



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 25th November 2011 after the AGM starting 8.00pm at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 25th November meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the 23rd September 2011 minutes.
3. Matters arising from the 23rd September 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 23rd September 2011

Officers Present

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

Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Pontefract & District (PANDAS)	Philip Kent
Carlton MAC (CARMAC)	Andy Symons
Huddersfield & District MAC (H&DMAC)	John Woodhouse
Dales Model Flying Club (DMFC)	Peter Hornby
South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (SLAMS)	Gordon Warburton, FSMAE
York MAS (YMAS)	Adrian Barker

Voting Strength 7

1) Apologies

Paul Blakeborough, Phil Davis, Jack Parker.

2) Correction and Adoption of 9th September 2011 Minutes

It was noted that Gordon Warburton, FSMAE was missing from the apologies. After this was changed it was proposed as a true record of the meeting by **PANDAS**, seconded by **CARMAC**. For 5, abstain 2.

3) Matters Arising from 9th September 2011 Meeting

- a) Philip Kent let us know the dates and cost for the indoor flying at Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre. The dates are to be Sunday 6/11/11, 20/11/11 and 22/1/12 between 1pm and 4pm. The cost will be £30/hr or £90 per session. The session will be for free-flight, all sizes RC aero and small helicopters.

4) Correspondence from Officer's

None

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairman's Report

The main thing happening was the Pudsey Swapmeet and, although the numbers were not up to what they were when Gordon started it some years ago, it was an enjoyable occasion. As well as an opportunity for bargains, it was always a meeting place for old friends, and somewhere for the Committee to hear the gripes and complements from the Membership. The the spacious surroundings added to the atmosphere and the majority I spoke to applauded the return to this excellent venue. It may seem expensive at a cost of £600 and a return of £268, but we are here to provide a service not make a profit, and this is what we did.

It was good to see some new faces at the last committee meeting and I hope they will continue to attend.

I visited the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre in Cleckheaton with Phillip Kent to arrange some dates for indoor flying there, to include free flight and RC fixed wing..

b) Vice Chairman's Report

Since my last report is only two weeks old there is little to add for this meeting.

During the last two weeks I have been planning for flying at Dishforth in 2012, when I really should have been praying for better weather.

I have asked MOD Catterick to give me the costs for 25 Sundays during 2012, the extra day being for Phillip Kent's Scale Day.

Some of the Dishforth flyers are asking if we can apply for every Sunday during 2012. I will only be prepared to go ahead with this request if I can get enough people to volunteer to run the extra days and if our committee are prepared to cover the initial costs. The £5 charge would still apply and I would expect that we would not be far short of covering the costs or equalling them. Is the committee prepared to cover the initial cost?

My last request is that the Northern Area gives £50 to the Bentley Priory restoration fund.

This building has great historical interest and is the spiritual home of the Battle of Britain pilots.

Dowding and Sir Keith Park controlled the Hurricane and Spitfire Squadrons from this building and kept Britain free from Hitler's monsters.

The cheque should be made payable to "The Bentley Priory Battle of Britain Trust" at Wenleberie, Moor Common, Lane End, Bucks, HP14 3HS.

c) Delegates Report

i) Full council 10th Sept 2011

The full council meeting was long!! Very long!!

There was a vote of confidence in the Records Officer which was defeated.

The proposal regarding team funding was amended to be £400 for World championships as there will be extra monies available from some new sponsorship next year.

The accounts for the past year and budget for the next year were reviewed, a £1 increase on all classes of membership will be proposed at the AGM.

The CEO reported on a change of insurance broker for the coming year (Dudsons (sp)) with increased levels of cover, no age limit on the accident cover and the ability for small claims to be dealt with much quicker through the office.

The proposal regarding the limited use of metal blades was accepted with minor ammendments, anyone using them has to apply through the office first.

The Devon Sub area has been suspended.

ii) Areas council Agenda 24th Sept 2011

There are proposals for 2 Area chief examiners

- a) From Midland Area that John Bridgett, Membership Number 023167 is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for Midland Area.
- b) From Southern Area that Matthew Lodge, Membership Number 144947 is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for Southern Area.

