

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 21st February 2024
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 minutes were taken at the December meeting as it was the Christmas party.
No meeting took place in January due to bad weather.

3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

5. Treasurer's report

- From December meeting. The party food cost us £97.55 which was £4.88 / head and the raffle at the party very generously raised £86.10 which was used to offset most of the food costs.
- There have been a number of transactions over the past couple of months for money paid in and out for BMFA, CAA and club fees. We also owe the farmer £500 for field rent which is due in April.
- This means our finances stand as follows.
Cash at the bank - £876.85
Cash in hand - £812.79 (£312.79 & £500 for farmer)
Total - £1689.64 (£1189.64 after the farmers £500 is paid)
- Anyone with unpaid BMFA fees wishing to remain as a Flying member of the club rather than a Social member needs to get it sorted asap.

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Nothing to report

8. Club business

• Flying Field Update

Myself and Mike inspected the field yesterday, 20/2/24. The gate area is very muddy, don't try to take cars in yet, leave them outside. The old flying strip is in a very bad condition due to the wet weather and having had cows all over it earlier in the winter. It is available to use but a wheeled take off will be impossible, it's probably hand launch only and a safe landing will be very difficult.

- We had a chat with the farmer just before the December meeting and he doesn't have a problem with us moving the flying strip further up the field, nearer the car park area. As soon as the weather improves enough for us to get the mower in and cut it we will and I'll let you know when that happens.
- Mike's produced a map showing approximately where the new strip will be, the map's on the end of these minutes. The rough area of the new strip is still in better condition than the old one. If you want to try that instead of the old strip give it a go.

• Payment of fees, membership etc.

We currently have 20 out of 24 members sorted with BMFA fees with 3 members choosing to be social members (non flying). If you haven't yet paid your BMFA fees they are now overdue.

- Hartlepool MFC is affiliated to the BMFA so to be a flying 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.
- Club fees – Any outstanding club fees to be paid by the March meeting, next month.
- **BMFA Achievement scheme**
Mike and myself have been ratified as club examiners for 2024 and are available for anyone wanting to take the BMFA A or B competency certificate.
- **Club Merchandise**
We have club hats, caps & sun hats for sale after the meeting.
- **Events on the club website**
I've added a range of events to the club website that might be of interest to members.
- **Monthly club evening events to be discussed/decided**
March Meeting – Mike is going to organise a foam glider competition, similar to one he organised last year. Mike is going to email everyone with detail a bit nearer the time.
- For future meetings we will try to organise some activity to follow the formal business and this will be announced the month before. In the planning stage we are going to try a mini drone flying course around the room, another different flying comp in the room and some sort of talk, hopefully getting the TV to work as a screen etc.

9. AOB

No further business was brought up.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm

Approximate position of where the new flying strip will move to

