



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 4th October 2019 at the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the 4th October meeting will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **3rd May 2019** minutes.
3. Matters arising from the **3rd May 2019** minutes.
4. Correspondence from officers.
5. Officer's reports.
6. Comments on officer's reports.
7. BMFA council meeting Saturday 12th October 2019 agenda
8. Elvington show 2019 BMFA stand - staffing.
9. CAA New Registration and testing scheme presentation Sunday 17th November.
10. Northern Area events for the 2020 budget.
11. Dishforth 2020 – licence and management.
12. Northern Area fly-in
13. Trinity swapmeet.
14. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 3rd May 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)	Paul Blakeborough
Calderdale & Kirklees MAC (CKMAC)	Mike Fitzgerald
Harrogate	Alan Muir
West Yorkshire Model Flying Club	Stephen Greenwood

Voting Strength 8

Others present: Alec Barber

1) Apologies

Tim Haigh, Bob Rowland, Andrew Watson (Wharfedale)

2) Correction and Adoption of 8th March 2019 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by Phil Cox, seconded by Stephen Greenwood.

3) Matters Arising from 8th March 2019 Meeting

Martin Lynn mentioned that thanks were due to Rob Day for the BMFA NA swapmeet.

Progress has been started on a separate control licence is being for Dishforth.

4) Correspondence from Officers

None.

5) Officer's Reports

a) **Chairman**

Nothing to report.

b) **Treasurer**

Report to come.

c) **Delegate**

See alter

6) Comments on Officer's Reports

None.

7) Dishforth

Off to a poor start so far, with 6 people attending each session on average. Weather hasn't been great for the dates so far so attendance is expected to pick up.

Daily £3 charges are now being applied.

Access to the site is operating smoothly via the guardhouse.

8) Northern area Fly-In

Volunteers are needed to help out at the fly-in. A few PANDAS members have volunteered but more hands are required.

9) BMFA Full Council meeting (Saturday 11th May 2019) agenda.

Nothing of note for the Northern Area is planned for discussion at the full meeting except for the area funding proposal (see next point).

10) Area Funding - proposed new system.

A standard account template has been produced to align the accounting approach for each area. There is also a proposal to change the funding mechanism to provide a base payment to each area, and any further expenditure will be subject to separate funding requests.

The meeting discussed the pros and cons of the various options. The main view was that an annual budget for each area is probably a good step forwards but the overriding concern was that the concept that events can stand on their own feet financially would result in certain activities being impacted to the detriment of the hobby.

11) Achievement scheme updates.

Continued competence for examiners appears to have been shelved for the time being because of the difficulty to implement.

Revised examination questions have been produced. Bob Rowland is looking at organising a new examiners workshop.

12) LMA Elvington show 2019 BMFA stand

Representation by clubs local to York would be helpful at the LMA show as there are usually several enquiries concerning places to fly locally.

13) A.O.B

The CAA has announced an initiative for all fliers to be required to pay £16.50 annually for a flight licence. There are a number of points that could have serious consequences to model flying and the BMFA is encouraging all members to make their voices heard.

Stephen Greenwood provided an account of WYMFC indoor flying and requested the £100 subsidy previously approved by the BMFA NA. Thanks were expressed by WYMFC for the support.

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