



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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 after the AGM at the Castleford RAFA Club.**

The Agenda for the 14<sup>th</sup> November meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **29<sup>th</sup> August 2014** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **29<sup>th</sup> August 2014** 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 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014

### Officers Present

Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Robert Day
Vice Chairman/Auditor	Philip Kent
Delegate/Education Co-ordinator	Neil Cooper

### Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Philip Kent
North Leeds MFC (NLMFC)	Peter Hornby
Elvington Model Flyers (EMF)	Neil Cooper
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Jack Parker
Calderdale MAC (CalMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	David Limbert

**Voting Strength          6**

### 1) Apologies

Chris Bish, Paul Blakeborough

### 2) Correction and Adoption of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **NLMFC**, seconded by **PANDAS**. For 6, against 0.

### 3) Matters Arising from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Meeting

- a) Neil Cooper still not contacted the Treasurer about point 7(a) accounts for previous year and yearly money. He will do this.
- b) Point 7(f) purchase Area flag. Neil showed the meeting the design for the flag and that the price would probably be around the £150. The meeting was happy with this.

### 4) Correspondence from Officer's

None.

## 5) Officer's Reports

### a) Chairmans Report

Since my report for the May meeting I have helped at the Heavy Lift and Electric Challenge competitions. These two competitions are open to students from any part of the world. Until this year the overseas students were from Germany and Turkey. But this year the Chinese came and entered both competitions. They were eye openers ! They won both. But not only that they excelled in all aspects. Their two presentations, in a foreign language, were better than the British entrants, they were cleaner smarter and more aware of the audience than local entrants and their aircraft designs, using modern materials, were far superior than the local entrants attempts. Our universities need to pay more attention to fully educating their engineering students if we are to compete with China in the future. Perhaps not directly related to Area work but as I found it embarrassing I felt it should be brought to our members attention. Now for the more mundane but essential Area news. I was unable to attend the LMA Show at Elvington due to a leg injury but Phil Davis, Alan Muir, Rob Day, John Pitcher and various other members provided a good sales force for the BMFA.

Dishforth has been a wash out this year. Weather and events have reduced flying days to seven out of a possible twelve. Out of the seven both July days were lost to Tour de France road closures and an Agricultural Show on the airfield. There are four days left. Let us hope for better weather.

We will probably discuss " Are Areas past their sell by date" at this meeting but as most of us say no it will not be a very long discussion.

### b) Treasurers Report

#### Outgoing: (Current Account )

27/05/14	HMG4806	Dishforth Licenses	393.6
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#### Cash Float:

17/05/13 (Belated)	Neil Cooper	Darts etc	12.00
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#### Incoming : (Current Account)

12/05/14	BMFA	Grant	1782.06
19/05/14	R Day	Indoor	85.00
19/05/14	R Day	Indoor	86.00
19/05/14	R Day	Indoor	127.00
20/05/14	P Blakeborough (P Kent)	Indoor	222.00
10/06/14	P Hornby	Dishforth	40.00
23/06/14	P Hornby	Dishforth	90.00

#### Accounts:-

Current	-	7435.15
Deposit	-	4836.27
Cash	-	<u>69.02</u>
Total	-	12340.44

#### **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  
[pblakeborough@zoho.com](mailto:pblakeborough@zoho.com)

**6) Comments on Officer's Reports**

None.

**7) Discuss proposals to dispense with BMFA Areas**

The meeting discussed the Robin Sleight paper and agreed that more information is required before the meeting can come to a decision. This will be discussed at the next meeting if any more information has come to light.

**8) Proposed change of registration for attendees at Dishforth Flyins**

The meeting discussed the Chairman's proposal. After discussion it was agreed to not change anything and stick to the old method of removing anyone who has not attended in a year.

**9) A.O.B**

- a) Jack Parker informed the meeting that the Area swapmeet had been booked for the morning of Saturday 8th November. Rob Day to publicise the swapmeet and send emails about the event to the major magazines. The meeting agreed that entry to the swapmeet for buyers and sellers was to be free.
- b) After looking at the Treasurers report it was noted that the indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University had not been paid. Jack Parker will contact Sarah Studds to see if the invoice has been sent out.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

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