

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 20th March 2024
at Stranton Social Club

1. Apologies for absence

Robert Walker, Paul Hewson, Richard Atkins

There were 8/24 members present

2. Matters arising from last months minutes

The minutes were emailed to all members and no matters arising were brought up.

3. Chairman's report

Chairman absent. Nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

5. Treasurer's report

- There have been a few transactions over the past month for money paid in and out for BMFA, CAA and club fees. We also owe the farmer £500 for field rent which is due next month in April.
- This means our finances stand as follows.
Cash at the bank - £876.85
Cash in hand - £831.11 (£331.11 & £500 for farmer)
Total - £1707.96 (£1207.96 after the farmers £500 is paid)
Once the farmer has been paid the bulk of the cash in hand will be put in the bank.
- All unpaid fees, BMFA and/or Club are due at this meeting

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Nothing to report

8. Club business

• Flying Field Update

Weather permitting, we should soon be able to mark out and cut the new flying strip. I'll email everyone when it's sorted.

• Payment of fees, membership etc.

Once everyone who has been in contact has paid up we should have a membership of 23, which is 1 down on last year (so far). Of which 20 will be fully paid up BMFA flying members and 3 just social club members.

- 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.

• 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.

- **Next Months Activities**

No decision was made about activities after the April meeting.

9. AOB

A question was raised about publicising the Club in the local area with a view to increasing Club numbers. The Club has a website and the BMFA steer local interest in our direction. The idea of a Facebook page was brought up a decision made to explore that idea.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Mike's Build a Glider Competition took place after the meeting. The results were as follows.

Number taking part - 7

Longest flight

1st Kevin Hunton-Young, 4.4sec

2nd Paul Marriott 4.25sec

3rd Mike Bell 3.57sec

4th Colin Kitchen 3.43sec

5th Bob Waugh 2.75sec

6th Robert Kitchen 2.13sec

7th Owen Marriott 2.08sec

Wacky design award: Owen Marriott

Entertaining flight award: Robert Kitchen

Mug shots and the design below



