club whose testing and training standard was evident in the pilots I mentioned at the beginning of my report. Hopefully the message will get back and flying across the board will improve.

Happy to continue in 2023.

AE

Summary

I have been unable to organise my SF B test on the slope, however I have a cunning plan. I have not carried out any tests for club examiner.

My club examiner/instructor activity is very busy, particularly on the slope.

I would like to continue as ACE for the NW area.

ACE Activity

Club examiner testing. Non completed.

I have been approached to take on the additional role as ACE for the Midlands area. This would help me to gain more experience in testing club examiners.

However my priority is to complete my SF "B" so I can nucleate more club examiners and "B" level slope fliers. This would be in the NW with Leek and Moorland.

Club Examiner Activity

Bassett MFC have a small group of pilots in training for fixed wing "B" and a young man who wishes to take his "C" (aerobatic).

In LMMGC I have completed five "A" tests in the last few weeks. (I've done three today!). I think I have finally got the ball rolling and I intend to continue to encourage pilots to improve their flying skills and consider working towards a certificate. I need to be able to test to "B" standard.

Discussion

Despite contacting a reasonably local chief examiner with SF achievements I have not been able to combine weather and other commitments and complete my SF "B" slope. The ACE in question is only available weekends.

My plan is to purchase a competitive F5j glider and take a SF "B" electric test. This I can do by attending a test day at another club field to which I can travel to the examiner instead of the other way round. (Buckminster?)

Since writing the above I have redone my BMFA registration competency certificate, passed my "A" SFE at my local club and passed my "B" SFE at last weekend's training/examiner workshop hosted by PANDAS in the centre of Pontefract Racecourse. My cunning plan worked!

I would respectfully request that I now have the required silent flight qualification to add silent flight to my fixed wing Chief Examiner Credential. This will enable me to extend my drive to improve flying ability through promotion of the achievement scheme particularly on the slopes within the NW region. I hope you feel that you can include this proposal in my Area Chief Examiner Credential.

JB

As usual I have been quite active and will bullet point for convenience.

- I am still Chairman of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee and have attended all the meetings.
- I have attended the BMFA National Centre on several occasions to teach and test model flying and drones at the ASRC workshops. This has included taking multiple A-cert, B-cert and Examiner tests with candidates of varying disciplines.
- I took part in the BMFA world record attempt at my local club.
- I have attended Burton MFC and provided a training day.
- I have attended my local clubs and performed various tests.
- I have attended a few local club events to show face and support.
- I attended Blades Over Buckminster (BOB) at the BMFA National Centre and conducted several new Multirotor Examiner tests for the BDRA. This is a new examiner status agreed by the ASRC for the BDRA to only do multirotor tests.

- I am still Drone Support Officer for the BMFA and have answer 100's of emails throughout the year on drone licensing for example.
- I have on many occasions undertaken online chatting with drone flyers via the BDF virtual pub on zoom. This enables me to share information and experience with drone flyers, and they get to ask me questions.
- I attended the BMFA Centenary event and provided photography.
- I assisted at the BMFA Payload Challenge as a pilot.
- I have performed some demo flying at the BMFA National Centre for the BBC.
- I looked after and manned the BMFA stand for the 3 days of the Weston Park model show.
- I helped man the BMFA stand at the IWM Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show, as well as demoing FPV drones inside a gazebo.
- I will be attending IWM Duxford again in a week's time to demo indoor flying and talk to the public.
- I attended a Police drone education event for Lincolnshire Police.
- I created numerous videos for the British Drone Flyers on legal flying, which are all on the BMFA YouTube channel.
- I am currently in the process of creating drafts for potential competition rules for various drone events, with the hope of starting some as early as 2023.
- I have completed filming and editing of the BMFA Centenary Video.
- I have taken and passed the following achievement scheme tests this year: Fixed Wing Scale C, Camera Drone A-cert, FPV Racing A-cert.
- Personally, I am now working on my Fixed Wing Aerobatic C as my next personal goal.
- Personally, through my company I have used drones to film numerous TV, programmes, adverts and feature films throughout the year.
- Personally, through my company I have completed numerous drone surveys throughout the year.
- Personally, I functioned as Flight Safety Officer and senior pilot for the IMechE UAS Challenge.
- I attended and flew at the LMA Cosford event, assisting with some buddy box sessions for visitors.
- I gave an In The Air Tonight talk on getting started with camera drones.

