



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 meeting of the Northern Area BMFA will be held on Friday 23rd September 2011 at 8.00pm at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 23rd September meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **9th September 2011** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **9th September 2011** 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 9th September 2011

Officers Present

Chairman	John Thompson
Vice Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Robert Day
Council Delegate	Andy Symons
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Auditor	Philip Kent.

Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Pontefract & District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Carlton MAC (CARMAC)	Andy Symons
Huddersfield & District MAC (H&DMAC)	John Woodhouse
Dales Model Flying Club (DMFC)	Peter Hornby
Grimsby & District MAC (GDMAC)	Dave Edwards
West Yorkshire MFC (WYMFC)	Richard Nall
Wharfedale & District Aeromodellers (WDA)	Andrew Watson
Hibaldstow MAC (HMAL)	John Cross

Voting Strength 9

1) Apologies

Phil Davis, Jack Parker.

2) Correction and Adoption of 20th May 2011 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **CARMAC**, seconded by **D&DMAC**. For 5, abstain 4.

3) Matters Arising from 20th May 2011 Meeting

- a) John Thompson proposed that we don't charge for indoor flying at the Pudsey Swapmeet. This was proposed by D&DMAC, seconded by CARMAC. For 9, against 0.

4) Correspondence from Officer's

- a) The Treasurer has received £45.69 from the BMFA for the sales from the BMFA stand at the Elvington show.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairman's Report

With Dewsbury MAC clubmate, Doug Potter, I attended the 'North Yorkshire Business & Education Partnership' seminar at Elvington Air Museum talking about flying models and organizing RTP flying. About 50 boys and girls had hands on experience of flying Round The Pole models.

Due to medical problems I only briefly helped with the BMFA stand at the LMA show at Elvington, where our usual team put on a fine display.

I am looking forward to the return to Pudsey for the Swapmeet and indoor flying, and have had several enquiries about this over the last month.

I intend to resign as Chairman at the AGM, but will stay on as Area Delegate if needed.

b) Vice Chairman's Report

This report covers my activities for the BMFA since 20th May 2011

On the 4th and 5th June I helped with the running of the Heavy Lift Challenge at Elvington and then on the 13, 14 and 15th August again at Elvington for the LMA Show I worked in the tent where we tried to publicise the BMFA.

Other than those two events I have continued to organise, with Jack Parker, the flying at Dishforth.

c) Delegates Report

i) Delegates Report 9/9/11

I collected the BMFA trailer from the North Western area and delivers it to the Elvington show and helped set the stand up and also manned the stand on the Sunday of the show, since the last meeting I have also once again assisted at both the University Heavy Lift Challenge and the Power Nats.

ii) Report on Full Council meeting 11th May.

Martin Dilly FSMAE was elected as Vice President of the Society.

The Honorary Secretary has been working to update the Council handbook, his update was accepted with a few amendments and the section entitled Behaviour of Directors and Fellows left with just a heading until advice is received from a Human resources expert.

The southern area proposals were withdrawn.

The meeting was held at the Premier Inn, Braunstone however after a vote Chacksfield house was felt to be better suited.

iii) Full Council Agenda 10/9/11

There are a number of proposals on the agenda

(1) From the Treasurer

i. That all pilots and F2C mechanic members (full members) of international teams representing GBR at World or European championships should be funded to the amount of £350. This is to take effect from the 2012 championships. This will increase the funding requirement by approximately £3,000 per year. Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager funding to remain at the current level of £900 each.

ii. That all supplementary members, ie mechanics (other than F2C), callers, helpers etc, of international teams representing GBR at World or European Championships should be funded to either the full amount or half of the team member amount (currently £350 or £175). This is to take effect from the 2012 championships. The amount of funding for a supplementary team member is dependent on how much that supplementary team member contributes to each competitive flight and the proposed amounts are contained in the attached table. For new championship classes in the future, Council shall decide on the amount of funding for any associated supplementary member at the time it agrees to fund the team members.

