

BMFA MIDLAND AREA AGM MINUTES 09/12/20 @7:30 via Zoom

Present N Byrne, J Collister, S Mason, J Day, A Tunnicliffe, C Anderson, A Symonds, Roy Parker (NMAS), Derek North (Osournby Flyers), Tony Field (South Birmingham MFC), Mark Jordan (Trent RCMFC), Colin Bernard (Blue Sky), Tony Black (Nuneaton MAS) Alan Bateson (Grantham and District MAS), Richard Wilkins (Retford), Trevor Tennent

Apols, Peter Blake (Rolls Royce Derby MC)

Voting Strength, 13 at start of meeting, 14 once AT joined

- 1 Secretary welcomed all to the first Midland Area AGM via Zoom. Pleasing to see so many clubs represented.
- 2 **2019 AGM Minutes**
No formal meeting in 2019 due to a number of health issues. Result of email circulation presented and accepted.
- 3 **Matters arising from 2019 AGM minutes.**
Email format now replaced by Zoom meetings > better attendance, Number of clubs represented and involved significantly greater.
Budget to be discussed in later agenda item.
- 4 **Committee Reports;**

Chair

Secretary

Short discussion about events intended to run in 2020 and carrying over to 2021.
Midland Area Open Day will run in July 2021 (Covid permitting). Free day at Buckminster for Midland Area members, RC and CL.
Helicopter Achievement Scheme day, Midland Area very short of heli examiners and ACEs. Some good news (agenda item 5) but more needed so propose to support the event.
Possible CL event in Birmingham, committee will be working with organisers to support the event.

Achievement Scheme Coordinator

Treasurer

One member suggested more detailed accounts would be preferable once flying and events are back to some form of normality and more transactions are taking place. Committee are aware and intend subsequent accounts to be more detailed.

5 Ratification of Area Chief Examiners

Existing list of ACEs to be ratified and not ratified presented by ASC, list agreed.
New proposal received after ratification list produced. Tony Murrell of Heart of England Aeromodellers proposed as ACE (heli). One member commented that he did not know the person he was asked to vote upon. Pointed out by sec. that this is the case for all ACEs who will necessarily only be known to a small percentage of the Midland members. Also pointed out it is possible to abstain if not satisfied with the process or the nomination. For future

meetings consideration will be given to providing the CV of the nominee for meeting participants' information.

6 Appointment of auditor for 2020/21

Mrs Helen Vaughan proposed and accepted

7 Election of Midland Area Committee members

Chair – vacant

Vice Chair – John Day

Secretary – John Collister

Treasurer – Alf Tunnicliffe

Midland Area Delegate – Steve Mason

ASC – Steve Mason

Webmaster – Chris Anderson

Comp Sec – Vacant

PRO – Vacant

Education coordinator – Vacant

No new nominations received for any positions.

Discussion regarding Area Committee nomination and appointment cycle, A Symonds to provide copy of Area Constitution. Committee will be in a position to carry out appropriate appointment cycle by next AGM

Proposed and accepted that existing candidates continue.

Alf Tunnicliffe volunteered to act as Chair, proposed and accepted.

8 Midland Area Funding

Discussion regarding how funds will be allocated next year. As clubs have generally spent very little of their allocation this year due to Covid restricting activities suggested costs of transactions for transferring monies back and forth could be reduced by allowing clubs to carry forward their existing balance from 2020. No decision been made as yet, BMFA still discussing and Areas will be informed when decision made.

Discussion regarding what Area funds can be used for, AS gave examples. Committee to consider circulating information to all Midland clubs to raise awareness of what support is available.

9 Items and proposals forwarded by clubs

No club items forwarded for inclusion on agenda

10 AOB

Informal discussion regarding use of Zoom for meetings.

11 Next AGM Week commencing 6th December 2021