



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 21st August 2015 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the **21st August** meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **15th May 2015** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **15th May 2015** 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 15th May 2015

Officers Present

Vice Chairman/Auditor
Secretary
Treasurer

Philip Kent
Robert Day
Paul Blakeborough

Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)
Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)
Wharfedale & District Aeromodellers (WDA)
Dales MFC (DMFC)
Morley and District MAC (M&DMAC)
Thirsk Model Club (TMC)
Calderdale MAC (CMAC)

Paul Blakeborough
Philip Kent
David Limbert
Martin Lynn
Andrew Watson
Alan Muir
Gordon Warburton (FSMAE)
Peter Willis
Mike Fitzgerald

Voting Strength 9

1) Apologies

Dave Parry (Carlton MAC), Peter Hornby.

2) Correction and Adoption of 14th November 2015 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **D&DMAC**, seconded by **PANDAS**. For 5, against 0.

3) Matters Arising from 14th November 2014 Meeting

- a) 7(c) WDA control line flying being added to Dishforth license. Still nothing happened. Secretary to chase with Adrian Hornby.

4) Correspondence from Officer's

None.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairmans Report

Looking through my Diary for this year to see what I had done for the Northern Area; the saddest event came first. It was Jack Parkers Funeral. It was well attended by the modellers who new Jack well and respected his hard work at both Dishforth and Horsforth. A great loss: a man hard to replace.

The two positive things I have done is organise the booking of Dishforth for flying this year and also I have made arrangements for us to have a stand at the 22nd National Model Engineering & Modelling Exhibition in Harrogate.

It was a success for us with six of our members giving displays of indoor flying and attracting people to our sport. Lou Rex the organiser gave us and our flyers small donations to show his appreciation of our positive actions towards his show.

Before closing I must mention that Neil Cooper has resigned from all his positions on our committee. The major reason for this was due to the meeting at Leicester to go see and discuss acquiring an area of land on which the BMFA want to build offices and a flying field. The day would have been one long and arduous for anyone not living in the Northampton area and the contributor of too much stress. I have searched the the BMFA web site and meeting agenders and have not been able to find precise details of the proposed day's events. A lack of communication is the reason. Neil worked hard for our area and will be sadly missed.

I hope this is Ok for you Rob. I will not be able to attend the meeting on Friday. I have been suffering from heart failure for sometime and it has recently got worse. Since the Harrogate Show I seem to have spent my time meeting doctors having X Rays and blood tests and my doctor thinks it would be too stressful for me to drive to Castleford and Chair a meeting. I feel I must follow his advice.

b) Secretary Report

The start of the year was marked by the loss of Jack Parker. I knew Jack well and miss his booming voice announcing the next slot at the indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University. I would like to thank Peter Hornby and Alan Muir for helping run the indoor sessions since Jack's passing.

The indoor flying sessions at Leeds Trinity University have again been popular and well attended. I have already booked the sessions for 2015/16.

I helped man the BMFA stand at the Harrogate Model Engineering Exhibition and enjoyed demonstrating indoor flying with my quad.

c) Treasurers Report

Outgoing: (Current Account)

11/11/14	Leeds Trinity	Indoor	£118.50
22/01/15	Leeds Trinity	Indoor	£750.08
11/02/15	BMFA	School Kits (Neil Cooper)	£58.65

Incoming: (Current Account)

17/11/14	R J Day	Indoor	£60.00
17/11/14	R J Day	Indoor	£90.00
17/11/14	R J Day	Indoor	£90.00
29/12/14	R J Day	Indoor	£75.00
29/12/14	R J Day	Indoor	£75.00
29/12/14	R J Day	Indoor	£95.00
29/12/14	R J Day	Indoor	£115.00
18/02/15	R J Day	Indoor	£75.00
18/02/15	R J Day	Indoor	£100.00
18/02/15	R J Day	Indoor	£115.00
16/03/15	Hornby Am&L	Dishforth	£10.00
24/03/15	Hornby Am&L	Dishforth	£70.00
17/04/15	R J Day	Indoor	£90.00
17/04/15	R J Day	Indoor	£100.00

17/04/15	R J Day	Indoor	£115.00
28/04/15	BMFA	Grant	£1710.37

Accounts:-

Current	-	8226.41
Deposit	-	4836.27
Cash	-	69.02
Total	-	13,131.70

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

Dave Limbert pointed out that the Area has an excess of money in the account and should think of ways to spend it.

7) A.O.B

- a) Andrew Watson (**WDA**) proposed that the Area pay for the license for the Northern Gala and Thousand Lap at Dishforth. Seconded by **D&DMAC**. For 9, against 0.
- b) David Limbert (**HDMAC**) proposed that all Area run events be free so that some of the excess funds be spent. After some discussion Peter Willis (**TMC**) proposed that this be changed to £2. This was seconded by **PANDAS**. All for, against 0.
- c) Alan Muir (**DMFC**) proposed that we again have a free Area swapmeet at Leeds Trinity University some time in November. This was seconded by **M&DMAC**. All for, against 0. Area secretary to arrange.
- d) David Limbert (**HDMAC**) proposed that the Area fund the swapmeet the club will hold on the 3rd October. Seconded by **WDA**. All for, against 0.
- e) Secretary propose that we run the indoor flying again at Leeds Trinity University. Seconded by **D&DMAC**. All for, against 0.
- f) Secretary let the meeting know that the Delegate and Education Officer Neil Cooper had resigned due to ill health and stress. The meeting was asked for a volunteer to take his place at the next BMFA meeting but no one volunteered due to the short notice.
- g) Next the proposal for a National Centre and purchasing land was discussed. This was to be discussed at the next BMFA meeting on 16/5/15. The meeting had a long discussion about this proposal and club delegates attended the meeting just for this. As the Area delegate had resigned just before, the meeting had very little actual information to discuss and our views could not be raised at the BMFA meeting as we had no delegate. Finally it was agreed that the Area supports the principle of a National Centre but with insufficient information cannot agree to the purchase of the land proposed.
- h) Gordon Warburton (FSMAE) let the meeting know that if an alternative site for free flight is found, after losing Church Fenton, that **M&DMAC** will be happy running events there.

- i) David Limbert (HDMAC) informed the meeting that the club will be inviting surrounding clubs to an open flyin.
- j) Peter Willis mention that a new beginners booklet "A Flying Start" has now been published by the BMFA.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

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