BMFA SCOTLAND AREA MEETING 21st June 2023

1 Welcome and introduction.

Duncan McClure (DM) opened the meeting soon after seven, introduced himself, Andy Symons (AS) (BMFA Club Liason) and Gary Armstrong (GA) (North East Area Achievement scheme)

2 Area Committee.

At this time there was now only one nomination for chairman and as such the Interim committee was made up as below

Chairman Sir Brian Donohue (SBD)

Vice Chairman John Sheldon (JS) Secretary Andrew Twort (AT) Treasurer Mark Christie (MC) Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator Andy Pirie (AP) Area Delegate to the BMFA Areas Council Iain Nicol (IN) **Communications Officer** Kenneth Kennedy (KK) British Drone Flyers Representative) Graham Lawrie (GL) Competition Secretary Mark Balfour (MB) Outreach Co-ordinator Paul Furze (PF)

All members were invited to say a few words about themselves.

3 Area Finances and Constitution

DM introduced the BMFA areas constitution as our guide document

Highlights were – Our AGM (Zoom / Hybrid) will be in November.

Committee posts are on a 2 year period (Staggered)

Finances- Areas apply for funding for events.

All areas are allocated £600 per annum for running expenses.

Some grant money has been allocated for the Scottish Area which can be accessed as required, We need to open a bank account **MC to Action.**

4 Achievement scheme.

Before DM started this section, PF brought up the topic of the BMFA/SAA It was suggested that there should be a SAA representative on this committee. All events that we organise should have an invitation to SAA members. AS mentioned that at committee level the BMFA and SAA have agreed to invite each other to events. DM continued.

There is to be mutual recognition on some achievement awards as well as recognition of examiners with the proviso that any examiner testing to BMFA standards must have passed the RCC.

We should organise a Train and Test day.

Some area Chief examiners need to be appointed. <u>AP should liaise with GA</u>
It was also suggested that SBD attends the next meeting between the BMFA and SAA.

5 Area events.

We need to organise some events mindful to avoid clashes with SAA events.

6 AOB

We have a website. Currently in default mode – it needs customising. KK to action. Email addresses will be set up for all committee members.

7 Next meeting 30th August 2023 7pm.

Next meeting of the officers suggested on the 12^{th} July – to be confirmed. The meeting conclude at 8 pm