(2) From the Secretary

i. To suspend the Devon Sub Area until further notice. Note the Cornwall Sub Area (which is operating very successfully) will continue under the present arrangements.

All funding allocated to Devon will be recalled and, until such time as the Sub Area is re-established, will be controlled directly from the BMFA Office. Approval for relevant expenditure in this Sub Area (which will use a guideline of established precedents within the Devon Sub Area) will be provided by the budget holder, the Honorary Secretary. He will normally consult with other members of the Executive prior to approval of any large or potentially contentious claim from a Devon Club. This procedure will cover both future claims and any legitimate retrospective claims for monies not yet paid due to the current disagreements in Devon.

It is further proposed that Peter Disney continues as a Delegate to Council for the RNMAA and therefore a Director of the SMAE, but now also representing only the Cornwall Sub Area. His election as Delegate is a matter for Cornwall under the terms of their Sub Area constitution. As and when Devon is re-constituted as a Sub Area, a democratic procedure will require to be established to cover the election of the Council Delegate who will be the representative for the two Sub Areas of Devon and Cornwall.

ii. To request Full Council agree to the proposed Revised Articles of Association. Following such Council agreement these Revised Articles will be put forward to seek their formal adoption at the 2011 AGM. These Revised Articles now meet the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and embody the existing Articles plus changes arising from Model Articles supplied by Farrer & Co – lawyers to the Sports Council. In the process the articles now extend to 56 pages rather than the 18 pages of the existing Articles. A few significant changes are introduced and, to save people reading through such a large document as essentially created by lawyers, a synopsis of these key changes are listed in the appendix to this proposal. Copies of the full text of the proposed Articles are of course available in either electronic or hard copy form to any Council member who wishes to see the entire document.

(3) From RCPT Committee

That Full Council grant limited use of metal blades as deemed appropriate by the AHA in liaison with the Technical Council, the BMFA Office and the CAA. Initial permission to be granted in consideration of the following factors:

Weight of airframe – min 7kg

Origin of blade

Material specification

Ongoing monitoring

With permissions granted individually by the CAA through the BMFA head office.

d) Treasurers Report

Outgoing: (Current Account)

Nil

Incoming : (Current Account)

15/06/11	P Hornby	Dishforth Proceeds	£55
27/06/11	P Hornby	Dishforth Proceeds	£50
11/07/11	P Hornby	Dishforth Proceeds	£55
25/07/11	P Hornby	Dishforth Proceeds	£75

Accounts:-

Current	-	3636.03
Deposit	-	4829.04
Cash	-	88.10
Total	-	8553.17

Please make sure that any requests for expenses/funding or proceeds from events are authorised/noted 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. Also, if paying monies into the account can you please send me an income slip.

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

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6) Comments on Officers Reports

- a) After some discussion of the Full Council agenda the Area agreed with all the proposals.

7) A.O.B

- a) Robert Day requested that the Area pay the invoice for the 2011/12 Indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University for £1425.15. **CARMAC** proposed that this is paid, seconded by **PANDAS**.
- b) Philip Kent proposed that a Scale competition/day be run at one of the Dishforth flyin's next year. This was agreed by all present.
- c) Philip Kent proposed that the area fund some indoor flying sessions at Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre. After some discussion it was agreed to book three sessions in November, December and January for free flight and indoor rc planes. Philip to arrange and get a price. **CARMAC** proposed to allow up to £150 per session, seconded by **PANDAS**. For 9, against 0.
- d) Andrew Watson on behalf of the Calderdale/Wharfedale clubs asked the Area to pay the costs of £72.40 for the Control Line Northern Gala that was held at Dishforth. Costs up to £150 were already agreed at the 29/01/10 meeting so this was agreed.
- e) **GDMAC** raised the issue of people trying to use foam electric models to do their A certificate. Andy Symons stated that this is not a problem as long as the foam model is a minimum of 1kg as per the A certificate rules.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

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