



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 AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm**

The Provisional Agenda for the 2016 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
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. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
6. Election of Officers

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### Officers Present

Secretary	Robert Day
Vice Chairman/Auditor	Philip Kent
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Delegate	Peter Willis

### Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Phillip Kent
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	David Limbert
Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	Martin Lynn
Dales MFC (DMFC)	Steve Dunn
Calderdale MAC (CMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
Elvington Model Flyers (EMF)	Martin Lees
West Yorkshire MFC (WYMFC)	John McNamara
Thirsk Model Club (TMC)	Peter Willis
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	Alec Barber
Keighley & District MAC (KADMAC)	Howard Mansley

**Voting Strength**            **11**

### 1) Apologies

Andy Symons, Andrew Watson.

### 2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2014 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2014 proposed as a true record by **D&DMAC**, seconded by **PANDAS**. For 4, abstain 7.

### 3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

Reports were presented by the Secretary and Treasurer and ASC

#### a) Secretary's Report

2015 started on a sad note with the death of Jack Parker. His help has been missed at the Leeds Trinity University Indoor flying and Dishforth. I would like to thank Allan Muir for stepping into Jack's boots and help run these events.

Again I helped man the BMFA stand at the Harrogate Model Engineering and Modelling Exhibition and LMA Elvington events.

The indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University 2014/15 was well attended. Attendance for 2015/16 started off slowly because of the good weather but is now up to the normal levels.

The free Area swapmeet was again held at Leeds Trinity University. Attendance was good but I did get a complaint that there were not enough buyers. I would like to thank Allan Muir and Shaun Garrity for helping run the swapmeet.

I would like to thank Peter Hornby for his time as Chairman and hope he gets better.

#### b) Treasurers Report

2015 has seen the usual stability in the Northern Area, Dishforth and Indoor fly-ins I believe are well supported, and income seems to clarify this... however the weather has again spoilt many of the outside events!

Winter and dark evenings bring shorter flying days, however the indoor events organised by the area should be well frequented again. As self-supportive as it seems to be, we should endeavour to financially support these favoured events and any other areas of our sport as much as possible, especially if the events are open to the full membership.

Requests for any financial help from the Northern Area are welcomed, and should be **presented 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
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2014	6168.27	4836.27	69.02	11073.56
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	6830.18	4856.66	68.02	11754.86

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 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@zoho.com](mailto:pblakeborough@zoho.com)

### **c) Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) Report**

It has been a reasonably quiet year once again, having said that what I have found on a number of occasions this year is that it has taken quite a while to arrange examiner/instructor assessments as our ACACI team often have other commitments. I suggest we should look at increasing the strength of the team and I have identified and spoken to 2 excellent candidates in Chris Bell from the Winterton club and Peter Willis from the Thirsk club.

We should also be aiming to arrange an annual examiners workshop if possible, a task perhaps for the ACE team. I have received reports from our ACE team and recommend the following for ratification.

Phil Davis  
Dave Scoles  
Paul Blakeborough  
Chris Carter (Subject to receiving a report)

There are some interesting developments coming forward regarding the achievement scheme, a new achievement scheme handbook, basic proficiency certificates for stabilised model aircraft and those that do not fit in to the current scheme. The standards booklets are also going to be rationalised, for example the fixed wing A and B booklets are being combined into 1 booklet.

#### ACE Reports 2015

##### *Phil Davis*

The year has been eventful helping with queries and advice re the taking of BMFA achievement tests. I helped the area over the weekend staffing the BMFA stand at the Evington LMA event. I have travelled to the Beverly club and having spent an enjoyable and productive day at the club, members passed B tests and Club Examiners were appointed.

Work in the pipeline is Martini Withernsea testing date provisionally made for the 15 November.

The guidance for club examiners is this up to date? Most candidates are surprised what is involved, not all come back after the initial enquiry. Perhaps information that is more specific could be provided, an information sheet, or information to be downloaded to help them prepare for what is necessary. It's possible that they don't look or the interpretation of what is available is the problem, I find that the flying that they are expected to demonstrate to the Chief examiner is unexpected also producing reasonable questions for candidates seems to be problematical, an area that I find requires some help and coaching.

I am happy if the area requires, continuing as a Chief Examiner in 2016.

##### *Dave Scoles*

Compared to previous years it's been very quiet in my area the past 12 months There have been no requests for instructors or examiners to be tested in the locality although this may change next year as my own club for one are short of instructors and possibly an examiner. I have also recently been informed that one of the local clubs is intending to have a candidate tested for helicopter examiner.

I have also been active with my own club Ravens doing instruction as our club instructor has now moved clubs

I wish to continue as ACE for the forthcoming year 2016

##### *Paul Blakeborough*

General:

Over the year I've had many discussions on the ins and outs of the Achievement Scheme. The bulk of this seems to dwell on the "Need" or "Need not" to carry out these! However, this year one thing has become more apparent to me, I questioned in conversation how a simple "standard" figure 8 would be flown, looking at both wind from left and right. I reckon around 50% don't know. Now I'm not saying everybody should.... but they definitely should if they're taking a certificate of achievement! Maybe it's time for a simple "how to" on manoeuvres in the RCME/RC Model World?

Certificates:

I've been tasked with 2 Examiner (Barnsley and Barnstormers) and 1 Instructor (Blackstone) cert's this year. To date, Congratulations to Chris Szabo from the Barnstormers club who passed in September, but I've not heard anything further from the Barnsley Club, I've sowed the seeds but currently to no avail. The Instructor work at Blackstone has been the victim of weather and me tied into "Day Job" however, I'm hoping to sort this one over the next few weeks.

##### *Andy Symons*

A relatively quiet year for me, I conducted one failed examiner assessment, the club will be making contact next year. I have also conducted 2 A and 1 B fixed wing tests. I am happy to continue as an ACE if ratified.

#### 4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2014/March 2015 Accounts

**DALES** proposed to accept the accounts for 2014/2015, seconded by **TMF**. For 11, against 0.

#### 5) Ratification of Area Chief Examiners.

Not done as no report received.

#### 6) Election of Officers

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

Received nomination from Tim Haigh (HDMAC Chairman) for Chairman. Proposed by **HDMAC** seconded **DMF**. For 11, against 0.

**HDMAC** proposed that Peter Willis continue as Delegate seconded **BMAC**. For 11, against 0.

**EMF** proposed Peter Willis for ASC seconded **BMF**. For 11, against 0.

The full committee for 2015/16 is:

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Vice Chairman	Phillip Kent
Secretary	Robert Day
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
PRO	Vacant
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)	Peter Willis
Auditor	Phillip Kent
Council Delegate	Peter Willis
Education Co-ordinator	Vacant

Meeting Closed 8.10pm

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