There are a number of proposals from the ASRC

- i. That the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 69 column 2, Area Chief Instructors, be modified as follows: Delete Existing Section, Area Chief Instructors and replace with new text. (Details appended).
- ii. That the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 69 column 1, BMFA Approved Instructors, Paragraph 2 be modified as follows:

He must be a current member of the BMFA and initially be put forward by a club to be tested by an Area Chief Instructor, in much the same way that a Club Examiner is tested by an Area Chief Examiner.

He must be a current member of the BMFA and initially be put forward by a club to the local Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) to be tested by an Area Chief Instructor. The ASC will then arrange for the test to take place. Area Council Meeting Agenda 2 2nd September 2011

- iii. That the Standards Booklet for the 'C' Certificate (Aerobatic) be modified by adding a new drawing to the 'Hourglass' section on page 10.
- iv. That the 'A' Certificate (Fixed Wing) Standards Booklet, Page 7, Item (c) "figure of eight" be modified as from 1st January 2012.
- v. That the appended Achievement Scheme Grievance Procedure is ratified by Areas Council.
- vi. That in the event that the Achievement Scheme Grievance Procedure is accepted the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 57 column 2, be modified.
- vii. That the appended Achievement Scheme document, 'Guidance for Area Chief Instructors' is ratified by Areas Council.
- viii. That in the event that the Achievement Scheme document 'Guidance for Area Chief Instructors' is accepted the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 69 column 2, be modified. (Details appended).
- ix. That the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 61 column 1, The 'A' Certificate (Helicopter) paragraphs (b) and (c) be modified to add an intermediate landing and take-off. (Details appended).
- x. The 2012 Issue of the 'A' Certificate (Helicopter) Standards Booklet, page 9, Sections (b) and (c) be modified.
- xi. That the Standards Booklet for the Helicopter 'B' Certificate, Page 17, Section (k) Perform an approach at 45° to the vertical, landing within a pre-determined two metre square, be modified.
- xii. That the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 57 column 1, 'A', 'B', and 'E' Certificate Re-Tests, be modified.
- xiii. That the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 61 column 1, a new section be added, 'C' Certificate (Scale).
- xiv. That, in the event that the 'C' Certificate (Scale) is accepted the appended booklet covering the standards required of Candidates and Examiners working with the 'C' Certificate (Scale) be accepted. Also that the Achievement Scheme Review Committee be given the authority to change this Standards booklet in line with any changes to the manoeuvres in the BMFA Scale Rule Book without referral back to Areas Council. Any such changes will be notified to the ASRC by the Scale Technical Committee and jointly agreed.
- xv. That the 2010 Member's Handbook, page 57 column 1, Withdrawal of Certificates, paragraph 5, be modified.

6) Comments on Officers Reports

- a) After some discussion the Vice Chairman said he would look at the viability of running Dishforth flying every Sunday during the summer. He will also investigate how the Dishorth and Harrogate clubs pay for their flying at Dishforth and if anyone will be able to help run these extra sessions. It was proposed by DMFC and seconded by D&DMAC that the Area gives £50 to the Bentley Priory restoration fund. For 7, against 0.
- b) After discussing the Delegates report it was agreed that the Area vote against the proposed Southern Area Chief Examiner, Matthew Lodge as it was submitted incorrectly. All other changes were agreed.

7) A.O.B

- a) Adrian Barker (YMAS) brought with him a box of trophies, cheque book and other paperwork which he had been given and thought may have belonged to the Area. After going through it it was agreed this was correct and was probably from around 1983. Peter Hornby took the paperwork and cheque books to investigate if the account was still valid. Gordon Warburton, FSMAE took the trophies away to see if the Area had a use for them.
- b) Gordon Warburton, FSMAE raised the point that in the latest BMFA News SAM35 was to introduce "radio assist" to freeflight competitions. He said that this needs clarification.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

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