



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 2nd November 2018 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm

The Provisional Agenda for the 2018 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2017 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2017/18
5. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
6. Election of Officers

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area AGM held on Friday 10th November 2017

Agenda

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4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2016/17.
5. Election of Officers.

Officers Present

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Secretary	Robert Day
Vice Chairman/Auditor	Philip Kent
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Delegate	Martin Lynn
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Andy Symons

Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Robert Day
Brighouse MAC (BMAC)	Phillip Kent
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	Phil Cox
Dewsbury & District MAC (DDMAC)	Martin Lynn
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	Alec Barber
Morley & District MAC (MDMAC)	Paul Blakeborough
West Yorkshire MFC (WYMFC)	Stephen Greenwood
Calderdale MAC (CMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald

Voting Strength **8**

1) Apologies

Andrew Watson, Peter Harvey.

2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2016 AGM

Andy Symons pointed out that Chris Carter had not been ratified last year.

Minutes of AGM 2016 proposed as a true record by **HDMAC**, seconded by **DDMAC**. For 5, abstain 3.

3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

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

a) Chairmans Report

Well I am going to keep this short and sweet .as most of the details of the meetings and events taking place this year have been contained within my last meeting reports.

Therefore I will summarize my time as chairman over the last 2 years. Hopefully it has been business as usual with the Area running its normal events and couple of different ones.

The area has organised and held the several events including Dishforth Fly-ins and the indoor meetings at Leeds Trinity we have also assisted and supported other events organised by member clubs, The Northern area fly-in held at Pontefract Racecourse flying site went ahead, and seemed to prove successful for a fledgling event.

These events do not organise and run themselves, it is only through the efforts put in by a few committed individuals who allow the larger modelling community to share and enjoy the fruits of their hard work. I have therefore no hesitation in once again thanking all those who throughout the year have helped in any shape or form to make any of the Northern Area events successful, long may they continue to do so.

This leads me on nicely to the next item .Secretary Rob informed us that he would not be standing for re-election this year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rob on behalf of the Area for his work over the past few years in a role which from my experience of committees, can be the most challenging and oft times a very thank less task. Thanks Rob for your efforts over the years and your continued support in the future albeit from the back benches.

This leaves the area with yet another vacant position to fill, a task which seems to become harder each year as demand on members free time becomes ever greater and working hours appear to become ever longer.

However I remain hopeful that there may be willing volunteers apply for the vacant posts at the forthcoming AGM in November. After all it must be remembered that the Area meetings are one of the main vehicles for clubs to be able to feed back the voices of their members into the National BMFA full council and thus opportunity to create any change

It just leaves me to say I have enjoyed the last two years as Chairman and thanks to all who have helped me in my role over this period.

Since the next meetings are in the New Year, may I take the opportunity to wish season's greetings to all

b) Secretarys Report

The weather this year has been very changeable with some very good flying days and some bad. This has shown in the small number of flyable days at Dishforth I have attended this year. I did manage to get my LMA proficiency at Elvington this year which made up for it.

Indoor flying at Leeds Trinity University continues to be well attended. The swapmeet on 18th February at the same venue was a success.

I wish to thank Alan Muir for his help running the indoor flying, swapmeet and running the Area Dishforth flyins.

After 7 years as the Area Secretary I will no longer be continuing. I have enjoyed working with the committee both past and present and hope they continue their good work.

c) Treasurers Report

2017 has seen the usual stability and similar spend in the Northern Area, Dishforth and Indoor fly-ins I believe are well supported, however Income from any Summer events has yet to be deposited, so I'm unsure of this.

Nothing has really changed since last year, indeed our spend over the year is very similar to 2016 resulting in the figures shown below.

Individual spend has been shown on meeting minutes and totals on the End of Year accounts notice, clarified by our Auditor Mr Phillip Kent.

Requests for any financial help from the Northern Area are welcomed, and should be **presented for clearance 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
11 th Nov 2016	6996.76	4856.66	68.02	11921.44
10 th Nov 2017	6295.81	4866.39	68.02	11230.22

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 2017/18 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@mail.com

d) Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) Report

It has generally been a quiet year for Achievement Scheme in the area, our team of ACE's have quickly and efficiently conducted tests as and when required.

With the recent additions to our fixed wing ACE strength we have good geographical coverage for the fixed wing tests, we are a little lacking for Helicopter/Multi-rotor examiners especially in the North Yorkshire area although there are few calls for helicopter examiner assessments, it is likely that there will be specific multi-rotor examiners in the near future so the helicopter ACE's may soon find things get somewhat busier.

It was disappointing to cancel the examiners workshop in September, sadly there wasn't enough people booked in to make it worthwhile, we should look at trying again in the spring however.

I have received reports from our ACE team and recommend them all for ratification for 2018

Dave Scholes Fixed Wing & Helicopter
Chris Bell, Fixed wing
Paul Blakeborough, Fixed wing
Andy Symons, Fixed Wing
Bob Rowland, Fixed Wing
Steve Jackson, Fixed Wing
Darren Nicholson, Helicopter

Ace Reports

Andy Symons

A quiet year for me, as in my role as co-ordinator I passed most assessments to our newer ACE's for

experience. I have conducted a number of A and B tests however. I am willing to continue as ACE for 2018.

Paul Blakeborough.

Another fairly quite year on my part however, much discussion at various clubs ensued (Some negative , some positive) so there is general interest in the Achievement Scheme. I was tasked with taking Steve Dunne of the Dales club through his examiners certification, but for various reasons Steve has not carried this through to fruition. Later in the year I was tasked with taking Jordan Rumbelow and Richard Green of the Concorde club through things. I'm pleased to say Jordan is clear to examine but Richard has been too busy up to present. I'm happy to keep the position as a Chief Examiner for the Northern (And RAFMAA) Area in 2018, should I be required to do so.

Chris Bell

Been a quite year for me. One Club Examiner – Brian Bellemy last month. Tried to help with the Examiners Meet but that fell through. Apart from the normal club A's and B's nothing really to report.

Dave Scoles

I wish to continue as an ACE for the forthcoming year. Its been a quiet year here but I have taken Wayne Langric for Fixed Wing Examiner and Approved Instructor for Ravens Model Club in July of this year.

4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2017/March 2017 Accounts

DDMAC proposed to accept the accounts for 2016/2017, seconded by **HDMAC**. For 8, against 0.

5) Ratification of Area Chief Examiners.

The following were ratified as ACE's after a vote for each.

Dave Scholes Fixed Wing & Helicopter
Chris Bell, Fixed wing
Paul Blakeborough, Fixed wing
Andy Symons, Fixed Wing
Bob Rowland, Fixed Wing
Steve Jackson, Fixed Wing
Darren Nicholson, Helicopter

6) Election of Officers

Officers for election for a 2 year term this year were Chairman, Secretary, Auditor, Education Co-ordinator and PRO. For 1 year term this year was ASC.

Robert Cleator was proposed by DDMAC for Secretary seconded by WYMFC. For 8, against 0.

Chairman, Auditor and ASC all willing to continue in positions. For 8, against 0.

The full committee for 2017/18 is:

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Vice Chairman	Phillip Kent
Secretary	Robert Cleator
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
PRO	Vacant
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)	Andy Symons
Auditor	Phillip Kent
Council Delegate	Martin Lynn
Education Co-ordinator	Vacant

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Robert Day
BMFA Northern Area Secretary