



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 29th April 2016 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the **29th April** meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **13th November 2015** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **13th November 2015** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 13th November 2015

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)	Philip Kent
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	Tim Haigh
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) Correction and Adoption of 21st August 2015 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **TMC**, seconded by **BMF**. For 3, against 0.

3) Matters Arising from 21st August 2015 Meeting

None.

4) Correspondence from Officer's

- a) The Treasurer raised that the Area needs more signatories on the Area bank accounts. He also mentioned that the bank has lost our account paperwork. He will chase and resolve this with the bank.
- b) The Secretary asked if the Area would like to run a stand at the Model Engineering Exhibition which has now moved to Doncaster racecourse. He will pass information about the event to the Chairman to see if we can at the new venue.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Delegates Report

- Costs rising and loss of biggest advertiser (Horizon Hobbies) for BMFA News. Membership increase by £1 to be proposed to AGM 21st November.
- BMFA Website to have donation capability for National Centre fund. No new site yet found but possibility of long term lease option, following hosting of a VIP at the Nationals.
- Insurers have pulled the plug on funding the ongoing legal issues with Aldershot Club.
- Insurance premiums stable trying to negotiate longer term deals and club equipment insurance benefits.
- PRO will be standing down at AGM and no nominations to date, so could be an issue for BMFA.
- A new award has been added to BMFA awards 'The Graham Lynn Rose Bowl' for services to the BMFA 'above and beyond the call of duty'.
- NATs a great success, especially FPV Quad racing which ensured TV coverage. Bar takings down due revised location so slight loss on the event overall. Some trader rubbish issues.
- Heavy Lift event also a great success.
- British FPV Racing Association now has Specialist Body Status with BMFA. (10 specialist clubs around the country and many other model aero clubs embracing sport).
- Members were asked to support the petition to the Government re disused airfields getting Brownfield site status making them good sites for developers.
- Lufthansa has banned the carriage of model aircraft engines, even as freight.
- Two serious accidents were reported and following completion of full investigations recommendations will made.
- Non domestic rates issue was discussed.
- Annual award proposals were ratified.

b) Treasurers Report

Outgoing: (Current Account)

01/10/15	B Pickles	Wharfedale Dishforth License	156.00
07/10/15	Leeds Trinity	Indoor Fly ins (8 Sessions)	777.82

Incoming: (Current Account)

14/08/15	P Hornby	Dishforth Income	22.00
22/09/15	P Hornby	Dishforth Income	50.00

Incoming: (Deposit Account)

10/11/15	P Blakeborough	Act of Dormant Account (From Cash)	1.00
10/11/15	P Blakeborough	Interest	19.39

Accounts:

Current	-	6830.18
Deposit	-	4856.66
Cash	-	68.02
Total	-	11754.86

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 2015 I will not release funds without one.

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

15 Castle Lodge Gardens
Rothwell
Leeds
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pblakeborough@zoho.com

6) Comments on Officer's Reports

None.

7) A.O.B

- a) Steve Dunne raise that the DMFC members were wanting the Area to fund indoor flying sessions to practice F3P. Steve will investigate the costs and raise it again at the next meeting.
- b) Philip Kent to run three more indoor flying session at Whicliffe Mount over the Christmas holidays. Proposed by **BMAC**, seconded by **DMFC**, All for with a maximum of £150.
- c) Robert Day suggested that Adrian Hornby arrange flying again at Dishforth again. Proposed by **TMC**, seconded by **HDMAC**. All for.
- d) Alec Barber raised that the club would like Area to cover the cost for their indoor flying. It was discussed but he as asked to raise it at the next meeting as he did not have enough information.
- e) Mike Fitzgerald mentioned that the Control Line Northern Gala at Dishforth was well attended.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

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