



NORTHERN  
AREA

# British Model Flying Association

Patron: **HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG**

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**The next AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm**

The Provisional Agenda for the 2012 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2011 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2011/12
5. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
6. Election of Officers

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**Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area AGM held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

## Agenda

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## Officers Present

Chairman	John Thompson
Vice Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Robert Day
Delegate	Andy Symons
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Auditor	Philip Kent

## Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Darlington Free Flight Modellers (DFFM)	John Godden
South Leeds Aero Modellers Society (SLAMS)	Gordon Warburton FSMAE
Dales Model Flying Club (DMFC)	Peter Hornby
Carlton Model Aircraft Club (CarMAC)	Andy Symons
North Leeds MFC (NLMFC)	Stephen Stringer
Calderdale MAC (CalMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
Wharfedale & District Aeromollers Club (WDAC)	Andrew Watson
Huddersfield & District MAC (H&DMAC)	John Woodhouse
Grimsby & District MAC (G&DMAC)	Dave Edwards

Voting Strength 11.

### 1) Apologies

Jack Parker, Adrian Barker

### 2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2010 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2010 proposed as a true record by **SLAMS**, seconded by **DMFC**. For 8, abstain 3.

### 3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

Reports were presented by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Delegate, Treasurer and ASC.

#### a) Chairman's Report

Another year of unseasonable variable weather closes. It seems that the indoor sessions were the basis of most my flying, even slope soaring has been limited this year.

Despite my request to stand down as Chairman I am still here, and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. We need some younger blood.

Many thanks again to all the Committee for their support, they do all the work very well too. Neil Cooper and Phillip Kent caused us some concern healthwise but have pulled through thankfully.

Our toilet facility offer for club events open to any BMFA member is still popular although prices may soon be creeping up.

We once again had the use of the BMFA Trailer for the LMA Rufforth Show, a great asset.

Despite our previous successes the Castle Howard hierarchy asked for a major financial contribution this year, which we were not able to provide. However another stately home nearby is hosting the LMA in 2011 so we should be invited there.

The Swapmeet at Horsforth, preceding the indoor flying, was a great success despite an eleventh hour change of venue, the greater space over last year a distinct advantage. We also found that two hours was plenty of time for bartering.

The Masters F3p event went well with many international competitors entering, and our own Local Champion Trophy won by Connor Stevens. We look forward to next month's event and hope for a few more locals appearing.

Our committee is a hands on team, helping at the Nats and various other events, and still finding time to fly. We could not function without them.

Thank you all.

John. A. Thompson

#### b) Vice Chairman's Report

My greatest achievement this year was to get rid of the Muxlow Memorial Trophy. I do not know whether it was a thank you for helping him at Elvington or just good heartedness but Manny Williamson took it to Leicester. I hope they find a use for it.

Recovery from that auspicious event enabled me, with Jack Parker, to continue to organise the flying at Dishforth. This year it has been more time consuming with the increase from one to two meetings each month. But it is appreciated by the flyers, particularly those who are restricted to electric and silent flight at their club. We are endeavouring to get younger people interested to help organise our activities at Dishforth during the winter as they appear unaffected by the cold. If we are not successful we may limit the flying to a denser summer programme and cut out winter flying. The proposal is flying every two weeks April to October. This would be sixteen Sundays.

As well as Dishforth I have helped at Elvington for the Heavy Lift Challenge and on the BMFA stand at Rufforth. I will be doing the same at Harrogate in November.

Peter Hornby

#### c) Delegate's Report

I have attended all full and area council meetings this past year, as well as the society AGM. I have also attended a number of ASRC meetings, Nationals planning meetings and assisted once again at the Nationals as safety officer and also at the Electric Indoor Masters. I also assisted at the Heavy Lift challenge and helped man the BMFA stand at Rufforth and the Harrogate show.

