

## BMFA MIDLAND AREA AGM MINUTES 01/12/25 @1930hrs via Zoom

### Present

Geoff Smith, Birmingham MAC, Steve Mason, Bournestormers, Peter Knight, Marston Green, Rob Terry, Marston Green (observer), Bob Leeming, Bassett, Tony Black, Nuneaton, Colin Bernard, Blue Sky, John Sidsaff, Heanor and District, John Collister, Scarcliffe MAC, Steve Philpott, Greenacres.

### Apols

Alan Bateson, Grantham, Paul Morris (ACE)

Voting Strength – 9 clubs

### 1 Chair's welcome

Welcomed all attending. Disappointing that so few clubs choose to attend. Discussion re how to increase involvement at Area meeting following AGM.

Apathy pervading the hobby at both Area and club levels, disappointing.

Chair asked that those present talk to clubs in their locale, encourage them to get involved.

### 2 Consideration of 2024 AGM minutes, vote for acceptance as a true record

Minutes accepted, prop AB, 2<sup>nd</sup> JS, accepted unanimously by those present at '24 AGM

### 3 Matters arising from 2024 AGM minutes.

Email problems still an issue, AS at BMFA been unable to resolve IONOS/Gmail conflict.

### 4 Committee Reports;

#### Secretary

Communications issues ongoing. Both IONOS system for secretary emails and Icegram Express for bulk emails not up to the job. Possible ways to resolve to be discussed at Mids meeting.

#### Treasurer

Accounts been circulated to all attendees. Seems to be two views regarding how Area funding requests will be treated if Area has significant funds in their account. Different members of BMFA hierarchy appear to have different views. AB will continue to submit requests asking for full amount and see how they are dealt with.

Discussed whether it was worth looking for an account that pays interest, however fees can cancel out any potential profits.

#### Webmaster

No webmaster following Chris Anderson's unfortunate sudden illness. CB and SM have spent considerable time tidying up the Mids Area website and will continue to do so.

Suggested all clubs be asked to ensure from now on that their website info, links etc are up to date and working.

#### Midland Area Delegate

SM reviewed the Area report submitted to the BMFA

#### Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator

SM reviewed the AS report submitted to the BMFA

#### CL rep

Weather forced cancellation of CL event at Mids Area Fly In. Some clubs doing very well with CL, SM included a CL section in his Area submission to the BMFA, only Area to do so. Hope is that other Areas will see it and adopt putting a CL section in their reports.

### 5 Ratification/appointment of Area Chief Examiners

Existing Area Chiefs Bob Binley and Chris Anderson retiring for health reasons.

S Mason, P Morris, R Eaton, J Sidsaff, J Collister all voted to be ratified for 2026.

Proposed that Chris Bond be ratified as new ACE, CV circulated. In ideal geographical location to fill a gap in our coverage of the South of our Area.

Voted, 8 for, 1 abstain (FF so no knowledge to make a judgement)

6 Ratification of Area Delegate

S Mason agreed to stand as Area delegate for '26 but expressed wish to reduce involvement over the year.

6 Appointment of auditor for 2025/26

Some discussion regarding auditing process, BMFA satisfied with Mids Area audit procedure last year.. Colin Monk did the check in 24/25, will do so again in 25/26.

7 Election of Midland Area Committee members

Chair – Extant

Vice Chair – No candidates

Secretary – J Collister Prop JS, 2<sup>nd</sup> BL, vote unanimous

Treasurer – Tony Black Prop JC, 2<sup>nd</sup> JS vote unanimous

ASC – S Mason Prop JS 2<sup>nd</sup> JC vote unanimous

Webmaster – vacant

Comp Sec – Vacant

PRO – Vacant

Education coordinator – Extant

CL representative – Extant

Multirotor representative – Vacant

JC to write to Tiny Whoop racing club, ask if any candidates for multirotor rep.

8 Next AGM Dec 2026