



NORTHERN
AREA

British Model Flying Association

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President: Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock.
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The next AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on Friday 10th November 2017 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm

The Provisional Agenda for the 2017 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2016 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2016/17
5. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
6. Election of Officers

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area AGM held on Friday 11th November 2016

Agenda

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2. Consideration and Adoption of 2015 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2015/16
5. Election of Officers

Officers Present

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Secretary	Robert Day
Vice Chairman/Auditor	Philip Kent
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough

Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Phillip Kent
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	Phil Cox
Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	Martin Lynn
Dales MFC (DMFC)	Steve Dunn
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	Alec Barber
Keighley & District MAC (K&DMAC)	Howard Mansley
Wharfedale & District Aeromodellers (W&DA)	Mervyn Jones
Skelbrooke Model Flyers	Mike Sollitt

Voting Strength 9

1) Apologies

Andy Symons, Chris Bish.

2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2015 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2015 proposed as a true record by **DMFC**, seconded by **BMF**. For 6, abstain 3.

3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

Reports were presented by the Chairman and Treasurer and ASC.

a) Chairmans Report

2016 started for me by volunteering and then being elected to take on the role of Area chairman. I must admit that I have experience of chairing meetings but had very little knowledge of the functioning of the Area, so this was a little of a baptism of fire. The first task for me was trying to pick up the reigns from Peter Hornby and get involved with the now relocated Doncaster Model Engineering show. Unfortunately and I think in a greater part due to time restraints getting the info out to the clubs we ended up having to decline the kind offer of display space due to a lack of participants from our area. I must admit to feeling a little deflated, and found this quite disappointing as it seems like a missed opportunity for our members to be able to showcase their hobby and get involved with the wider modelling community. Also it would I think have allowed us to engage with the public attending the event and perhaps gain new members. Hopefully we may be invited attend the same event this year and try to put on some kind of display. Watch this space.

As the year progressed we also had the sad news of the passing of previous chairman Peter Hornby, and our condolences go out to Peter's family for their sad loss.

On a brighter note I also had the chance to attend the Elvington show later in the year and help out on the BMFA stand, this turned out to be busy weekend and a cracking event which was I think enjoyed by all who attended, thanks must also go to Rob Day and Andy Symons for their support over the weekend.

We also had the news that Area delegate Peter Willis was going to be relocating out of the area. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Peter on behalf of the Area for his work in this role and with the achievement scheme. To provide short term cover for his role I had chance to attend a couple of the council meetings both area and full council, which gave me an opportunity to better understand how the Area fits into the overall picture, and the functioning of the society in general.

Whilst my year has been relatively quiet, I can assure you is not the case throughout the area and it has been very much business as usual with the Area running its usual events, Leeds Trinity University Indoor flying, Dishforth meetings and swapmeet. And once again thanks must go to Rob and Adrian.

The area also held an Instructor / examiners workshop. Thanks must go to the Winterton club who graciously allowed the use of their site and also Andy Symons for organising the day's proceedings. The event proved to be popular and provided a great platform for the club instructors and examiners to be able to keep abreast of all the new rules and existing rule changes.

Over the year the Area has also been able to offer limited financial assistance to several clubs in the area with their projects and events.

To sum up I think it important that we recognise that these events don't just happen by accident, we are indeed fortunate to have like minded members who are prepared to get involved and make these events happen for all members to enjoy.

LONG MAY IT CONTINUE !!

To finish I look forward to next year and trying to get further involved.

b) Treasurers Report

2016 has seen the usual stability and similar spend in the Northern Area, Dishforth and Indoor fly-ins I believe are well supported, and income seems to clarify this.

The BMFA are I believe, still discussing whether to retain grants if area funds are above a certain figure, we may have to spend higher figures to secure a grant going forward. There is nothing confirmed on this to my knowledge.

Nothing otherwise has really changed since last year, indeed our spend over the year is very similar to 2015 resulting in the figures shown below.

Individual spend has been shown on meeting minutes and totals on the End of Year accounts notice.

Requests for any financial help from the Northern Area are welcomed, and should be **presented for clearance at committee meetings** wherever possible.

Account details are produced at most of the regular meetings and are minuted, however brief details follow:-

Date	Current	Deposit	Cash	Total
13 th Nov 2015	6830.18	4856.66	68.02	11754.86
11 th Nov 2016	6996.76	4856.66	68.02	11921.44

Summing up..... Financially, and as normal.... we continue to be one of the healthiest of BMFA areas.

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 2016/17 I will not release funds without one.

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

15 Castle Lodge Gardens
Rothwell
Leeds
LS26 0ZL

Email: pblakeborough@mail.com

c) Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) Report

Apologies for not being present at this evenings meeting.

