



British Model Flying Association

Patron: **HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG**

**NORTHERN
AREA**

President: **Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock.**
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The next meeting of the Northern Area BMFA will be held on Friday 8th March 2019 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 8th March meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **4th January 2019** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **4th January 2019** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. Dishforth
8. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 4th January 2019

Officers Present

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Vice Chairman	Phillip Kent
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Delegate	Martin Lynn
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Bob Rowland

Clubs Represented

Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	Phil Cox
Brighouse Model Aero Club	Phillip Kent
Dewsbury & District MAC (DDMAC)	Martin Lynn
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	John Mosley
Skelbrooke MFC	Bob Rowland
Control Line Technical Committee	Mervyn Jones
West Yorkshire Model Flying Club	Stephen Greenwood
Morley & District MAC (MDMAC)	Paul Blakeborough
Calderdale & Kirklees MAC (CKMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald

Voting Strength 9

Others present: Alec Barber

1) Apologies

John McNamara & Robert Cleator.

2) Correction and Adoption of 2nd November 2018 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by Bob Rowland on behalf of Skelbrooke MFC, seconded by John Mosley on behalf of **BMF**.

3) Matters Arising from 2nd November 2018 Meeting

None

4) Correspondence from Officers

None.

5) Officer's Reports

a) **Chairman**

Chairman Tim Haigh gave a verbal report and outlined that it had been quiet since the last meeting. He did have some email communication about flying at Dishforth, which would be covered in a later agenda item.

b) **Treasurer**

The treasurer presented the accounts and there had been little change since the last meeting in November 2018.

Treasurer's Report for meeting of BMFA Northern Area Committee 4th January 2019

Outgoing: (Current Account)

10/10/18	Blackstone MFC	Indoor Support	200.00
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Incoming: (Current Account)

31/10/18	Yorkshire Bank	Interest	2.80
30/11/18	Yorkshire Bank	Interest	2.68

Incoming: (Savings Account)

04/07/18	Yorkshire Bank	Interest	4.87
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Accounts:-

Current	-	6533.43
Deposit	-	4871.26
Cash	-	68.02
Total	-	11472.71

c) **Delegate**

Points covered under point 7.

6) Comments on Officer's Reports

None

7) BMFA Full Council meeting to be held on Saturday 12th January 2019

Martin Lynn said he would be attending the meeting, in his capacity as delegate. The meeting agenda was available for viewing on the main BMFA website. Martin said he could not see any items of note to discuss at this meeting.

8) Dishforth

There was a lengthy discussion about flying at Dishforth.

The current organiser, Adrian Hornby, has not been able to attend the area meetings and communication with him had proved difficult. He had however, recently been in contact with the chairman Tim Haigh by email. Adrian had already submitted a licence application for 2019, applying for the flying dates. It was believed this application did not include any control line flying, with noise concerns being the main reason for this omission.

Mervyn Day said he did not believe there were any noise issues and control line did fly there, at other times of the year without any problems. He felt the current organiser just did not want to include control flying for some reason. The treasurer said he had no recent income from this event, and it was therefore difficult to know how many people attended. However, it was believed the numbers were very low with only 1 or 2 people going.

There were no offers, from the persons present, to take over the licence application process and run these events. Martin Lynn said in his view the Northern area should abandon organising the event due to the low numbers attending, costs involved, supervision of the activity and difficulties communicating with the current organiser. This view was not shared by most of the others present, who felt it would be a shame to lose this flying site.

Tim Haigh said he knew one-member Alan Muir, who did attend Dishforth and said he would contact him, to see if he would attend the next area meeting with a view to giving a full update about the current situation and maybe take on the organising of this event. The matter would be discussed further at the next area meeting in March.

9) A.O.B

1. Indoor Flying Linthwaite Methodist Church Hall.

Stephen Greenwood from The West Yorkshire Model flying Club, made an application for funding to organise 4 indoor flying sessions at the Linthwaite Methodist Church Hall (23rd January, 13th February, 27th February & 6th March 2019). The meeting unanimously approved the 4 sessions and allocated £100.00 to fund them. The sessions would be open to all Northern Area BMFA members to attend, at a charge of £2.00 per session.

Proposed: Phillip Kent. Seconded: John Mosley.

2. Northern Area Summer Fly-in 2019

Martin Lynn said there had been no offers to run another Northern Area Summer Fly-In this year, after the suggestion at the last meeting we should hold this event again. Martin outlined that since the last meeting, he had taken on the role as chairman at the Pontefract & District Aeromodellers Club (PANDAS). He would look at maybe hosting the event at their flying site again, as in previous years, if the NA committee agreed. The meeting asked Martin to look at the possibility of using the PANDAS flying site and finding a suitable date in the summer. Martin agreed to do this, but said that if the event did go ahead, it would require more support from the NA committee and community, and not left just to 1 or 2 people to run and organise it.

3. Northern Area Annual Swapmeet

Martin Lynn said he had been asked if the Northern area would be hosting the annual swapmeet again at the Leeds Trinity University as in previous years. Martin said he had asked Rob Day, who organised the Northern area indoor flying at this location, to look at a possible date in March. The meeting agreed we should hold this event if a suitable date could be found. Martin agreed to take this forward.

4. Northern Area Meeting Dates for 2019/2020

Friday 8th March 2019

Friday 3rd May 2019

Friday 4th October 2019

Friday 8th November 2019 (AGM)

Friday 3rd January 2020

Many thanks to Martin Lynn for recording these minutes.

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