

# **Hartlepool Model Flying Club**

**Minutes for the meeting held on  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
at Stranton Social Club**

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Colin Kitching, Robert Kitching

There were 10/24 members present

## **2. Matters arising from last months minutes**

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

## **3. Chairman's report**

Nothing to report

## **4. Secretary's report**

If you remember back to the AGM in November just gone we decided to get the payments for Club membership back in line with BMFA membership so that all fees would be due by the end of the year. If you haven't got your fees paid by the March meeting this year (19<sup>th</sup> March) or been in touch with me to say you want to stay in the club I will assume you're leaving the club and take you off the club role.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

The Christmas Party

We spent £92.92 on food which works out at £4.65 / head. We made £77.92 with the raffle on the night which went back into club funds to help pay for the food. Many thanks to all those who donated prizes.

Our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank = £1102.37 (Some CAA Op ID yet to pay out)

Cash in hand = £643.72 (£500 from this for field rent)

Total = £1746.09

Total - Field Rent = £1226.09 (With some CAA Op Id yet to pay out)

## **6. Welfare officers report**

Nothing to report

## **7. BMFA delegate's report**

Nothing to report

## **8. Club business**

### **• Flying Field Update**

Message from Mike

Paul and I paid a visit to the field this morning and were pleased to find the strip in a better state than we feared. The animals have been moved out and while there are inevitably some hoof prints on our strip, they are much fewer and less severe than what we were faced with last year.

We will address repairs once we start mowing but in the meantime the area is useable for planes without undercarriage or with Tundra type tyres. As you might imagine the field is very wet everywhere and the field entrance is not passable by vehicle for now. You can park outside the field (a couple of cars or so max) but be very careful not to get stuck or block the road. Once in the field bear right to avoid the worst of the mud on your way over to the strip.

If the step over fence near the farmyard is locked, just ask anyone in the yard and someone will be able to unlock it for you. Apparently there are plans for the council to

fit a new gate at some point but don't hold your breath. If anything changes we will issue further instructions.

- **Membership 2025**

BMFA and Club fees are now over due. BMFA is £49 and Club £25

Working from last years membership of 24 members we have 9 yet to pay Club fees with some yet to pay BMFA fees.

**If you are not intending to rejoin our club this year please let me know and I won't start pestering you for money.**

- **Flyer ID Information from BMFA**

Our Club currently only has **13** members who are legal to fly so far this year.

If you have a Flyer ID and haven't yet sent the information to Bob please do so ASAP.

**If you haven't got a Flyer ID and the Operator ID on your model you can't fly at the club field**

Under the new laws that are now in place a Flyer ID is now compulsory. (It's FREE)

If you fly drones or model aircraft with a take off mass over 250gm outdoors (excluding Control Line) you must now have a valid CAA Flyer ID. Any weight with camera fitted.

There are now only 2 ways to obtain a Flyer ID, you must pass either the CAA DMARES test or the BMFA (RCC). For further information please see <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/caa-ids>

There is a lot of information from the BMFA on who should have a Flyer ID and who shouldn't but at this stage of the year it all boils down to the following

**If you've got a Flyer ID then good, if you haven't please sit the BMFA RCC test and get one.**

- **BMFA Achievement scheme**

Anyone wanting to take the BMFA A or B competency certificate please see Mike or Bob.

- **Club Merchandise**

We have club hats, caps & sun hats for sale after the meeting.

- **Events on the club website**

This year's new events will be posted on the club website as soon as I can find them. The winter Indoor flying season is taking place at Peterlee and Nissan at Washington. Ask for details if you're interested.

- **Hurworth Swapmeet** - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 9.30 – 12.00

- **Next Months Activities**

Next months meeting will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

No activities have been planned for the next meeting but I will be bringing the drone equipment again to have a mess around with mini drones after the meeting. Please bring yours along if you want.

## **9. AOB**

- Mike asked for thanks to be passed to Jill who provided the food at the Christmas party.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Following the Club meeting business we held a Mini Drone Night with timed runs around an obstacle course. Good fun was had by all. All times were under a minute ... we're definitely improving :o) We will have the obstacles out during the next meeting so come along and have a go yourself.