It has been a generally quiet year for our team of Area Chief Examiners, however I still feel we need to recruit a few more so that when we do need a chief examiner it is more likely that one is available at short notice. I have identified 2 candidates that should be suitable, please see the C'Vs below, could you please consider them for the post.

I was pleased to welcome Chris Bell to our team of ACE's but saddened to lose Phil Davis as a fixed wing and helicopter ACE, Phil has been my go to ACE for a number of years and to lose his experience, especially as helicopter ACE is a blow to the area. I would like to express my deep gratitude to Phil for his years of assistance. If the 2 Ace's below are accepted by the area we will be well served on the fixed wing side but while there isn't a huge amount of activity on the helicopter side of things we are woefully short and really could do with recruiting 2 helicopter chief examiners.

We ran an excellent Examiners workshop in September very kindly hosted by the Winterton Club and I would like to thank the club for allowing us to use their facilities for the day and also for assisting on the day, I am sure all attendees (34) will agree that the refreshments were excellent and hopefully they all felt the workshop was worthwhile, judging by the feedback forms they certainly did. Hopefully we can run at least one workshop on annual basis going forward.

The Achievement Scheme Review Committee are holding 2 "Roadshows" in 2017, the Northern Roadshow is to be held at the Brighthouse Sports Club on Saturday 25th February, lunch is provided and I would encourage all examiners, instructors and anyone else with an interest in the achievement scheme to attend. Places are limited, to book a place go to <http://achievements.bmfa.org/news/roadshows> There has been a number of small changes to the scheme this year, the introduction of mandatory questions relating to the regulations for model aircraft flying and the introduction of Basic Proficiency Certificates for fixed wing, helicopters and multi-rotors. For 2017 the only likely change is the introduction of an FPV extension for fixed wing and rotor-craft, to take this you will need to already hold a BPC or A certificate in the relevant discipline. All examiners should keep an eye on the achievement scheme website at <http://achievements.bmfa.org> and read the BMFA news so they are up to date with any changes, they are not fulfilling the role properly if they do not, there is no excuse for not being aware of any changes!!

I have received the following reports from the following ACE's (see below)

Paul Blakeborough
Dave Scholes

And am awaiting a report from Chris Carter, Chris Bell has only been in the post a matter of a couple of months and as such there is little point in a report for 2016.

I suggest the following are ratified as ACE's for 2017

Paul Blakeborough (FW)
Dave Scholes (FW , H, SF)
Andy Symons (FW)
Chris Bell (FW)
Chris Carter (H) – Subject to receiving a report.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone an excellent Christmas and New Year!

Paul Blakeborough

2016 has been another very quiet year as an ACE.

In March I took John Mosley from the Blackstone Club through his Instructors Cert... a very capable and knowledgeable candidate.

The summer season saw me advising and deliberating over the BMFA Mandatory questions, those being the "Talk of the town"! This subject has probably created the most movement on the BMFA Richter scale for quite some time.

As we moved towards the Autumn the CAA have stirred the pot a little by changing the numbering of the articles of the Air Navigation Order... and then the European Air Safety Agency may be stopping us flying our models! However, we wait to find how this one pans out, hoping that the CAA and BMFA shout our cause.

I attended a Northern Area Achievement Scheme Examiners workshop at the beginning of September at Winterton Club. A number of Examiners from various clubs and areas were present and the weather was kind (And the BBQ spot on!)... knowledge and guidance was shared, and I personally found it a very enjoyable day.

Looking forward to settling the above down in 2017, and continuing as an Area Chief Examiner for the area.

Dave Scholes

It's been a quiet year here but I have taken Leon Hostad for Heli Instructor and Heli Examiner and Jonathan Yould for Fixed Wing Examiner and Approved Instructor

4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2015/March 2016 Accounts

DMFC proposed to accept the accounts for 2015/2016, seconded by **HDMAC**. For 9, against 0.

5) Ratification of Area Chief Examiners.

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6) Election of Officers

Officers for election for a 2 year term this year were Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Education Co-ordinator, Auditor, PRO, Delegate and ASC.

Received nomination from Martin Lynn for Delegate. Proposed by **PANDAS** seconded **K&DMAC**. For 9, against 0.

Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Auditor and ASC all willing to continue in positions. For 9, against 0.

The full committee for 2016/17 is:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
PRO
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)
Auditor
Council Delegate
Education Co-ordinator

Tim Haigh
Phillip Kent
Robert Day
Paul Blakeborough
Vacant
Peter Willis
Phillip Kent
Mattin Lynn
Vacant

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

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