

Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 16th October 2024
at Stranton Social Club

1. Apologies for absence

Paul Breckon, Paul Hewson

There were 6/24 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

Absent so nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

We have the AGM next month 20th November. The BMFA AGM is before our AGM so we should know what the BMFA fees are for 2025 by then. BMFA fees can be paid at the November and/or December meetings. More in Club business

5. Treasurer's report

- Our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank - £1115.72

Cash in hand - £177.15

Total - £1292.87

6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

7. BMFA delegate's report

Absent so nothing to report

8. Club business

• Flying Field Update

We still have animals in the field but with the flying strip being drier because it's higher up the field they don't seem to be having much effect on it at the moment.

• Membership 2025

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Fees for 2025?

Currently we have £25 club fees and I can't see any reason why this shouldn't remain the same for next year. BMFA is currently £47 but I would expect that to rise. CAA is £11.13 and again that will probably rise in April 25.

Social Membership

Some of our members this year have opted for a Social membership of our club to reduce their costs. Social member only pay the club fee and can only take part in meeting based club activities. If you are considering this for next year please bear in mind for anyone to fly at the club field you MUST have current BMFA membership and be able to produce your current BMFA membership card if asked. Social membership is a NON FLYING membership.

Hartlepool MFC is affiliated to the BMFA. This means all current club members or visitors who fly at the club field must be registered with the BMFA as fully paid-up individual members. For this we get £25M insurance cover as well our farmer getting landowner cover for his property, animals etc.

- **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**
We are running out of events for this year on the club web site. The winter Indoor flying season has started at Peterlee and Nissan at Washington.
- **Next Months Activities**
Next months meeting (20th November) will be the AGM.

There is ongoing refurbishment work taking place in Stranton Social Club at the moment. We may need to move to a different room for the AGM. I'll let you know if there are changes when the agenda is sent out just before the next meeting.

9. AOB

From Mike – He's volunteered to refresh the Club's risk assessment documents ready for the AGM next month and from there we can review the other Club documents at the AGM as well.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Build a Glider Competition.

Following the meeting we all attacked our Depron furiously to produce our winning designs. Unfortunately only one of us won but it was very close thing. Timed flights took place with most designs getting worse not better. We were attempting the longest flight. Kevin managed to win with 3.75 seconds. Well done. Had we been doing fastest flights or distance then Robert would have won hands down with his design that shot across the room and under the door out into the corridor!!!

The event was successful but would have been better with more members attending.