

EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 19:45.
The Three Kings, Hengrave Road, Fornham All Saints,
Bury St Edmunds.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Geoff Reynolds - Lakeside, Steve White – Southend, Alan Paul - Webmaster

2. Present – 10 members

- Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer
- Paul Hoey – Chairman/Delegate
- Graham Gooch - Norwich
- Tony Waters – RADMAC
- John Copsey – IVCMAC
- Steve Bowles – Comp Sec
- Jason Channing – Achievement Scheme Coordinator
- Vic Blackwood – BMFC
- Steve York – NMFC
- Alan Jackson - BTRMAC

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (12th September 2019)
Proposed Graham Gooch Seconded John Copsey Agreed.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered by agenda items.

5. Chairman

- The Chairman thanked the previous member of the Committee and was sure that the changes made at the AGM would soon bed down.
- The Chairman updated the situation with respect to the CAA's proposed registration of model flyers. There was nothing new to report except to encourage all members to ensure that they were now CAA recognised through the CAA or BMFA on-line tests or as holders of an Achievement Scheme 'A' certificate. It was expected that BMFA members would receive their CAA registration number towards the end of February following the BMFA's bulk download to the CAA in early May. Keep watching the BMFA website for any updates/changes.

- The Norwich Club had submitted a request for financial support for input to Norwich Airport Education Academy. The Chairman to discuss outside the meeting with the Norwich Club
- The Chairman presented his paper “Making the Area work for BMFA members”. The ideas and concept were fully agreed and taken onboard by those present.
- The Area would be hosting the ASRC road show on 21st March. The Area web master Alan Paul had made Marshalls of Cambridge available for the session. There were still some security issues to be sorted.

6. Achievement Scheme Coordinator

All the Examiners agreed at the AGM were now on board for 2020. There now appears to be a better understanding with the ASRC after the recent changes within the East Anglian Area committee.

- The coordinator been in touch with the King's Lynn Model Flying Club regarding an Achievement Scheme Workshop. It was agreed that a workshop would take place on 16th May.
- The coordinator was discussing with the North Weald Model Club the idea that they consider joining the East Anglia Area instead of, as now, the London Area. A response from the club is awaited. Note that clubs on the fringe of an Area can request that their Area allegiance is changed. Note the issues regarding the London Area so this change may happen anyway.
- There is lack of sufficient Area Chief Examiners in some parts of the Area. However, a former examiner Steve White from Southend had been in contact wishing to return to the role. Steve would be able to plug the gap in the South of the Area. The Coordinator would discuss the details with Steve.

7. Area Delegate

The January BMFA Council meeting will be putting the officials in place for 2020. There was no contentious business to be discussed and the proposals were largely administrative.

8. Secretary/Treasurer

As required and noted at the last Area meeting an Area budget for 2020 had been submitted but as yet no feed-back had been received from Head Office.

9. Other Business

- Graham Gooch agreed to arrange a training A-way day for aspirant fixed wing power pilots whose clubs did not have a club examiner. Details for the next meeting.

10. Next meeting

- The next meeting March 12th for Areas Council