

# Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on  
**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
at Stranton Social Club

## 1. Apologies for absence

Paul Hewson, Robert Walker

There were 9/24 members present.

## 2. Matters arising from last months minutes

No matters arising.

## 3. Chairman's report

Chairman absent, nothing to report.

## 4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

## 5. Treasurer's report

There have been no transactions over the past month so the figures are the same as last month.

Our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank - £1101.50

Cash in hand - £172.19

Total - £1273.69

## 6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report.

## 7. BMFA delegate's report

The Albemarle Achievement scheme day for anyone wanting to take the A or B certs is 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Peterlee indoor flying starts on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's) 11.00am – 1.00 pm - £4.00.

Washington Club's indoor flying at Nissan Sports hall takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month 2.00 – 4.00pm from September. £5.00. They have an extra one this Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2-4pm.

## 8. Club business

### • Future Club Meeting events

Our club meetings seem to consist of a short (often boring but necessary) briefing from myself about the state of the club followed by a set of old gadgies (not me of course) reminiscing about their past exploits (usually the same ones each month) along with a growing list of current ailments. None of this is encouraging to younger members (under 60) or anyone who is actually just interested in flying model planes and this could be why we don't get many people attending. We have 24 club members but seem to average around 8 per meeting

I would like to see a set of events taking place each month that might encourage our club members to want to attend. Possibly a set of 'How to' demonstrations, maybe 30 – 60 min each, one each month, showing a variety of modelling methods (film covering of models etc.). Maybe a talk about various disciplines within model flying to show new starters or those who've heard about but never seen these things.

If there were costs involved for materials etc. I'm sure the club could cover those costs.

I would like to be able to publish a list of events, maybe to start next year, we already have things happening in the remainder of this year, so we have something to look forward to when we come to the meetings.

Suggestions please for demos or talks or something else.

These were initial thoughts - Achievement scheme information, indoor models, free flight models, control line models, bring a model night, covering models

If anyone has any other thoughts please get back to me asap.

- **Unlimited Design Club Room Glider Comp.**

Mike will email everyone with further information with a view to running the comp during the October meeting.

- **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 – I'm going to add the various local indoor flying dates to the website when I get them

## **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.

Keeping the flying field grass cut properly has been difficult over the past few weeks due to the weather. Paul and Mike are doing a good job under difficult circumstances.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm