

# **Hartlepool Model Flying Club**

**Minutes for the meeting held on  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
at South Durham Social Club  
(Former Steelworks Club)**

## **1. Apologies for absence**

None received

There were 10/21 members present

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

No formal minutes from last month due to the old venue being closed.

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

Nothing to report other than welcome to the new venue.

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

Thanks to Chairman Paul and Lillian for sorting out our new room.

Rewards System. I was told before the February meeting that the new rewards system would be up and running. It isn't as yet. I've sent an email to Andy Symonds at BMFA but he hasn't replied.

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

The CAA have put up their Operator ID fees from £11.13 to £11.79 from April 2025. This won't affect most of us until fee renewal for 2026 unless you haven't done it yet. We paid our Field rent today. Jeff the farmer seemed ok with the way things were going.

Following payments for Field rent, BMFA etc. our finances stand as follows. r

Cash at the bank = £1031.94

Cash in hand = £152.85

Total = £1184.79

There are still 5 Club fees to collect - £125

## **6. Welfare officers report**

Nothing to report

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

The BMFA are canvassing opinions (again) on changing to a rolling membership. This was discussed and again we are feeding back to them asking to keep it the same as we have at the moment

## **8. Club business**

### **• New Club Meeting Venue**

Following last months meeting where we were all standing outside in the cold due to renovation work taking place and the managers not telling us about it we've decided to move to a new venue.

We were warmly welcomed to the South Durham Social Club and the management are quite happy for us to hold our occasional model building and drone flying session provided we clear up after ourselves. We are making this our new monthly venue

### **• Flying Field Update**

The gate area is passable with care and car parking is ok but be wary if it's been raining as it is still getting muddy and slippery around the car park area. It is still possible to get your car stuck, we tried it, it wasn't fun. If in doubt park outside but leave enough room for the tractors to get in and out.

The flying strip is a bit rough after the winter but is ok for hand launches or model with big wheels. Hopefully once it gets a few cuts on it it will improve quite quickly.

- **Membership 2025**

If you haven't paid BMFA fees you are no longer a BMFA member.

Club fees are due now at the March meeting. For 2026 they will be due at the same time as BMFA fees.

We currently have 21 paid members including those who have spoken to me intending to pay

**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 **14** 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'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**

There are a number of events posted on the club website, if anyone knows of others that club member would be interested in please let me know. The winter Indoor flying season is still running but expected to end at the end of April / beginning of May. It takes place at Peterlee and Nissan at Washington. Ask for details if you're interested.

- **Next Months Activities**

For the April meeting at our new venue we will be holding a Build a Glider night. The room we're in is much longer than the old room which opens up the scope for some very long glides ... if we're good enough :o)

We will provide a roughly A4 sized sheet of 3mm Depron for your creations so get designing!

**9. AOB**

Nothing else was brought up

Meeting closed at 8.25pm