I think that's about it, not bad considering the hospital time lol...

CB

Good evening Kevin, unfortunately not much to report this year I'm afraid, as a club we tried to hold 3 public presentations, only 1 of which was given permission by the organisers, which was held recently at Jurby at the end of the Manx Grand prix motorcycle racing. Our presentation in a small Gazebo was very popular and we had interest all day with 2 confirmed new members, 1 of which has just moved to the island.

I have pushed our committee to get involved with more public activities but there not very proactive. I've only had the 1 applicant who took his A achievement and passed, several members have shown interest in taking their A or B but I haven't been able to commit at this time.

Will keep trying and with your help and information will hopefully be a better year in 2023.

Regards

DH

Not that much activity directly with testing or examiners testing for me this year, the weather was often not in my favour for much of the summer with a last flurry of jet days (7 full days in Sept/Oct) helping me to adjust the balance.

You had asked me to carry out examiner testing for a local club to me at Middlewich earlier in the year where I've been supporting them over the last few years but following difficulty in arranging a suitable day with the candidate, Mark Barnes took the test at the Wrexham club so Middlewich now have an examiner in place.

My club TMFC has continued to expend with close to 60 members now from local clubs that have had field difficulties and we have gained their members. The standard of flying from these other clubs with some of the flyers holding A and B certificates has been disappointing to say the least with many well below the required standard.

We have continued to hold training sessions and coach these flyers until they achieved the required standard and effectively being re-signed off for solo flight again at TMFC (mainly A certs on this point).

Attended Weston Park again this year and have now started flying jets at Elvington and Buckminster more recently using all opportunities to promote the achievement scheme whenever possible.

I'm more than happy to continue as an ACE and be re-ratified for 2023.

Regards

RS

A brief summary of this past year (2022).

As chairman of the Skelmersdale MAC, I'm active in promoting the achievement scheme within the broader membership within our club. This year we've hosted two general open days, in addition to our summer achievement scheme day. During the achievement day a host of members were given constant tuition following which two of our members achieved their FW "A", plus one guest from Southport MAC also achieving their FW "A". Demos were also given of the heli "A" in addition to FW "B" demos from myself. Earlier in the year two other FW "A" tests were completed at the field.

Outside of the club I've been active during the year at various shows, events and fly-ins. Where required help is given, either tuition or with aircraft setups and general safety etc.

Most rewarding this year has seen my son, Nathan, progress with both his fixed wing and helicopter flying. Most recently being involved in the Jet Modellers Association flying turbine models at their events. During the summer Nathan achieved his FW "B" – a very proud moment considering his age at the time (8). Nathan has gone on later in the summer to help with the buddy box tuition of two junior flyers at our club.

If accepted by the NW committee, I will continue to set a high standard of examination and tuition on behalf of the BMFA into 2023.

Kind Regards,

AR

2022 ACE Report

Alan Griffiths – Club Examiners

Richard Page – FW A

Attended

Judge Freestyle Masters

Wrexham MFC Flyin

Pilot Weston Park

2x PSSA Events Great Orme

Not been able to get to anything else due to work and family commitments

MB

Not a massive amount to report this year;

Have advised a club (MK heli club) on how to get into the scheme

Helped run BOB 4 this year to get more heli flyers into the scheme

and whilst there did an A and 2 B's. I also helped a couple of the guys get through the BMFA CAA test too.

I am also trying to get a couple more of guys through their A at the Bury club and Banks. Hopefully that will bear fruit soon.

MJ