

EAST ANGLIAN AREA BMFA
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th August at 19:45.
Meeting held via Zoom

Present – 5 members, 5 clubs

- Ron Gray – Chairman – South Norfolk
- Mike Woodhouse – Secretary/Treasurer – Vikings
- Alan Paul – Delegate/Web Master – Impington
- Andrew Green - Peterborough
- Gary Hughes –Mid Suffolk

Apologies for absence

- Jason Channing – Achevienent Scheme Coordinator - Stanstead
- Graham Gooch - Norwich

Minutes of the previous meetings

- 23rd April - proposed Andrew Green, seconded Alan Paul - Agreed.

Matters arising

- No specific matters arising, any points to be covered within the tabled agenda.

Area Council Meeting Preparation

The Area delegate reported on items for the Area Council 10th September

- Club of the Year – only 6 entries to date. More entries are needed. The entries are good quality and show well run clubs.
- Members survey – to be reviewed and confirmed at Areas Council Sept 10th
- Safety Review – Trend continues to be pilot error – and flying in adverse conditions which is pilot error!
- Scale World Champs – Was a fantastic success showing just one of the benefits of having our own national centre where we are not subject to the vagaries of the RAF e.g. Barkston Heath.
- BMFA hosted websites – There are some issues with some club websites, and the area website is offline. Ely also reported their website down. To chase Andy Symons although he is on the case and is restoring websites.

MOD Sculthorpe

The secretary reported problems with stone curlews ground nesting birds on MOD Sculthorpe airfield, which have forced postponements into October, and he is negotiating with the RSPB about the situation.

NPOD Events

The events held at Ipswich and Bury being well received. The weather has delayed further programmed events

Club Membership Discussion

The meeting participants discussed club membership numbers, Mid Suffolk reporting that their numbers had fluctuated between 40 and 50 including one air cadet. South Norfolk Model Flying Club had grown from 80 to 92 members and was receiving about one new inquiry per month, attributing this growth to increased public awareness from their experience day and social media promotion.

Next meeting

The next meeting - The Area AGM 12th November 2026