

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 18th October 2023
at Stranton Social Club

1. Apologies for absence

Paul Breckon, Rob Walker

There were 6/24 members present.

2. Matters arising from last months minutes

No matters arising.

3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

I had an email from the BMFA just after the September meeting regarding a worrying report of a commercial drone company requesting the CAA impose a TDA (Temporary Danger Area) over a significant piece of land in the North so they can test 3.3m span drone aircraft to drop pharmaceuticals to hospitals, GP practices and care homes etc. The BMFA were requesting the exact position of our flying field. Fortunately for us the area of concern is north of Newcastle and doesn't involve us. If it had then there would have been a ban on all flying under 400ft were this TDA to go ahead. This will impact quite strongly any model flying club within the listed area. The BMFA is on the case and it is still in the discussion stage but this could still possibly go through as this situation has already come up and been in place in an area down south. I'll attach a copy of the mapped area at the end of the minutes for your information but like I've said it doesn't involve us so no problems (this time)

5. Treasurer's report

As last month, there have been no transactions over the past month so the figures remain the same.

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

Paul was absent, nothing to report.

8. Club business

• Future Club Meeting events

We have the following taking place for the rest of this year.

November Meeting – AGM – BMFA Fees payment etc.

December Meeting – Christmas Party

Hopefully we can put a programme of events together over the next few months ready for the new year. More information to follow when we get it.

- **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 nice and warm winter woolly hats as well as sun 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've added the Peterlee Club Indoor events as well as the Washington Club Nissan Indoor events.

9. AOB

Club web site photos – I've had some over the past month or so and they're on the website but if anyone has any other photos of their models to put on the club website can they email them to me and I'll add them.

Some late information from the BMFA about the Distance Challenge (we didn't take part due to weather etc.). There were 64 clubs signed up to it but only 29 submitted results. The total distance flown was 7328Km Which is the equivalent of flying from BMFA Buckminster to Kathmandu and nearly £3000 raised for charity.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Following the meeting Mikes Glider competition took place.

The six of us who turned up to the meeting all brought models, a shame more members couldn't turn up.

With 3 rounds running Kevin Hunton-Young was declared the winner with a total time in the air of 16.31sec with all flights above the 5sec challenge. Not bad at all considering the size of the room.

Kevin walked away with the excellent trophy produced my Mike and very graciously turned down the cash prize. Well done. Photos will be going on the club web site shortly.

Proposed TDA in Northumberland. You get the idea of how big an area it will cover. Fortunately it doesn't affect us!

