

EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th May 2022 at 19:45.
Meeting held via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- Gary Hughes – Mid Suffolk
- Vic Blackwood – Bury MFC

2. Present – 5 members

- Paul Hoey – Chairman/Delegate – South Norfolk
- Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer – Vikings
- Alan Paul – Webmaster – Impington
- Graham Gooch – Norwich
- Alan Jackson - BTR

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (14th March 2022)

- Proposed – Paul Hoey, seconded – Graham Gooch - Agreed.

3. Matters arising

- Meetings continue to be held via Zoom with Andy Symons assisting and facilitating Technical Committees, Areas, and Clubs. It is expected that there will be face to face meetings later in the year
- Work on the New BMFA website continues, and the new site is expected to be up and running later in the year. The delay has been caused by problems with the classified adverts on the site. Graham Gooch felt that that these problems relating to the messaging function continue. Overall though the classifieds are a significant improvement on the previous

4. BMFA Briefing for 12th May full Council meeting

- The Council is moving forward with the reshaping of the governance of the BMFA and the role of Areas within the new structure. The key to the success of the changes to the governance will be down to the personalities that fill the various roles.
- The Chairman explained the ongoing work to revise the Area Committee constitution.
- The Area's Council and the Tech Council are onside with the proposed structural changes to the management of the BMFA.

5. Area chairman

- Paul Hoey updated the meeting on the plans to celebrate 100 years of SMAE/BMFA in 2022. The Chairman reported on the successful event on 30th April at the Norwich Forum. Help was given by local clubs.
- The Impington Club had held a successful indoor event which had been supported by the Area.

6. Achievement Scheme

- No report.

7. Other business

- The secretary advised that it is very early days, but renewals to the BMFA are down slightly on 2021 and includes drone fliers who are now returning to the BMFA. As at mid-May 2022 the overall membership is down by 400, however this includes 1,400 drone flyers. Some drone flyers are joining existing model flying clubs. The better weather is expected to give a boost to membership numbers.
- Then NPOD day planned for later in the year, possibly 3rd July is to be run by the Norwich Club. Area support has already been agreed
- The Chairman reminded that the world record attempt of the most models in the air at the same time in the UK is scheduled for Midday on the Sunday 15th May.

8. Next meeting

- The date of the Area meeting will be confirmed later as we are dependent upon the confirmation of BMFA Council meeting dates.