



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 meeting of the Northern Area BMFA will be held on Friday 27th January 2012 starting 8.00pm at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 27th January meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **6th January 2012** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **6th January 2012** 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 6th January 2012

Officers Present

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Vice Chairman	John Thompson
Secretary	Robert Day
Council Delegate/ASC	Andy Symons
Auditor	Philip Kent

Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Pontefract & District (PANDAS)	Philip Kent
Carlton MAC (CARMAC)	Andy Symons
Dales Model Flying Club (DMFC)	Peter Hornby
South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (SLAMS)	Gordon Warburton, FSMAE
Brighouse Vintage MAC (BVMAC)	Jack Parker
Keighly and District MAC (K&DMAC)	Grant Kendell
West Yorkshire MFC (WYMFC)	Richard Rawle
Huddersfield & District MAC (H&DMAC)	D. Limbert

Voting Strength **9**

1) Apologies

Adrian Barker, Paul Blakeborough.

2) Correction and Adoption of 25th November 2011 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **SLAMS**, seconded by **D&DMAC**. For 5, abstain 4.

3) Matters Arising from 25th November 2011 Meeting

None.

4) Correspondence from Officer's

- a) John Thompson informed the meeting that the Education Schools event is to be held on Thursday 14th June at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington. As this year is the 70th anniversary of the Elvington airfield

John has asked for more volunteers to help promote aeromodelling at the event and make the Area's involvement at the event bigger. Some members at the meeting volunteered to help and the Delegate will bring this up at the next BMFA meeting he attends to see if they wish to help.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairmans Report

This is my first report after becoming Chairman and as I have done little since my election except indoor flying and completing the organisation for flying at Dishforth this report will cover those activities. Like most flyers in our area I have not flown out doors since September 2011 due to inclement weather. Thanks to Jack Parker's organisation on average over twenty people have been flying indoors at Trinity College Horsforth in a super atmosphere of conviviality and humour. For flyers living to the extreme west of our region Phillip Kent is also providing indoor flying at a similar venue. I think we must thank them both for following in John Thompson's footsteps and providing the NA's answer to the winter climate.

It seems as though we were subjected to winter weather for most of the year on Sundays at Dishforth. We lost the days in January, May, October, November and December to the weather and have not flown at Dishforth since 18th September. This has caused us to loose money at Dishforth for the first time. To compensate this I have managed to get the MoD to wave charges for six Sundays in 2012.

For 2011 we paid MoD £963-50p And collected only £630 from the flyers. This has left us with a deficit of £333-50. But as we have six free Sundays in 2012 which would normally cost £216 the loss is reduced to £117-50 (£118).

For 2012 we were charged £768 by MoD. This plus £118 loss from 2011 means that we need 178 flyers at £5 each to break even.

Because the list of registered flyers had become cumbersome and as over 45% of these had never visited Dishforth I have reduced the list to 64 of which 59 have E mail addresses making almost instant contact possible.

This new list has been sent to 9 Regiment Army Air Corp.

b) Delegates Report

Full council meeting 7/1/2012

Most of the agenda items are international team ratification proposals.

However there are a few other items that need some discussion.

- i) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for the BMFA "Pilot of the Year" trophy should be the end of third week in October in the year of achievement.
- ii) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for flying related RAeC and FAI awards should be the end of third week in October in any year notwithstanding the specific rules of the RAeC.
- iii) From Control Line Technical Committee that in the event of extreme weather conditions which make flying unsafe at the RC, CL & Scale British National Championships, classes may be postponed and flown at a later date, provided that the class was attempted to be flown at those National Championships. If a class competition is postponed under these extreme weather conditions then it must be flown no later than the fourth Sunday in October of the same year.
- iv) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council uses 50% of the additional money raised from the increase of the BMFA Membership fee (over and above that requested by the Hon Treasurer) to build up the GB Teams Competition fund.
- v) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council review with urgency the situation regarding Team Funding with the aim of forming a new policy for significantly increasing the central Team Fund.

R/C Power Technical Committee wishes to express its deep concern to Full Council regarding the future funding of GB Teams taking part in World and European Championship events. These events

are getting ever more expensive to attend with the result that often the GB teams do not always comprise of the best available fliers due to those individuals being often financially constrained through lack of sufficient support.

6) Comments on Officers Reports

- a) After some discussion about events in the Area it was agreed that Jack Parker be the “Events Coordinator” and inform the Area meeting of any events in the Area.
- b) The Delegate raised the point 5)b)iv) in his report and it was proposed by **CARMAC**, seconded by **DMFC** to vote against it. All for, 0 against.

7) A.O.B

- a) Gordon Warburton, FSMAE brought in the Northern Area RC Trophy that was returned to the Area last year with other trophies. **BVMAC** proposed that the trophy be used for the scale event to be held at Dishforth to be run by Philip Kent. This was seconded by **CARMAC**. All for, 0 against.
- b) Andy Symons informed the meeting about the following events in the Area. BMFA Chairmans conference 10th March 2012. LMA Bradford Spring Seminar to be held again at Richard Dunn Sports Centre 11th March 2012. BMFA Heavy Lift Challenge, Elvington Airfield 9/10th June 2011. Air Valley School want to be involved in this years Heavy Lift and K&DMAC may be able to help.
- c) **D&DMAC** proposed that we again hold an Area swapmeet at Pudsey this year. This was seconded by **SLAMS**. For 6, 3 against. The swapmeet will be organised by John Thompson and is to be planned for a Sunday in the last two weeks of October 2012. Date to be confirmed at next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

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