



NORTHERN  
AREA

# British Model Flying Association

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**The next AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm**

The Provisional Agenda for the 2014 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2013 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2013/14
5. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
6. Election of Officers

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**Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area AGM held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013**

## Agenda

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## Officers Present

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Robert Day
Vice Chairman/Auditor	Philip Kent
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
ASC	Andy Symons
Delegate/Education Co-ordinator	Neil Cooper

## Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	John Thompson
North Leeds MFC (NLMFC)	Peter Hornby
Carlton MAC (CarMAC)	Neil Cooper
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Philip Kent
Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	Martin Lynn
West Yorkshire MFC (WYMFC)	Richard Nall
Wharfedale & District Aeromodellers (WDA)	Andrew Watson
Calderdale MAC (CalMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald

**Voting Strength        8**

### 1) Apologies

Jack Parker, Chris Bish.

### 2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2012 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2012 proposed as a true record by **BMAC**, seconded by **CarMAC**. For 5, abstain 3.

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

Reports were presented by the Chairman, Secretary, Delegate, Treasurer and ASC.

**a) Chairman's Report**

We are still short of committee members but fortunately our regulars do contribute hugely to the area by providing indoor and outdoor flying for BMFA members.

We must thank Jack Parker for providing the membership with superb indoor flying at Horsforth and Phillip Kent for the indoor flying in the Brighthouse area. With the help of Jack I arrange for flying at Dishforth, which this year has been frequently disrupted by either rain or strong winds. Let us hope that 2014 is better.

During the year we have had stands at both the Model Engineering Exhibition in Harrogate and the LMA Show at Elvington. For both venues Andy Symons brought the BMFA Double Screen Simulator. It was enormously successful and attracted many modellers and other interested people who might enter the hobby.

For helping at Harrogate and at the BMFA Stand at Winterton we must thank Chris Bish(Thirsk) and Geoff Quinn(Pontefract).

Some of us also helped at the University Challenge at Elvington. It is always very interesting and hopefully is encouraging young would be engineers to fill the vacuum of engineering talent in Britain.

**b) Secretary's Report**

The weather has not been too bad this year. Still didn't manage to get to many of the Area Dishforth fly-ins.

I helped man the BMFA stand at the Harrogate Model Engineering and Modelling Exhibition and LMA Elvington events. I also helped out at the BMFA NATS with the Sunday swapmeet and indoor flying.

The indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University 2012/13 was again well attended and near enough broke even. Attendance for 2013/14 sessions have been well attended. Again I wish to thank Jack Parker for organizing and running these sessions with a little help from me.

This year the Area swapmeet moved back to Leeds Trinity University in the same hall as used for indoor flying. Attendance was quite good but may be better if the event was publicized more. Again this was well organized by Jack Parker.

**c) Delegate's Report**

Not received.

**d) Treasurers Report**

I seem to write the same thing every year at the AGM... but simply nothing changes. Dishforth and Indoor fly-ins I believe are well supported, and income seems to clarify this.

Winter is upon us, and whilst Dishforth takes a rest the indoor should be well frequented again and as self-supportive as it seems to be, we should endeavour to financially support these favoured and any other areas of our sport as much as possible.

Requests for any financial help from the Northern Area are welcomed, and should be presented to committee meetings.

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

Date	Current	Deposit	Cash	Total
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2012	2907.92	4836.27	81.02	7825.21
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2013	4561.77	4836.27	81.02	9479.06

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 2014 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)

**e) ASC Report**

It has been generally a quiet year for the scheme, no major changes with the scheme in general except the introduction of the Gas Turbine C which is proving reasonably popular. We may have the opportunity to run an Examiners workshop in 2014, the Winterton Club have offered their site, a workshop will not impact too much on their members flying. I hope to be able to arrange an inclusive workshop for both fixed wing and helicopter examiners, including some coverage of the Gas Turbine C at some point in the late spring.

In 2014 there may be the introduction of a Multi-Rotor achievement scheme as it has been requested by many clubs where they ask for an A certificate to fly solo and multi rotors don't naturally fit in to any of the current tests and are growing in popularity.

There are 2 outstanding examiner assessments to re-arrange after bad weather intervened, all other assessments have been carried out by the team of ACE's as requested.

All the area chief examiners have submitted reports and it is my recommendation that despite a relatively quiet year that they are all ratified for 2014 as we have good geographical coverage in the area.

Andy Symons

Northern Area ACE Reports

**Dave Scoles**

Compared to previous years its 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 successfully tested Michael Terry from PANDAS for approved instructor

I have also been active with my own club Ravens doing instruction as our club instructor has now moved clubs and I have also assisted the club committee in successful representations to our local council following a noise complaint from a resident

I wish to continue as ACE for the forthcoming year

**Paul Blakeborough**

I'm afraid things have been even thinner on the ground this year than normal (0) ... again I've discussed the flying required etc at PANDAS field... but there's been no call for a Chief Examiner on my front.

**Phil Davis**

I wish to continue as ACE. This year has been pretty much the same as last few interested In taking the tests when they realizes what's involved, that's my opinion. I have been asked to cover off a Club Examiners test helicopter for the Dewsbury Club, on the back of this the helicopter examiners candidate passed his helicopter B certificate additionally the same day a prospective club helicopter examiner did not turn up to be tested and I have not received any communication from him since.

I attended Jet C training meeting at Elvington headed up by Duncan and found this to be useful unfortunately because of the weather conditions there was no flying, not so useful.

I have continued to promote the Achievement Scheme giving help, support and advice where possible over the past year.

I was pleased that I had the time to support the BMFA on the Exhibition stand at the LMA weekend show at Elvington. In addition, I was involved with the NATS over the bank holiday weekend in August helping as Safety officer.

#### **Chris Carter**

Things have still been slow again this year .

My local club Rotherham Model Helicopter Club still has limited membership, but we welcome all newcomers to the hobby, so I am happy to continue my duties in 2014.

#### **Andy Symons**

A slow year, unfortunately the weather interfered with both examiner assessments I had arranged. I attended the Gas Turbine C workshop held at Long Marston arranged by the PC Power achievement scheme controller. I also manned the stand at both Elvington and the Winterton shows, as usual there were many scheme related questions.

#### **4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2012/March 2013 Accounts**

**CalMAC** proposed to accept the accounts for 2012/2013, seconded by **PANDAS**. For 8, against 0.

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

**CalMAC** proposed all the Area chief examiners willing to continue were ratified for 2014, seconded by **BMAC**. For 8, against 0.

#### **6) Election of Officers**

Officers for election for a 2 year term this year were Chairman, Secretary, Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

**D&DMAC** proposed that the current incumbents continue in their roles, seconded by **WDA**. For 8, against 0.

The full committee for 2013 is:

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Vice Chairman	Philip Kent
Secretary	Robert Day
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
PRO	Vacant
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)	Andy Symons
Auditor	Philip Kent
Council Delegate	Neil Cooper
Education Co-ordinator	Neil Cooper

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

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