



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 on Friday 3rd May 2019 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 3rd May meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **8th March 2019** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **8th March 2019** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. Dishforth Flying - updates for this year and numbers attending.
8. Northern area Fly-In Saturday 14th July 2019 – helpers required.
9. BMFA Full Council meeting (Saturday 11th May 2019) agenda.
10. Area Funding- proposed new system.
11. Achievement scheme updates.
12. Elvington show 2019 BMFA stand - staffing.
13. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 8th March 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
Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Rob Day
Control Line Technical Committee	Mervyn Jones
Don Valley MFC	John Stones
Calderdale & Kirklees MAC (CKMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
West Yorkshire Model Flying Club	Stephen Greenwood

Voting Strength 9

Others present: Alec Barber

1) Apologies

None

2) Correction and Adoption of 4th January 2018 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by Stephen Greenwood, seconded by Phillip Kent.

3) Matters Arising from 4th January 2018 Meeting

None

4) Correspondence from Officers

None.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Chairman

Nothing to report.

b) Treasurer

On holiday.

c) Delegate

The main point from the upcoming BMFA meeting is the allocation of area funds. The BMFA are looking at the funding of areas and budgets were requested from each of the areas in preparation for the meeting.

The main projected expenses are expected to be Dishforth and indoor flying sessions, along with expenses for events. Income nearly always is eclipsed by expenditure for these activities so any proposals by the BMFA need to be considered with this in mind.

A discussion is planned concerning the future of the BMFA news and whether it should be retained its current form. The meeting unanimously agreed that the magazine would be best keeping in the printed format.

The BMFA is promoting a flight fest in May with the aim of engaging new members. Whilst the ambition was well received, many clubs mentioned that there hadn't been enough notice to include any events in their calendar for the year.

6) Comments on Officer's Reports

The meeting reflected that the Northern Area has been very frugal with its expenditure, with committee members not claiming expenses for attending local meetings.

7) Dishforth

Adrian Hornby has been successful after much effort in obtaining the Dishforth licence for 2019.

MARCH	17th & 24th
APRIL	7th & 21st
MAY	19th & 26th
JUNE	9th & 23rd
JULY	7th & 21st
AUGUST	4th & 18th
SEPTEMBER	15th & 29th
OCTOBER	13th & 27th

Alan Muir has volunteered to operate the Dishforth meetings on behalf of the BMFA NA. Alan's willingness to act as the bridge between the committee and the activities on site was recognised as a big step forwards and appreciated by the committee.

The licence reflects the same conditions in place for 2018, and does not include control line. Average numbers in recent years have been quite low, consistently in single figures. Dishforth is seen as a good facility that we need to do what we can to encourage further usage.

The 2019 licence had not been seen by anybody at the meeting and had been sent directly to the BMFA for underwriting. Mervyn Jones mentioned that he had spoken to Dave Phipps and that support was available from the BMFA for the inclusion of control line in this year's licence. The meeting heard that delaying the signature of the current licence risked losing the site for all and significant effort taken to obtain it in the first place. It was reiterated that the BMFA NA had previously voted to fund a separate licence for the control line community but this had never been taken up.

Action Tim Haigh to speak to the BMFA concerning this matter.

The list of Dishforth users on the BMFA website is out of date and needs to be updated. Alan Muir agreed to supply the list to Martin.

The meeting voted to approve Alan Muir as the organiser of Dishforth.

Proposer Rob Day, seconder Phil Cox, approved unanimously

The meeting voted to approve the control line community to obtain the assistance of the BMFA to obtain a control line licence for 2019, funded by the Northern Area, and for control line to be included on the 2020 licence application.

Proposer John Mosley, seconder Martin Lynn, approved unanimously

8) A.O.B

1. Indoor flying

Leeds Trinity indoor flying was proposed by Alan Muir to continue as per the current arrangements. The meeting agreed unanimously to fund the indoor flying under the same arrangements.

2. Indoor flying historic charges

A significant oversight has occurred in the charging of indoor flying by Leeds Trinity as it recently transpired that the BMFA NA had not been billed for the previous 3 years, amounting to approximately £3000. Leeds Trinity have now sent the bill and the matter has been settled.

3. BMF indoor flying

Alec Barber thanked the committee for the support of their 4 indoor flying meetings over the winter. The meetings were successful and the intention is for them to be run again next winter if the NA committee is willing to fund them again under the same terms.

Proposed by Alec Barber Seconded Phil Cox, Unanimously approved.

4. WYMFC indoor flying

WYMFC reported that they have one indoor flying meeting remaining and following that they will submit a remuneration request.

5. Don Valley MFC

Don Valley reported that they are planning two open events again for and requested that the BMFA NA committee support their event by paying for portable toilets.

Proposed by John Stones Seconded Martin Lynn, Unanimously approved.

6. BMFA NA swapmeet

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8. BMFA scale meeting at Dishforth

The BMFA scale committee is organising an event on May 26th at Dishforth. The publicity has been quite poor so Martin Lynn is planning to circulate the details to the Northern Area clubs.

9. BMFA NA fly-in

A date has been provisionally set for July 14th. Martin Lynn will submit a request to Wakefield Council concerning the event.

A budget of £700 was proposed by Phil Cox and seconded by John Mosley.

10. BMFA NA event charges

Rob Day proposed that we increase the charge for BMFA NA events (indoor flying, Dishforth etc) from £2 to £3. Seconded Stephen Greenwood and approved unanimously. Charges will go up post Trinity meetings.

11. Examiner continued competence

Don Valley MFC asked what is currently going on concerning maintaining competence of examiners. Delegate Martin Lynn responded that it is still being discussed by the BMFA and there are currently several schools of thought, with no single clear way forwards yet.

Rob Cleator,
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