



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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 starting 8.00pm at the Castleford RAFA Club.**

The Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> September meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012 minutes.
3. Matters arising from the 7<sup>th</sup> September 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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012

### Officers Present

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Robert Day
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Auditor	Philip Kent

### Clubs Represented

Pontefract & District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Carlton MAC (CARMAC)	Neil Cooper
Dales Model Flying Club (DMFC)	Peter Hornby
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Jack Parker
Thirsk Model Club (TMC)	Chris Bish

**Voting Strength**      5

### 1) Apologies

Andy Symons, John Thompson, Gordon Warburton (FSMAE).

### 2) Correction and Adoption of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **BMAC**, seconded by **DMFC**. For 4, abstain 1.

### 3) Matters Arising from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Meeting

None

### 4) Correspondence from Officer's

- a) The Secretary received two emails about raising the irregularities in the free flight Plugge cup from Chris O'Donnell and Jack Foster (Morley Club). They wish for this to be raised as AOB at the Area's Council meeting on Saturday 8th September. The meeting agreed to this and the Delegate will agree to this being raised as AOB at the meeting.
- b) The Treasurer informed the meeting that he has received this year's grant of £1735.15.

## 5) Officer's Reports

### a) Chairmans Report

Following my holiday at the end of May my first contribution to the BMFA was to help at the University Challenge at Elvington on 9th and 10th June. This was a very successful, well organised competition that attracted students from Turkey and Germany as well as UK Teams. Helped by the Keighley Club a school from Bingley participated in the Electric Challenge; I think the first Northern Area Competitors in recent years.

On 24th June we had a poorly attended Scale Competition at Dishforth mainly due to the weather. Since then we have lost only one day at Dishforth due to the weather and the attendance since our last NA meeting has averaged 10 per flying session.

In June, via the Leicester Office, I sent a letter to all 67 Chairmen of Northern Area Clubs asking for help, with the exception of Neil Cooper offering to become our delegate to the BMFA the response was abysmal. Only four clubs acknowledged receipt of the letter.

On 10th to 12th of August, along with Robert Day and Neil Cooper I helped Andy Symons on the BMFA Stand at the LMA Show at Elvington.

### b) Secretary's Report

Since the last meeting I have not done as much as I would have liked due to having a back operation. I helped out at the BMFA 2012 Heavy Lift and Electric Lift Challenge at Elvington on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. I also helped man the BMFA stand on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August at the LMA Elvington show. I have also arranged with Jack Parker the 2012/13 indoor flying sessions at Leeds Trinity University. Finally while I was off work after the back operation I revamped/updated the Area website which can be found at [www.na-bmfa.org](http://www.na-bmfa.org)

### c) Treasurers Report

#### Outgoing: (Current Account )

18/05/12	J Thompson	N /A Trophy Eng'	£4.95
18/05/12	R Day	PANDAS Toilet Hire	£120
13/06/12	R Day	PANDAS Toilet Hire	£120

#### Incoming : (Current Account)

24/04/12	P Hornby	Dishforth	£70
25/04/12	BMFA	Grant	£1735.15
30/04/12	P Hornby	Dishforth	£50
18/05/12	R Day	Indoor	£70
18/05/13	R Day	Indoor	£76
18/05/12	R Day	Indoor	£90
06/06/12	P Hornby	Dishforth	£35
14/06/12	P Hornby	Dishforth	£55
26/06/12	P Hornby	Dishforth	£25

#### Note: Uncleared cheque

25/11/11	Kirklees Indoor	£270
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(There were 2 cheques written for Kirklees – Oct & Nov 2011 - However only one of them has been cashed... so an addition to the accounts of £270 is shown within the "Current" total below)

#### Accounts:-

Current	-	4131.52
Deposit	-	4836.27
Cash	-	88.10
Total	-	9055.89

**Please make sure that any requests for expenses/funding or proceeds from events are authorised/noted 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. Also, if paying monies into the account can you please send me an income slip.**

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

15 Castle Lodge Gardens  
Rothwell  
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#### 6) Comments on Officers Reports

None.

#### 7) Discuss Area funding of toilets for club events

After much discussion it was agreed that the Area continue funding toilets for events run by Area clubs to which other Area club members are able to attend. Requests for funding must be done in person by a representative of the club at an Area meeting before the event. This was proposed by **PANDAS** and seconded by **DMFC**. 5 for, 0 against.

#### 8) A.O.B

- a) Peter Hornby informed the meeting he had provisional Dates for Area flying at Dishforth in 2013. Because of lack of attendance, cancellation due to the weather and having to run the events during the winter months he suggested that they are not run during the winter. This was agreed and no dates will be arranged in January, February, November and December for 2013.
- b) Robert Day raised the issue that the Pudsey Swapmeet clashed with the LMA Gaydon Event and the Dishforth Area flyin. This may affect the attendance. Because of John Thompson's current ill health Gordon Warburton (FSMAE) will be arranging this event with the help of Robert Day.
- c) Jack Parker asked the Treasurer if he has received the invoice for the indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University. He had not so Jack Parker will chase this up.
- d) The Secretary suggested that he send the AGM notices and paperwork out via email only. This was suggested as it will reduce the cost to Area for postage and printing aswell as the time required to do it for the Secretary. As the Secretary has email contact details for most Area clubs this was agreed.
- e) As the Area currently has no Delegate Neil Cooper volunteered for the post. **DMFC** proposed that Neil Cooper be the standin Delegate until he can be formally voted into the position at the AGM. This was seconded by **BMAC**. 5 for, 0 against.
- f) Jack Parker requested on behalf of the Elvington Model Flyers that the Area fund a toilet for their 20-21<sup>st</sup> October event. **DMFC** proposed that the Area fund a maximum of £120 for the event. This was seconded by **CARMAC**. 5 for, 0 against.
- g) Neil Cooper mentioned the School's BMFA Flight Challenge and that he is helping a school in the Area with this. He also mentioned that the Area currently has no Education Co-ordinator and volunteered to be the acting Education Co-ordinator. This was agreed.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

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