

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 10th May 2016 at St Aidan's Parish Centre,
Winstanley, Wigan.**

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman & Delegate/CCMAA
Derek Gilbert	Secretary & Treasurer/Sale MFC
Mike Colling	Vice Chairman/ Wigan
Roy Allam	Achievement Sch Co-ord/FCMFA
Keith Barker	Web Master and Rochdale R/CMFA
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
Martyn Kinder	South Cheshire RCS
Dave Swarbrick	Blackpool & Fylde RCMS
Peter Cathrow	Blackpool & Fylde RCMS
Colin Usher	Kilton RCMAC

12 voting

The meeting started at 8.06 pm

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from John Leadbeater and Tom Anyon.

Correspondence

None

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It was confirmed that Sleap could only be used for an examiners meeting as it was also a live full size airfield.

Under N W Area Fly-ins the first line should read "The Chairman confirmed" not "Keith Barker confirmed".

The minutes were accepted with two abstentions.

Matters Arising

Bickershaw reported that they have lost the use of their field which leaves the area with no venue for an area fly-in.

Keith Barker asked if there was anything further regarding the Police blocking 2.4 GHz. Wayne Pendleton understood the Police had tried it in Trafford Park and the Chairman said he would raise this with Manny Williamson at the next meeting at Leicester.

Officers' Reports

The Chairman informed the meeting that there will be discussions regarding the "Mandatory Questions" for achievement scheme tests as well as other matters implemented without approval by Council or Area meetings. To consider these an Areas Council meeting has been called for 23rd July.

Council Meetings and Agendas

The Full Council agenda for the meeting on 14th May 2016 was reviewed. The main items discussed and those resulting in advice for the delegate were:

Regarding the funding of Areas the principle of budgeting was accepted, however if it was planned to spend more than usual in one year, the grant should be able to be increased for that year. It was not clear if the grant could be spent on competitions and fly – ins in the area or would such events always be treated as self funding. It was generally agreed that as written the proposal should be rejected, but if it was changed to exclude "self funding" for such events, it could be supported.

Item 9d Regarding the eligibility of Joe Halman, the Delegate was unanimously informed how to vote.

Item 9e(1) regarding the recording of voting for annual re-election of Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors, this was approved with one abstention.

Item 10(1) regarding number of entries in a competition. It was agreed that if only one person attempted to fly then it should be a valid competition result but we need to define "entry".

Item 15(a) regarding the introduction of a joining fee. This was unanimously rejected by the meeting.

Item 15(b). The meeting could not agree to spending £900 on a compact digital display unit by Silent Flight without more detailed explanation of the need for such a purchase.

N W Area Fly-ins

Keith Barker noted that the additional Rochdale indoor meeting was to be held on 15th May. Keith also mentioned that he had agreed to take on the post of Webmaster for the area again.

AOB

Wayne Pendleton noted that he still needed help with the BMFA stand at both Weston Park and Cosford.

Wayne also informed the meeting that Andy Symons had taken an “A” test in the Liverpool area without informing the area or asking permission from the Area Achievement Scheme Controller. The Chairman agreed to raise this at the next Council Meeting.

John Minchell reported that Sleaford were happy to host an examiners meeting at their field.

Dave Swarbrick offered to hold an examiners meeting at Blackpool and would seek approval from the club.

John O'Donnell asked as the Nats had been cancelled, what is being planned for next year and what about Cranfield? The Chairman stated that we may hear more at the Council Meeting.

Dave Swarbrick noted that there seemed to be a fall in the number of members taking a fixed wing “B” test. He thought many are put off by having to do a Bunt, a manoeuvre hardly ever seen on his club's field.

He wondered if interest could be generated by changing the following:-

Inside loop to 2 inside loops

Outside loop (bunt) to downwind inverted pass.

This would also be suitable for turbines.

A vote was taken to consider including a formal proposal to Council at the next area meeting and this failed with only 4 voting for the proposal.

It was agreed to call an extra Area meeting to discuss the agenda of the Area Council Meeting on 23 July and the room was booked for a N W Area meeting on Tuesday 19th July.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

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

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