

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 19th April 2023
at Stranton Social Club

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received

There were 10/24 members present

2. Matters arising from last months minutes

No matters brought forward

3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

A big thank you to Mike for running the March meeting for me and for sorting out the minutes.

5. Treasurer's report

There have been very few transactions over the past month so the figures are fairly static but healthy. The farmer's £500 for field rent is due to be paid shortly this month. This means our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank - £851.50

Cash in hand - £897.08 (£397.08 & £500 for farmer)

Total - £1748.58 (£1248.58 after the farmers £500 is paid)

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Albemarle has been booked on 11th June by the area BMFA as an achievement day for A, B and C certificates for both testing and training purposes. Contact the area BMFA for further information.

The Indoor flying sessions run by Peterlee club and Washington club are coming to an end. The last Peterlee session is 6th May and Washington at Nissan is 13th May.

8. Club business

• This years membership.

This year's membership is currently 24 members.

Brian Thomson and Jimmy Walker haven't rejoined. I've tried contacting them with no result and as they haven't paid BMFA or HMFC fees I have taken them off the club roll. They are more than welcome to rejoin in the future.

• Build a Paper Plane Competition

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

- **BMFA New 2023 Mass participation events**

14th May – World record mid-day mass launch. (Club meeting is on 17th May)

1st - 9th July – Charity distance challenge.

Mike has sent out information to all members about the World Record attempt on 14th May.

We are aiming to get to the field around 11.00ish to get prepared with the event taking place at 12.00 noon sharp. We are aiming to get as many aircraft of any shape and size airborne at this time. Please come along to take part. Weather permitting we will try to have some sort of tea and coffee facilities on the go for the event.

- **BMFA Achievement scheme**

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

- **Club Merchandise**

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

LMA Teesside at Redmarshall Saturday/Sunday 3rd & 4th 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.

Chairman Paul has suggested that for the next meeting (Wednesday 17th May) we bring along small flying models to have a bit of fun in the room. Simple small aircraft / drones RC or some sort of freeflight , anything safe and simple.

Paul has started cutting the flying field and the strip is becoming servicable now after the winter.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

The meeting was followed by a Build a Paper Plane Competition organised by Mike

The rules were simple. Make a paper plane from 1 sheet of A4 paper. Test fly it then enter into 3 rounds of the competition.

Each round was timed for the longest flight with the winner being the one who could keep it up the longest. All 3 rounds times added together.

1st place Bob Waugh with total time of 7.50 seconds

2nd place Paul Hewson with 6.49 seconds

3rd place Colin Kitching with 6.43 seconds

Thanks to Martin Bell for laser cutting the winners trophy :o)