

# Hartlepool Model Flying Club

## AGM Bulletin November 2020

Replacing the 2020 AGM due to the ongoing Corona Virus restrictions

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### 1. The Committee

The current committee has agreed to remain in place for 2021. Once an AGM can be held, whenever that may be, we can review the situation if needed. See the current list of posts on the club website.

### 2. Club fees

There is no reason to alter the Club fees for this year. Although the virus has affected the running of the club the general expenditure remains the same. The Club fees for 2021 will remain at £25 for senior and £5 for juniors.

### 3. Club Meetings

Hopefully at some point in the coming year, virus permitting, we will be allowed to hold club meetings once again. If the NALGO club is still in operation we will resume there, failing that the committee will look for another suitable venue and inform the club members.

### 4. Flying field

The flying field will be closed during national virus lock down conditions. This follows Government regulations and BMFA guidelines. The pits area is marked out to allow social distancing and numbers attending during the pandemic will depend on the current regulations for our area.

We owe our thanks to Paul Hewson for maintaining the flying strip over the year. Hopefully we can make better use of it in the coming year.

## 5. BMFA /CAA Fees 2021

The BMFA AGM was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. The fees for 2021 remain the same as this year and are as follows.

Individual Membership	
Senior	£38
Junior	£17

Family Membership	
Senior	£38
Partner	£25
Junior	£13

CAA fees 2021 - £9

BMFA Rewards Cards - £3.50

## 6. BMFA Rewards Card

Last year, for the start of 2020, the BMFA offered a plastic credit card sized membership card at extra cost, £3.50, which also acted as a rewards card. They are offering the same again this year.

The rewards side of the card was operated by an outside company (Vectis) who set up a range of discounts for those opting into the scheme. It mostly works by offering a percentage discount when buying a digital gift card. Some of the discounts are minimal but some are worth having.

The companies the discounts are with are food, clothing, sports and tech with a few others as well. There are no modelling ones unfortunately. Supermarkets are offering 4% GO Outdoors 10% Currys 8% and a lot of others. There is a Vectis App available to download which will give you some idea what is available but you don't find out anywhere near the full list of discounts until you enrol on it through BMFA.

The card can be used at some outlets directly but it is mostly something that has to be prepared in advance so, for example, you know what you want to buy from Currys, say a new fridge for £200, so you sit at home and via the vectis site you buy your £200 Currys digital gift card for £184, getting your 8% discount, then off you go to Currys and buy it. They can be used online as well. The gift cards can be bought for others as well, family members etc.

I was sceptical about it and I've only used it with Currys so far but it has saved quite a bit over the year for the family.

If you've got questions about it get in touch and if you want one, add the £3.50 to your BMFA subscription.

## 7. Payment Options for 2021 – Please help me

Due to not having meetings, the old bank account and other problems, the fees this year that should have taken a month or two to collect have taken over 10 months.

I've struggled to know who wants to be a member and who doesn't. I've sent email and letter reminders with sometimes no replies.

I know this sounds a bit harsh but if you want to be a member of HMFC you need to get the 2021 fees to me asap.

Due to the winter weather plus virus conditions I'm not seeing people as often as usual Please don't send in your fees via someone else unless you know they are coming to see me. Passing your fees to someone who might see me at some point could take months.

## 8. How much do I pay?

BMFA -----	£38
BMFA + CAA -----	£38+£9 = £47
BMFA + HMFC -----	£38+£25 = £63
BMFA + CAA + HMFC -----	£38+£9+25 = £72
BMFA + BMFA rewards + CAA + HMFC -----	£38+£3.50+£9+£25 = £75.50
BMFA Junior -----	£17
BMFA Junior + HMFC junior -----	£17+£5 = £22
BMFA Family Senior -----	£38
BMFA Family Partner -----	£25
BMFA Family Junior -----	£13

I'm sure there must be many other combinations but if you aren't sure please get in touch.

## How to pay?

**Online bank transfer** - Payments can be paid online into our new Halifax bank account to Robert Waugh – Sort Code 11-00-52 – Account No XXXXXXXXXX

**Cheques** – Made out to R Waugh & NJ Bell can be posted or given to me directly at home.

**Cash** – Passed to me directly at home.

The Club Bank details and my address are on the bank statement attached.

## **When do I Pay - No Money, No Membership**

I will be sending off the 2021 BMFA and CAA fees to the BMFA from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 onwards on a weekly basis.

I will assume that if your BMFA / CAA fees aren't paid to me by 31st January 2021 and you haven't been in contact with me you no longer wish to be a club member and I can remove you from the club roll.

I would expect the HMFC £25 fee to be paid by 31st March 2021 so I can pay the field rent to the farmer in April.

The HMFC £25 fee can be paid at the same time as BMFA fees if you wish, it's easier for me but the choice is yours.

If you are having financial or other problems and can't meet the payment dates please get in touch and we'll see if we can sort something out.

If you don't want to join HMFC this year but still want to be a BMFA member you will have to join the BMFA as a country member and I would ask that you please sort this out directly with the BMFA.

## **9. 2020 Club Membership and Finance Information**

At the AGM the 'books' would normally be available for inspection for all members present. Obviously this isn't possible so I've copied the relevant pages so you can see where we stand as a club.

The next page shows a list of current members with who has paid what. I'll assume those who haven't renewed their HMFC subscriptions this year no longer want to be members unless I'm told differently.

This also has the Income and Expenditure sheet which is complete apart owing Paul Hewson who needs reimbursing for fuel costs for the mower. I'll add those to the 2021 sheet when I find out what they are.

Lastly there is a copy of the current bank statement. The account is a Halifax joint account between myself and Nic, the past secretary. This has my name, the Sort code and Account number, you'll need this information to set up internet banking. It also has my address for those needing it for cheques etc.

This document will be sent to all members and also be available for anyone to download from the club website. This download version won't have the club membership, finance and bank information on it. If you need this please get in touch.