

# Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on  
**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
at Stranton Social Club

## 1. Apologies for absence

Colin Kitching, Robert Kitching, Dave Taylor

There were 9 /27 members present

## 2. Matters arising from last months minutes

No minutes were taken at the December meeting as it was the Christmas party. The party food cost us £89 and the raffle at the party raised £72 which was used to offset most of the food costs.

## 3. Chairman's report

Paul welcomed everyone to our new venue at the Stranton Social Club. He mentioned that the Christmas party had gone well and passed on thanks to Bob's Jill and her sister Sharon for organising the food. The new room we have at the Stranton is quite large and he hoped everyone could keep up the attendance to make it worth while being here.

## 4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report apart from welcoming everyone to the new venue.

## 5. Treasurer's report

There have been a number of transactions over the month for money paid in and out for BMFA fees etc. We also owe the farmer £500 for field rent due in April. This means our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank - £963.16

Cash in hand - £777.98 (£277.98 & £500 for farmer)

Total - £1741.14 (£1241.14 after the farmers £500 is paid)

## 6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

## 7. BMFA delegate's report

Paul reported that the new NE area chairman is now Martin Johnson (replacing the long standing Terry Bailey) and vice chairman is Peter Franklin. Albemarle Barracks will be available again this year for flying. Martin Bell got a mention for being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fun Fly Nationals. Peterlee Indoor flying sessions have moved to 11am to 1pm timing and there will be no Peterlee indoor flying during February.

## 8. Club business

### • New Venue information

We were expecting the NALGO club to close and it did at the end of December. I'd like to thank our Chairman Paul who's managed to organise the Stranton Social Club for us all to meet in for our January meeting. Thanks also go to Dave and Roger who were looking into other venues for us. We were meeting on Thursday's but that was only to accommodate the NALGO club but as the Stranton club's best day for us is Wednesday we moved back. Hopefully we will be here for some time to come.

### • Payment of fees, membership etc.

We have 19 out of 27 members sorted with BMFA fees. If you haven't yet paid your BMFA fees they are now overdue. Hartlepool MFC is affiliated to the BMFA so to be a member of our club you must be a paid up member of the BMFA. If your BMFA membership isn't paid you do not have insurance and so shouldn't be flying at the club field.

- **BMFA New 2023 Mass participation events**

The BMFA are wanting to organise more mass participation events for 2023. They want to organise another world record attempt on 14<sup>th</sup> May and a new charity distance challenge, the 'Round the world in 8 hours' challenge - 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July. Do we want to take part in these events as a club?

The event went well last year and the opinion of the members present was that we should have a go at it again this year.

I did a lot of the organising for last year's event but it would be helpful if we could have a volunteer to do the organising this year. The volunteer would need to attend online webinars, be the contact for the BMFA on this matter and to do the registrations and organisation of club members etc. as well as sorting out on the day of the event. Any volunteers please.

Mike Bell volunteered to take on the organising of the events. Richard Atkins and Paul Hewson also offered their services to help where needed.

- **BMFA Achievement scheme**

Mike and myself are available for anyone wanting to take the BMFA A or B competency certificate.

- **Club Merchandise**

We have club hats and caps for sale after the meeting.

We had a number of people wanting polo shirts and fleeces but not enough to get the 10 needed for discount. If anyone else wants these please see me and I'll add your name on the list.

- **Events on the club website**

I'm adding events to the club website that might be of interest to members. If you know of any other modelling events please get in touch and I'll add them.

Forthcoming events to add to your diary

The Hurworth Swapmeet take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 – 12.00

Harrogate Model Engineering show Friday/Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March

## 9. AOB

Brian Middlemas – Sadly Brian died of a stroke just before our December meeting, We didn't know until after the meeting. His funeral was on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Club web site photos – If anyone has any photos of their models to put on the club website can they email them to me and I'll add them. We could do with some of the photos that are on there updating with more recent ones.

Chairman Paul wants to organise a 'Build a chuck glider' event to take place at our next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February. The new room should be big enough to build the model then test it.

We will all be given a set amount of Depron (Richard said he would provide it) and all we need to do is bring a cutting board, straight edge, knife and suitable glue. All you have to do is design and build your creation then we can do a mass testing to see who wins. No cheating please :o)

I'll send out a reminder a bit nearer the time.

Paul Breckon passed in his apologies for next months meeting, he has work commitments.

Meeting closed 8.25pm