There has been an increase in insurance claims this past year, the majority being damage to parked vehicles. All clubs should re-look at their parking arrangements and ask themselves if they could be better. Fees are not being increased for 2011 despite upward pressure from insurance and other costs, thanks should go to the Society Treasurer Keith Lomax, Fellow, for his and his teams excellent work in producing and adhering to a sensible budget. It has been a steady year for the society, with membership numbers being down slightly but an increase in affiliated clubs, which in the current economic situation is excellent and has led to a small surplus on the year. The Nationals, despite appalling conditions looks like it has also produced a surplus although down quite a bit on the past few years.

From 2011 there will only be 2 area council meetings a year instead of 3, these will only be attended by 1 delegate from each area too which will save quite a bit on costs. (and probably speed up the meetings too!!)

Unfortunately we could not hold the Fly-in at Castle Howard this year as they decided they wanted to charge a large amount for the use of the field. Will we be back for 2011? As yet I don't know.

Andy Symons, Council Delegate.

#### **d) Treasurers Report**

It is heartening to see over the year that even in the continued climate of economic caution, that both the indoor and outdoor fly-ins are being so well supported. This along with the BMFA Area support grant has ensured our continued stability over the year.

Account details are produced at most of the regular meetings and are minuted, however brief details follow:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
28th Nov 2009	1155.24	4814.89	144.48	6114.61
26th Nov 2010	2537.86	4829.04	94.10	7461.00

Funds for club support have been well utilised by some, and the area should continue to encourage reasonable requests for financial support or sponsorship. Again, for the likes of Dishforth and Indoor the funds have been utilised well but it must be said that their fund raising and almost self support at these events has more than qualified their support going forward.

Summing up..... Financially, we continue to be one of the healthiest of BMFA areas. The area should consider any reasonable requests for financial support or sponsorship from its clubs.

As an area we should consider the relaxing of entry fees and other associated costs for fly-ins and events in the area for the next year, to allow some of the accumulated funds to be fed back to the membership.

**Please make sure that any requests for expenses/funding or proceeds from events are authorised firstly through the committee and minuted, then sent to me accompanied by an expense/income report slip. This report should include a concise breakdown of expenses/income etc.**

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

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Paul Blakeborough.  
Treasurer - Northern Area BMFA.

#### **e) ASC Report**

I am pleased to say that this year I have received Reports back from all Northern Area Chief Examiners in time for me to report to AGM

As the Northern Area ASC I have managed to find all but one of the area Chief Examiners a challenge in 2010. Reports attached,

Due to the changes this year in many areas of the achievement scheme this has caused confusion between candidates and Chief Examiners as it has done for the last 4 year the main reason being is that the information set out in the BMFA news as an update can take an unknown time to appear on the BMFA web site this is where members go to view there guide lines. I have worked closely with Andy Symons to keep up to date with matters arising from week to week

Andy would be a huge asset to the Examiner Team Northern Area because of his work with the Achievement review committee. I have worked with Andy in particular covering Fixed wing C certificate in the area.

I would like to propose that Andy is to develop into a fixed wing Chief Examiner Northern Area

Our Area Chief Examiner team I know would summon Andys experience to further their responsibility to Area Clubs , Andy is a firm believer in Education and has been involved in organising some useful examiner workshop with myself.

I will over the next few days be contacting Peter Spurway to ask for his agreement regarding my report request. There are other reasons for my request these are best discussed at the meeting.

I have over the years as the Northern Area ASC encouraged clubs to promote / advance members through the achievement scheme to avoid Chief examiners to be called upon to test A or B Club candidates

I am proud to say that Thorne Model Club with approximately 60 active members now have a second Club examiner thanks to the proactive committee at the Club and myself

My Chief Examiners report is as follows

I have had the pleasure to be invited to a East coast model flying Club, the planned date was months in advance and I wondered why? nevertheless a young man presented himself for testing . The model he was flying was of a noticeable age.

The other young man was being tested as a Club Examiner,(Examiner Candidate tests Fixed wing A certificate candidate ) Fantastic result both passed superb test result. What makes it really superior for BMFA achievement scheme is that the date the test was taken was the 20th anniversary of the day the A candidates father passed his A certificate with the same aircraft (thats why it was planned so far in advance), good job the weather was fine.

