



NORTHERN
AREA

British Model Flying Association

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

President **Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock**
GCB, KBE, DSc, FENG, FIMechE, FRAeS.

The next AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on Friday 22nd November 2013 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm

The Provisional Agenda for the 2013 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2012 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2012/13
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 23rd November 2012

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Officers Present

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Robert Day
Delegate/Education Co-ordinator	Neil Cooper
Auditor	Philip Kent

Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Robert Day
Dales Model Flying Club (DMFC)	Jack Parker
Carlton Model Aircraft Club (CarMAC)	Neil Cooper
North Leeds MFC (NLMFC)	Peter Hornby
Calderdale MAC (CaIMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Philip Kent

Voting Strength 7.

1) Apologies

Paul Blakeborough, Andy Symons, Gordon Warburton FSMAE, Chris Bish

2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2011 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2011 proposed as a true record by **D&DMAC**, seconded by **CaIMAC**. For 3, abstain 4.

3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

Reports were presented by the Chairman, Secretary, Delegate (Co-opted), Treasurer and ASC.

a) Chairman's Report

First the good news: it was gratifying to here that John Thompson, the previous occupant of this chair, had made a full recovery from a major brain operation and I am sure you all wish him the best for the future.

Now the not so good: earlier this year I sent out a begging letter to the Chairman of each of the 67 clubs in our area for their younger members to consider joining our committee. The response was very poor, only four clubs replied. But the one good thing was that Neil Cooper volunteered to be the Area Delegate. I think that Andy Symons last report as Area Delegate to the BMFA when he stated that we are doing things correctly is probably right as so few turn up to meetings to suggest or complain.

Again we have provided flying opportunities at two indoor venues and one out door. Jack Parker at Horsforth and Phillip Kent at Brighouse efficiently run the indoor flying and Jack Parker and I run the outdoor flying at Dishforth.

In each of my reports for the NA Committee meetings I have outlined my actions and contributions to events in our area and their inclusion here is not necessary as minutes of those meetings were sent to our Area Clubs.

Lastly I will deal with the situation regarding Dishforth in 2013. We have decided to book sixteen Sundays for next year, starting 10th March and finishing 27th October. The chosen dates have been approved by Flight Planning at Dishforth and the request for a Licence has gone to MOD Catterick.

So far this year we have lost eight days out of twenty one and for the thirteen we flew we averaged ten flyers. Unless we get compensated for the lost days we will loose about £73.

But as we have three days left this year we may reduce that sum.

Peter Hornby

b) Secretary's Report

I have not attended many events this year due to having a back operation but I have managed to help at some.

I helped at the BMFA Heavy Lift, helped man the BMFA stand at the Elvington LMA event, did the scoring at the Electric Indoor Masters, helped at the Pudsey swap meet and the indoor flying sessions at Leeds Trinity University.

The indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University 2011/12 was well attended and made £1406 over the period. Attendance at the 2012/13 sessions have been a little down on last year but I expect it to pick up when the weather gets worse. I wish to thank Jack Parker for organizing and running these sessions with a little help from me.

The Pudsey swap meet was well attended and made £323 which was more than I expected but still a loss. Gordon Warburton took over running the event from John Thompson due to illness.

Robert Day.

c) Delegate's (Co-opted) Report

As the co-opted Area Delegate I have attended the Full Council Meeting and the BMFA AGM, also helping man the BMFA stand at the LMA event at Elvington.

As per my September report, BMFA Membership is to rise for 2013 by £1 to £32 for adults, £17 for Juniors, £21 for Family Partners and £13 for Family Juniors.

The Society continues to have a healthy membership maintaining around 35,500 members.

Full time staff at Chacksfield House has been increased with the addition of our own Andy Symons as Club Support Officer.

Overall costs , especially Council and Technical Committee meetings are being looked into with a view to reducing outgoings, as is the possibility of members who request it, receiving copies of the BMFA News electronically rather than by post.

The funding of International Team events is also being discussed with regard to ways to increase funding. Once again the University's Challenge was held at Elvington, this year attracting entries from Turkey and Germany, the eventual winners being Strade University from Germany winning the Heavy Lift contest and the University of Liverpool winning the Electric Contest.

October also saw the launch of the School's Fly Your Plane Challenge, this is to replace the BMFA Flight Challenge usually held at Duxford Museum.

