



British Model Flying Association

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**NORTHERN
AREA**

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The next meeting of the Northern Area BMFA will be held after the AGM on Friday 2nd November 2018 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 2nd November meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **7th September 2018** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **7th September 2018** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. BMFA Full Council Meeting Saturday 8th September 2018.
8. Online membership system.
9. Dishforth
10. Northern area website and social media.
11. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 7th September 2018

Officers Present

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Vice-Chairman	Phillip Kent
BMFA delegate	Martin Lynn
Achievement Scheme Coordinator	Bob Rowland

Clubs Represented

Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	Jim Ward
Dewsbury & District MAC (DDMAC)	Martin Lynn
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	John Mosley
Brighouse Model Aero Club	Phillip Kent
Skelbrooke Model Flying Club	Bob Rowland

Voting Strength **5**

Others present: Alec Barber

1) Apologies

Paul Blakeborough & Robert Cleator.

2) Correction and Adoption of 27th April 2018 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by Martin Lynn on behalf of **DDMAC**, seconded by John Mosley Phil Cox on behalf of **BMF**.

3) Matters Arising from 27th April 2018 Meeting

The flying at Dishforth was discussed. There was no update on the actual numbers who were attending, but it was believed the numbers were low. It was agreed that whole Dishforth flying set up, should be an agenda item at the AGM with full costings. It was agreed that the area should strive to keep this flying

facility but required more information and details from the organisers. Better advertising could increase attendance.

4) Correspondence from Officers

None.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairman

Tim Haigh presented a written report to the meeting.

6) Comments on Officer's Reports

a) None

7) Northern Area fly-in at PANDAS

Martin Lynn gave an update on this year's one day event held at the Pontefract club flying site. The event was reasonably well attended, but Martin felt his objective to try and get more of the area clubs involved had not been achieved.

Without more help, he said he was reluctant to organise a similar event next year and may look to do something else. The consensus was that the area should try organising a similar event next year.

8) Ideas for an area event in 2019

Alec Barber suggested that some sort of area competition / fun fly day may be a prospect for next year. Martin Lynn said he would consider that idea. It would require more help from the area clubs and committee to make it succeed.

9) Northern area website and social media.

Martin Lynn told the meeting that the area website was out of date and no one person had responsibility to maintain it and keep it current. The meeting unanimously agreed for Martin to update the site and to be responsible for maintaining the site and social media platforms.

10) Northern area achievement scheme update.

The chairman Tim Haigh welcomed Bob Rowland to the meeting. Bob had taken over as the area achievement scheme co-ordinator. After some initial teething problems and lack of information of what was expected in the new role, Bob had met with the area chairman (Tim Haigh) and area delegate (Martin Lynn). Things were now moving forward. Bob was hoping to organise some examiner type workshops next year. He was hoping to change the format with a more flying focused approach, where members could come along and attempt the tests or watch others flying them. Bob's appointment was ratified by the meeting.

Proposed by Martin Lynn and seconded by Tim Haigh. **Unanimously agreed.**

11) BMFA Full Council Meeting Saturday 8th September 2018

Martin Lynn confirmed he would be attending this meeting in Leicester, in his capacity as area delegate to full council. He had looked over the meeting agenda and could not see anything the area needed to discuss at this time.

12) A.O.B

a) Indoor flying

Indoor flying sessions. Phillip Kent and Alec Barber/ John Mosley were going to organise some indoor flying sessions over the winter months. The meeting gave approval for 4 sessions at each venue (details below), allocating £50.00 per session at each venue. The meeting unanimously approved the 8 sessions.

Shelley High School

Proposed: Alec Barber. Seconded: Jim Ward.

Batley Sports Centre

Proposed: Phillip Kent. Seconded: Tim Haigh.

Many thanks to Martin Lynn for recording these minutes.

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