



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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8.00pm at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> May meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **28<sup>th</sup> January 2011** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **28<sup>th</sup> January 2011** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. A.O.B.

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## Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### Officers Present

Chairman	John Thompson
Secretary	Robert Day
Council Delegate	Andy Symons

### Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Pontefract & District (PANDAS)	Robert Day
Carlton MAC (CARMAC)	Andy Symons
Darlington Free Flight Modellers (DFFM)	John Godden
South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (SLAMS)	Gordon Warburton, FSMAE
Calderdale MAC (CALMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
Huddersfield & District MAC (H&DMAC)	John Woodhouse

Voting Strength        7

### 1) Apologies

Peter Hornby, Jack Parker, Neil Cooper, Philip Kent, Paul Blakeborough, Phil Davis, Chris Bell.

### 2) Correction and Adoption of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **CARMAC**, seconded by **SLAMS**. For 6, abstain 1.

### 3) Matters Arising from 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Meeting

- a) **CARMAC** proposed that we move the swapmeet back to Pudsey. This was seconded by **SLAMS**. For 7, against 0. John Thompson to organise the swapmeet. The cost will be approx. £600 for the day.

### 4) Correspondence from Officer's

- a) Peter Hornby received a letter of thanks from 9 Regiment Army Air Corps, Dishforth for the Areas donation to Help for Heroes.

### 5) Officer's Reports

- a) **Chairman's Report**

Not much in the short time since the AGM.

The F3p Indoor Aerobatic event was well attended with our Local Champions Trophy going to 15 year old David Childs of Harrogate.

**b) Vice Chairman's Report**

Very little has happened since our last meeting in December on the eve of the Harrogate Show. Neither the Show or the BMFA Stand, which I organised, were successful, our sales were low and the show attendance poor. So poor that Yorkshire Air Spectacular have decided it is their last. With the LMA giving up on Rufforth we will not have a venue in Yorkshire in 2011 where we can advertise the BMFA.

Dishforth has not been used since 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 due to Army Manoeuvres and bad weather. I have received the licence for 2011 for 23 Sundays starting 9<sup>th</sup> January and I hope for better weather during the year.

The two paragraphs above were written for the 7<sup>th</sup> January meeting that was cancelled due to ice and snow.

Since then we have received a note from the LMA inviting us to participate at Elvington on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August. I am willing to run the stand but cannot do any physical work such as erecting the tent. If the committee agrees to us running a stand we will need to order the tent from the BMFA Leicester Office.

Also there is a possibility of the LMA running a show at Harewood in June. But confirmation from the Harewood Estate is awaited. Presumably LMA will contact us if the venue is confirmed.

I was at the Horsforth indoor meeting last Saturday where we were honoured by the visit of the Rolls Royce Bristol Chief Engineer. He thought the venue was superb and that the event was extremely well run. As Jack Parker received an E Mail from another source congratulating him on his efficient running of the event earlier in January I think we should officially thank him in the minutes of this meeting.

My apologies for not attending but I hope to be somewhere warmer and sunnier than Castleford.

**6) Comments on Officers Reports**

- a) Andy Symons let us know that the Winterton MFC will be holding a Model Show on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July and they have asked that the Area man the BMFA stand at the event. We have agreed as long as we can get volunteers to man the stand.

**7) A.O.B**

- a) John Thompson brought up the near miss incident with an electric helicopter at the last indoor flyin at Trinity and All Saints. He suggested that we recommunicate the rules to all attending the flyin and tighten up on safety. Robert Day suggested that we also put the rules up on the Area website.
- b) John Thompson has suggested that the Area run another indoor flyin for slow, aero and free flight at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre, Cleckheaton. John has already booked an initial date of March 6<sup>th</sup> to test the waters. D&DMAC proposed that the Area fund this event. This was seconded by SLAMS. For 7, against 0.
- c) Andy Symons informed us that the Area web site domain name was due for renewal at a cost of approx. £25. It was agreed to renew the domain name.
- d) Andy Symons proposed to move the meeting time from 19:30 to 20:00. This was proposed by CARMAC and seconded by PANDAS. For 7, against 0.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

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