



NORTHERN
AREA

British Model Flying Association

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

President: **Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock.**
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The next meeting of the Northern Area BMFA will be held on Friday 1st July 2016 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 1st July meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **29th April 2016** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **29th April 2016** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 29th April 2016

Officers Present

Secretary	Robert Day
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)	Andy Symons (Acting)

Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	Martin Lynn
Dales MFC (DMFC)	Steve Dunn
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	Alec Barber
Keighley & District MAC (KADMAC)	Howard Mansley
Wharfedale & District Aeromodellers (W&DA)	Andrew Watson

Voting Strength 6

1) Apologies

Tim Haigh, Phillip Kent, Mike Fitzgerald.

2) Correction and Adoption of 13th November 2015 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **D&DMAC**, seconded by **BMF** (with amendments/corrections).
For 5, against 0.

3) Matters Arising from 13th November 2015 Meeting

- a) 4(a) The Bank has now found our our account paperwork. The Treasurer proposed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer be signatories on the Area accounts. He will organise all the paperwork.
- b) 7(a) Steve Dunn is currently paying for session at Leeds Trinity University and charging £10 per flyer with limited places being available. Alec Barber mention their indoor flying sessions and funding. **D&DMAC** proposed that the Area fund 4 x £50 session each over the next 12 month period for both Alec's and Steve's events as long as they advertised on the Area and main BMFA web sites. Seconded by **KADMAC**.
For 6, against 0.

4) Correspondence from Officer's

- a) The Treasurer said we have received £4.86 interest from our accounts.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairmans Report

Well it seems an age since the last meeting; however it's been a very quiet new year so far and very little to report. The Deadline for members to display models at the forthcoming Doncaster Model Engineering Exhibition has passed and to date we had no expressions of interest. So the decision was taken to inform Lou (show organiser) that we unfortunately would not be taking up his kind offer this year. I hope that if the invitation to attend is extended to us next year then we may be in a better position to provide some sort of display, but it still feels a little disappointing as it seems we missed an opportunity to engage with the public and potential new model aviators.

b) Secretarys Report

It has been a quiet period since the last meeting. The indoor flying I run for the Area at Leeds Trinity University has been well attended and made £612 over the 16 sessions. Flying at Dishforth has started for this year and the one session I attended so far this year was well attended.

c) Treasurers Report

Outgoing: (Current Account)

05/02/16	Leeds Trinity	Indoor Room Hire	843.84
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Incoming : (Current Account)

07/12/15	R Day	Dishforth 15/10/15	14.00
07/12/15	R Day	Trinity Indoor 26/09/15	18.00
07/12/15	R Day	Trinity Indoor 03/10/15	22.00
07/12/15	R Day	Trinity Indoor 17/10/15	32.00
07/12/15	R Day	Trinity Indoor 21/11/15	46.00
07/12/15	R Day	Trinity Indoor 07/11/15	48.00
22/02/16	R Day	Trinity Indoor 02/01/16	36.00
22/02/16	R Day	Trinity Indoor 05/12/15	36.00
22/02/16	R Day	Trinity Indoor 23/01/16	38.00
22/02/16	R Day	Trinity Indoor 19/12/15	42.00
22/02/16	R Day	Trinity Indoor 09/01/16	44.00

Accounts:-

Current	-	6362.34
Deposit	-	4856.66
Cash	-	68.02
Total	-	11287.02

IMPORTANT:-

Please make sure that all 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.

NOTE: I MUST HAVE A SIGNED EXPENSE SLIP TO RELEASE FUNDS !!!! If you haven't got a copy, send me an Email I'll send you one. In 2015 I will not release funds without one.

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

15 Castle Lodge Gardens
Rothwell
Leeds
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6) Comments on Officer's Reports

- a) The Treasurer reiterated that an income/expenses slip must be sent to him for any income or expenses for the Area.

7) A.O.B

- a) Andy Symons let the Area know that Peter Willis has now moved out of the Area and has resigned as Delegate and ASC. Andy said he would be happy to take over as ASC for the moment.
- b) Andy Symons as ASC put forward Chris Bell (Winterton Club) as a fixed wing examiner. This was proposed by **DMFC** and seconded by **D&DMAC**. For 6, against 0.
- c) Andy Symons put forward that the Area run an examiners workshop in early September at either PANDAS or Winterton. He will let the Area know when the details have been confirmed.
- d) Andy Symons pointed out that club examiners can subscribe on <http://achievements.bmfa.org/> for updates to the achievement schemes.
- e) Andrew Watson asked if the rumours of Dishforth Airfield closing were true. The Secretary responded that as far as he knew this is not the case.
- f) **KADMAC** asked the Area to help to fund a gravel path at their flying site for disabled users. Andy Symons suggested that they contact the local Council first. Alec Barber suggested that they also contact their local councillor. The meeting agreed that it would need an idea of cost before agreeing to paying for it.
- g) Martin Lynn raised issues he had with the agenda for the BMFA meeting. First he raised the proposal to add a joining fee to BMFA membership. **D&DMAC** proposed that we oppose this. Seconded by **DMFC**. For 6, against 0. Second he raised the proposed changes to how Areas are funded. It was thought there was not enough time to discuss and look at this so it was proposed by **D&DMAC** to have this deferred to the next BMFA meeting. This was seconded by **W&DA**. For 6, against 0.
- h) Andy Symons mentioned that he run the BMFA stand at Winterton (6/7th August) and Elvington (13/14th August). He said that he would need help at Elvington and Robert Day said he would help.
- i) Robert Day said that himself and Alan Muir would be happy to run indoor flying again at Leeds Trinity University. **PANDAS** proposed that we run the same number of events for 2016/17. Seconded by **BMF**. For 6, against 0.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

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