

# Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
at Stranton Social Club

## 1. Apologies for absence

Paul Breckon

There were 10/25 members present

## 2. Matters arising from last months minutes

Nothing arising

## 3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

## 4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

## 5. Treasurer's report

There have been a number of transactions over the month for money paid in and out for BMFA fees and club merchandise. Quite a lot of the money spent on merchandise should come back in very soon. We also owe the farmer £500 for field rent due in April. This means our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank - £889.16

Cash in hand - £625.38 (£125.38 & £500 for farmer)

Total - £1514.54 (£1014.54 after the farmers £500 is paid)

## 6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

## 7. BMFA delegate's report

Delegate absent so no information available

## 8. Club business

### • Payment of fees, membership etc.

It's looking like this year's membership to be around 23 – 25 members. The £25 club fees are due by the March meeting, we currently have 6 left to pay up.

**BMFA fees are now well overdue, we have 4 left to pay. Remember, you can't fly at our field without BMFA membership.**

### • Build a Glider Competition

This will take place asap after this meeting closes. See the end of the minutes for results.

### • BMFA New 2023 Mass participation events

14<sup>th</sup> May – World record mid-day mass launch.

1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July – Charity distance challenge.

Mike's information he read out has been copied at the end of the minutes if you want to re-read it in full.

### • BMFA Achievement scheme

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

- **Club Merchandise**

The Club merchandise ordered from last meeting is ready for collection. Money please after the meeting.

We have the new sun hats as well as club hats and caps for sale after the meeting.

- **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 this 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

LMA Teesside at Redmarshall Saturday/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June

## **9. AOB**

Club web site photos – I still haven't got any more. 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.

John Rutter had a slight accident up the field last weekend. His transmitter fell into the prop. If anyone finds transmitter parts scattered around the field please pass them back to John :o)

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

It turned out the person who was turned away by Stranton Social Club before I got there at 7.35 saying it was the wrong week was also John Rutter. Stranton Social Club sent their apologies, they were wrong and had the wrong week. I've given them a printed list of our meeting dates so it shouldn't happen again. Hopefully you will have a better week next week John.

### **The meeting was followed by the Build a Glider Competition.**

We had a good turnout for the competition with 10 entrants. We had an hour or so building and testing the models with varying success. It was much appreciated that our lady guests volunteered to sit in those dangerous positions during testing so they could catch the wayward models to stop them from coming to harm :o)

We had 3 flights each which were timed for the longest time flight.

Results as follows

3<sup>rd</sup> place Roger with 2.75sec

2<sup>nd</sup> place Mike with 3.19sec

1<sup>st</sup> Place Bob with 3.57sec

## **Mike's Information**

### **BMFA record attempts 2023**

Two opportunities this year for get togethers at the field to break / create world records and raise money for good causes.

### **Sunday 14th May**

Mid-day mass launch

Same plan as last year except now there is a record to break. As many models of any type in the air as possible at 12:00 noon. It is a fixed date / time, indoor venues can be included.

## **1st July to 9th July**

Charity distance challenge: Around the world in 8 hours.

Aim is to fly as many miles as possible in an 8 hour period. The goal is to amass a mileage, added up from all the participating clubs, that exceeds flying at least once around the world (24,901 miles). It doesn't have to be a continuous 8 hours in any one day and there is a window of dates that the flights can take place: 1st July to 9th July

The distance will be measured by flying around a 2 or 3 pylon course of known length (sum of distances between pylons). It's not a race, although we could set up an occasional 5 lapper if anyone was interested. Pilots can feel free to do inverted circuits, throw in the odd loop roll etc. to make it more entertaining.

Suggested pylon construction is 3m lengths of plastic waste pipe.

One lap counter required (take turns) to count a lap every time a plane passes a set location (clickers available from Amazon).

The odd pylon cut won't matter as actual distance flown will be greater than the course distance anyway.

Drones or other GPS equipped craft can fly a separate flight path and the distance recorded from the tracker at landing.

The plan is for each club to collect sponsorship for the event on behalf of a local charity of the club's choice. Suggestions with reasons for that choice will be welcome, any suggestions with personal significance will be particularly appropriate. The sponsorship money will be collected and handed to the charity by the club and the amount raised reported to the BMFA so that the overall total raised across all clubs can be used for publicity purposes.