

Draft Minutes of BMFA Scotland Area general meeting, on Zoom, Tuesday 9th July 2024

meeting opened 7:10 pm

Attendance:-

Alasdair Sutherland, chairman
Andrew Pirie, achievement scheme, ACE
Paul Furze, Events coordinator
Malcolm Balfour, Competition Secretary,
Graham Lawrie, drone rep
Michaël Williamson, drone rep2
Robert Tomlin, **Dornoch Club, club rep**
Graham Donaldson, **Aberdeen district soarers, club rep**
Calum Maxwell, **Glenrothes Club, club rep**
Iain Bell, **Angus club, club rep**
Colin McCance, **Clyde Valley Flyers, club rep**
Neil Diment, **Burns Country Flyers, club rep**
Derrick Allison, **Warrix, club rep**
William Anderson, West Calder, ACE
Martin Dyson
John Lang
Alex Mackie
John Shackleton

1) Apologies for Absence from:- Andrew Twort, secretary. Mark Christie, treasurer. Iain Nicol, Area delegate. Mike Gilfillan, Country rep. David Fisher, Warrix.

2) Club Attendance and Establishing Voting Strength. 18 members attended, including 7 club reps noted above.

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting on Tuesday 7th May 2024 had been distributed online. No members asked for them to be read again. Graham of Aberdeen Soarers proposed acceptance of the minutes, Iain of Angus Model Flying Club seconded, and the minutes were recorded as adopted.

4) Matters arising. There were no matters arising from minutes.

5) Reports from Officers

Chairman Alasdair Sutherland reported handling some emails of behalf of secretary Andrew Twort, who was away.

The chairman also read Treasurer Mark Christie's short report. 1. Funds received from BMFA central £2,600.00 (received 10th June 2024 by electronic transfer) 2. Current bank balance £3,159.96 3. Grant application included allowance of £500 for area events, which should be approved by the meeting to be used for the combined Fly-in at Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club site in August 2024.

Area Delegate to BMFA, Iain Nicol sent a report that included 1. *Email Date: 6 July 2024 Subject: BMFA Area Council : Control Line Training Models*

A topic posted by Helen Jones on the BMFA Council Forum, title: 'Control Line Training Models: 'Control Line Training models are now available for Clubs and Area.' Contact Iain for details.

*document emailed to club secs marked FAO committee and members: **AGM1 2024 Email version Final.docx*** notification of BMFA Central AGM on 2nd Nov online and in person. Plus links to the online **NOMINATION FORMS** and information concerning the election of volunteer members to fill various posts on the BMFA Board.

Competition Secretary Malcolm Balfour reported posting competition details including the Triple Crown and an IMAC event at the Angus club in July on the Area Facebook page, and sending them to Kenneth Kennedy for inclusion on the Area website.

Achievement Scheme Coordinator Andy Pirie No significant news.

Event Coordinator Paul Furze The August Fly-In may have to be cancelled due to lack of support. To be discussed at a Meeting the following evening.

6) Elections for vacant posts, vice-chairman, Outreach Officer. No nominations had been received for Outreach Officer, but a member unable to attend had emailed to say that Neil Diment of Burns Country Flyers could be persuaded to accept the post of Vice-chairman. Neil's nomination was proposed by Warrix Flying Group, seconded by the Clyde Valley Flyers and carried unanimously. Members thought that the Outreach post might appeal to modellers with a background in media or public relations or youth groups, and that more than one person should be involved.

7) In Any other Business the chairman returned to Treasurer's report that spending the £500 in the grant application for Area Events should be officially sanctioned by the clubs present. The proposal was that the Area Officers would be allowed to spend up to £500 on the joint SAA/BMFA fly-in at Glenrothes, or if that were cancelled at short notice at some other similar event that may become available. The proposal was put to the meeting by Burns Country Flyers and seconded by Dornoch MFC and passed without dissent. Bill Anderson (West Calder) asked if that £500 had to cover Achievement Scheme events as well, but was assured that they were well covered by other sections of the grant money.

8) Dates of next meetings. The chairman suggested a further meeting in two months time, on 10th Sept and an AGM date of Wed 20th November, as minuted at the last AGM. These dates were proposed by Burns Country Flyers and seconded by Aberdeen District Soarers and confirmed by the meeting without dissent.

The chairman pointed out that at the next AGM, in November, about half of the committee posts were due for election, namely Chairman, Secretary, Competition Secretary, Country member Representative (Mike Gilfillan), and second drone rep (Michael Williamson).

The other half of the committee continue until the AGM in 2025.

The meeting closed at 19:45

P.S The new vice-chairman has since provided this brief paragraph to introduce himself to the membership (as he was not included in the committee introduction sent in June).

- *Vice Chairman – Neil Diment. I've been aviation obsessed since childhood. I worked for NATS for 22 years at Scottish ATC Centre - 15 years at Shanwick Oceanic then ATC Ops Support section. Duties there included the coordination of unusual aerial activities such as parachuting, surveys, power line inspections etc. I left NATS early, in my 40s, for a career as guitarist/songwriter; didn't pay well but I travelled widely and had fun. I took up model flying in 2015 and it's proved to be a great choice. I passed SAA bronze after 2 months and my BMFA B in 2019. I've flown at Woodspring Wings a few times and fly with friends in Germany annually. I love flying in all forms, but I'm mostly fixed wing with a passion for warbirds which I fly line of sight and digital fpv. The hobby and the people in it have done a lot for me and I was keen to give something back if I could, so I'll work constructively with Alasdair and the committee as required.*