

EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 19:45.
Meeting held via Zoom

Apologies for Absence

- Stephen Bowles – Comp Sec – Vikings
- Jason Channing - Achievement Scheme Coordinator
- Garry Hughes - Mid Suffolk

Present – 6 members

- Paul Hoey – Chairman – South Norfolk
- Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer – Vikings
- Alan Paul – Delegate/Web master – Stump Cross
- Graham Gooch – Norwich
- Alan Jackson – BTR
- John Copsey – Impington

Minutes of the previous meeting (11th May 2024)

Proposed – John Copsey, seconded – Graham Gooch - Agreed.

Matters arising

- Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom.
- Development of the BMFA web site continues.
- The BMFA mailing system is now allowing direct mailing to members. The area communications officer is making use of the facility but warns that overuse could affect its impact

Area chairman/Delegate report

There was an overall agreement that a rolling membership process would not be acceptable to a majority of clubs. Collecting membership, even on a once-a-year basis, fees is always a difficult task for clubs so spreading the collection across the year would simply increase the workload. Such a change could possibly cost the BMFA members and clubs. Discussions continue regarding possible options.

Membership numbers are as predicted down by approximately 1,000 against the same time in 2023.

Achievement Scheme Coordinator

No report.

Secretary

Nothing to report

Club Input

Overall, some clubs had attracted a few new members. However, the Area, as reported by the delegate, was following the national trend in a reduction of flyers joining clubs. It was confirmed that the BMFA is considering how best to develop the membership system and how best to recruit and retain numbers.

John Copsey expressed in getting involved, the chairman would set up contact with Helen Jones the BMFA Outreach Director.

John is also working on the control line festival of flight to be held at Buckminster

Proposal

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club (IVMAC) requested funding of £200 to support STEM projects.

Proposed Paul Hoey seconded Graham Gouch. Carried.

AOB.

- Alan also asked about conspicuity and what was happening. The Chairman advised that this was still early days and the BMFA was in discussion with the CAA.
- Graham Gouch reported issues regarding possible fraudulent activity on the BMFA Classified site.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be the 5^h September.