The new Challenge involves schools entering without the need to travel as all competitions take place within individual schools and results posted online. Details can be found at www.flyyourplane.com.

Again the Electric Indoor Masters will be held at Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford with a change of date to February 23rd/24th 2013 rather than November 2012.

Neil Cooper.

d) Treasurers Report

Apologies I cannot be at the AGM... Work comes first I'm afraid.

Much of the same in 2012... another well supported year for Dishforth and Indoor fly-ins. It would be really nice if we could also book some better weather at times! However, with winter upon us the indoor should be well frequented again and as self-supportive as it seems to be, we should endeavour to financially support these favoured and any other areas of our sport as much as possible.

Requests for any financial help from the Northern Area are welcomed, and should be presented to committee meetings.

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>
25 th Nov 2011	1454.17	4829.04	88.10	6371.31
23 rd Nov 2012	2907.92	4836.27	81.02	7825.21

Summing up..... Financially, and as normal.... we continue to be one of the healthiest of BMFA areas.

We should consider the relaxing of entry fees and other associated costs for fly-ins and events in the area for 2013, this will 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:

15 Castle Lodge Gardens
Rothwell
Leeds
LS26 0ZL

Email: pblakeborough@zoho.com

Paul Blakeborough.

e) ASC Report

A fairly quiet year in general, there have been a number of club examiner requests which the areas Chief examiners dealt with efficiently.

I have received written reports from the Chief examiners below and propose we ratify the following Chief examiners for 2013

Chris Carter
Paul Blakeborough
Dave Scholes
Phil Davis
Andy Symons

I have spoken to John Woodhouse who has given me a verbal report and stated he wishes to stand down as a Chief Examiner.

Andy Symons
Northern Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator

Northern Area Chief Examiner Reports 2012

Chris Carter

Things have been very slow again this year (the weather hasn't helped!). My local club Rotherham Model Helicopter Club has now found a new flying field, but our membership is limited to 20 and is full. We have decided though, not to turn away newcomers to the hobby, so I am happy to continue my duties in 2013.

Paul Blakeborough

Again a fairly quiet year... I started to prepare a prospective Examiner (Al Greenwood) for the Nidderdale Club, but in the end he decided that he didn't want to go through it.

I did take a colleague in the RAFMAA through to completion after being approached by their ACE Ian Nelson.

I'm willing to carry on as required.

Dave Scholes

During the past year I have carried out several a and b tests at local clubs who didn't have an examiner or sufficient examiners.

I have also passed Ian Copass of the Beelsby Club and Dave Tofton of Lindens Club as helicopter examiners and Brian Feranley of Ravens Club as fixed wing examiner.

As usual I have been round the local clubs periodically to make sure that all is well and that the relevant guidelines are being followed and have helped Ravens club with their affiliation and ensured they are operating within BMFA guidelines

I am happy to continue in 2013

Phil Davis

Generally it has been a quiet year. I have had the opportunity to cover some test at a nearby Club. General advice and encouragement has been given over the year. I welcome the new "procedure for assessing candidates" but I am not sure that the candidates will.

I am willing to carry on in the role as Area Chief Examiner for 2013.

Andy Symons

Generally a quiet year, I carried out examiner assessments at the Keighley & District Club, and have also carried out a small number of A and B tests.

I am happy to continue in 2013.

PANDAS proposed that we adopt the officer reports, seconded by **NLMFC**. For 7, against 0.

4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2010/March 2011 Accounts

DMFC proposed to accept the accounts for 2010/2011, seconded by **CarMAC**. For 7, against 0.

5) Ratification of Area Chief Examiners.

CarMAC proposed all the Area chief examiners willing to continue were ratified for 2013, seconded by **BMAC**. For 7, against 0.

6) Election of Officers

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

No nominations were received for any post. Neil Cooper was nominated to continue as the Delegate and Education Co-ordinator. Philip Kent was nominated to be the Vice Chairman.

NLMFC proposed that Philip Kent be Vice Chairman, seconded by **DMFC**. For 7, against 0.

DMFC proposed that Neil Cooper and current incumbents continue in their roles, seconded by **NLMFC**. For 7, against 0.

The full committee for 2012 is:

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Vice Chairman	Philip Kent
Secretary	Robert Day
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
PRO	Vacant
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)	Andy Symons
Auditor	Philip Kent
Council Delegate	Neil Cooper
Education Co-ordinator	Neil Cooper

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Robert Day
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