

EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2020 at 19:45.
Meeting held via Zoom

Note that the meeting planned for the 30th April was cancelled due the Covid-19 emergency regulations. This 10th September meeting was held using Zoom which was set up by Andy Symons who was in attendance to help ensure all went to plan

Apologies for Absence

- Alan Paul – Webmaster
- Steve Bowles – Comp Sec

Present – 11 members

- Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer
- Paul Hoey – Chairman/Delegate
- John Copsey – IVCMC
- Jason Channing – Achievement Scheme Coordinator
- Vic Blackwood – BMFC
- Tony Waters – Raydon
- Gary Hughes - Mid Suffolk
- Richard Neve – Osprey
- Gary Johnson – Osprey
- Alan Jackson – BTRMAC
- Tony Haley – Chet Valley

1. Zoom

- The chairman welcomed all those in attendance and explained that Andy Symons was in attendance to ensure that all went well within the Zoom format.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (12th March 2020)

- Proposed – Vic Blackwood, Seconded - John Copsey - Agreed.

3. Matters arising

- Area Chief Examiner proposal for Steve White was approved by the ASRC. Steve's appointment will help to fill the gap in South East of the Area.
- The Area budget for 2020 was accepted by the Area's Council.

4. BMFA Briefing

Due to the current situation the format of this meeting was varied with Andy Symons, Paul Hoey and Mike Woodhouse covering the current BMFA situation. With the current lockdown procedures there had been little flying activity. Note that by the time these minutes are published things may well have changed?!

- BMFA staff are working from home, recent updates to the BMFA office telecoms system have ensured that all matters were being covered. In fact, time is being saved as result of reduced travelling time.
- Rather than face to face meetings, meetings are being held via Zoom Andy Symons assisting and facilitating Technical Committees, Areas and clubs who wish to hold Zoom sessions.
- A procedure for arranging a risk assessment for events under the Covid 19 “Rule of 6” have been put in place by the BMFA.
- The BMFA is considering running 2020 AGM as a webinar.
- The New BMFA website is being progressed. There will be a front door that promotes the BMFA, this will be the window for the World on the BMFA. The details of various specific activities will be managed as separate entities.
- As expected, events are both being planned whilst others are cancelled. The website will be kept up to date through the posting off appropriate notifications.
- A meeting of the safety committee has taken place. There will be changes to rules with respect to the flying of higher-powered models.
- A survey of members was being undertaken. This survey is both a data gathering exercise as well as a request to find out what the members want from the BMFA.
- It was noted that there are no elections required this year for council posts.

5. Area Delegate

- The Full Council that takes place on 19th September will be asked to approve the accounts for 2019/20 and BMFA budget for 2021/22. Preliminary information suggests that the results for 2019/20 are OK and that the fees for 2021 will remain at 2020 levels. There is a proposal to clarify the position of members of multiple clubs on technical committees. There is also a requirement for the Comp Jo Halman to obtain Council permission to stand again for the post as she has been on council for 10 years.

6. Achievement Scheme coordinator

- The Newmarket workshop was cancelled, a replacement “How to do it Proposal” was suggested by Jason Channing and seconded Vic Blackwood. Jason will be developing.

7. Other activities

Various plans are being held over as a result of the pandemic. These are listed below and are carried over for future actions.

- Work is being carried out by Alan Paul to simplify the Area website and make the tracking the information easier. Links to be added to the site are being sought.
- Graham Gooch is progressing the training A-way day for aspirant fixed wing power pilots whose clubs did not have a club examiner.
- Jason Channing suggested that East Anglian Area Facebook page should set up. This was agreed and Jason would be advising enrolment details.
- An Area conference was agreed.

8. Next meeting

- The next meeting will be on October 8th and held via Zoom.

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