Sadly this young mans father could not attend to view his sons achievement. I was given these details after the test in the warmth of their Club house over a cup of hot coffee filling in the paper work.

I know that my days testing made a real difference for all the right reasons,

I have also attended Thorne model Club to test an Examiner candidate with jubilant result as their Club has 2 fixed wing Examiners in place.

Helicopter, I have been involved with Pontefract Club, the Chairman contacted and arrangements were made to test a helicopter Club Examiner also a helicopter B Test was taken same day. Both Candidates provided exceptional knowledge of the BMFA guidelines and superior Flying skills.

Phil Davis

Examiner Reports as follows:

It's been another quiet year. During 2010 I took some achievement scheme tests at North Leeds Club and did a couple of successful Club Examiner test at Dewsbury Club.

I am willing to carry on as Chief Examiner in 2011.

Best wishes,

Gordon Warburton (FSMAE)

Further to our conversation the other night and your e mail here is what I have been doing this year

I have taken Michael Terry for Examiner and Instructor Silent Flight  
Am still waiting for Dave Tofton to get his act together for heli examiner  
Done my usual flag waving tour of the local clubs and act as point of reference for queries

Have done several B certs for country members  
Keep me on list please

Regards

Dave Scholes

Another quiet year on the examining front. I was requested by yourself to do some work at the Don Valley Club, which... after many weeks of Emails came to fruition on the 9th October, where I spent the morning taking two of their members through to examiner status. Other than that, I had many discussions with potential achievement scheme candidates at various clubs and events I attended.

I am willing to stand as an ACE for next year.

Regards, Paul. B

It's been a quiet year again, the weather seems to have been worse than last year!  
Though there is still an interest in the achievement scheme.  
If my services are still required, I would be willing to continue in 2011.

Best regards

Chris Carter

This year a lot of my time as been taken up with an internal dispute within our club, but I did manage to take some members of the Huddersfield club for training and instruction on how to fly the A and B schedules. A few weeks later on I was able to pass two members for their A certificate and one for his B.  
The figure eight manoeuvre seems to be one that the majority of the candidates find most difficult to perform correctly especially when there is a wind blowing. Flying my own model and telling them what I'm doing and why as I am flying, seems to help a lot.

Yours Sincerely

John Woodhouse

#### **f) Secretary's Report**

This year I have helped man the BMFA stand at the Christmas Model Show at Harrogate 2009 and the Rufforth Model show.

I spent an enjoyable and tiring weekend at the NATS as the Hanger Safety Manager looking after the evening indoor RC and free-flight flying. Even though it was windy and wet I enjoyed camping. I have been volunteered to do this again next year.

I did the scoring for the Electric Indoor Masters 2009 at Bradford but did manage to see some of the incredible indoor flying. I will be doing this again in 2010.

I have attended quite a few of the Dishforth and all indoor flying sessions at Trinity and All Saints with both being well attended.

Rob Day.

**DMAC** proposed that we adopt the officer reports, seconded by **CaIMAC**. For 9, against 0.

#### **4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2009/March 2010 Accounts**

**SLAMS** proposed to accept the accounts for 2009/2010, seconded by **CarMAC**. For 9, against 0.

#### **5) Ratification of Area Chief Examiners.**

**CaIMAC** proposed all the current Area chief examiners were ratified for 2011, seconded by **CarMAC**.  
For 9, against 0.

#### **6) Election of Officers**

Officers for election for a 2 year term this year were Chairman, Delegate, Treasurer, PRO, Secretary and Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

No nominations were received for any posts.

**DMFC** proposed that all incumbents continue in their roles, seconded by **CaIMAC**. For 9, against 0.

The full committee for 2011 is:

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
PRO  
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)  
Auditor  
Council Delegate  
Education Co-ordinator

John Thompson  
Peter Hornby  
Robert Day  
Paul Blakeborough  
John Thompson  
Phil Davis  
Philip Kent  
Andy Symons  
Neil Cooper

Meeting Closed 8.05pm

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